



HELPING FISH, WILDLIFE AND HABITAT: INCENTIVE AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR PRIVATE LANDOWNERS



the OREGON CONSERVATION STRATEGY



Private landowners take pride in the ecological, social and economic benefits resulting from careful stewardship of their lands. In Oregon, more than 44 percent of land is privately owned, making private landowners essential partners in efforts to conserve fish, wildlife and habitat. There are a number of agencies and programs that can provide technical aide or financial assistance for voluntary conservation. These programs vary in the amount of funding available, eligibility, and requirements such as cost-share. Contact your local ODFW office, Watershed Council or Soil and Water Conservation District to learn what programs might be appropriate for your property. Some of these programs are suited for organizations such as land trusts that work with private landowners.

Access and Habitat Program—Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

(503) 947-6087

Grants to improve wildlife habitat and/or provide public hunting access on private lands.

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/AH/>

Bird Stamp Grants—Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

(503) 947-6323

Grants through bird stamp funds to improve game bird habitat.

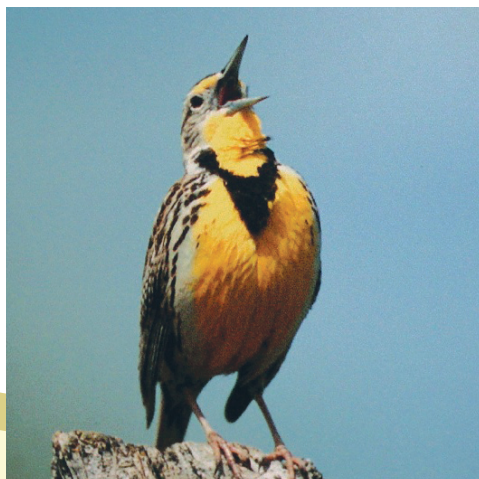
<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/grants/index.asp>

Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(503) 231-2014

Under this program, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides matching grants to states for acquisition, restoration, management or enhancement of coastal wetlands. States generally provide at least 25 percent of the total costs of a project.

http://ecos.fws.gov/coastal_grants/



Conservation Innovation Grants—Natural Resources Conservation Service

(503) 414-3200

Grant funding for large-scale projects that stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies that enhance environmental conditions in conjunction with agricultural production.

Provides up to 50 percent total cost for project.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/>

Conservation of Private Grazing Land Program—Natural Resources Conservation Service

(503) 414-3200

Provides technical assistance to help owners and managers of private grazing land address natural resource concerns while enhancing rural communities and economic and social stability of grazing land.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cpgl/>

Conservation Reserve Program—Farm Service Agency

(503) 692-6830

Encourages conservation practices that reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat.

Landowner receives an annual rental payment for the term of the multi-year contract. Cost sharing is provided to establish the vegetative cover.

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=crp>

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program—Farm Service Agency

(503) 692-6830

This program is available to agricultural landowners who wish to restore riparian areas, protect water quality, and enhance fish and wildlife habitat. Agricultural landowners can enroll eligible riparian lands into a 10 to 15 year CREP contract and receive annual conservation payments for the contract period and reimbursement for up to 75 percent of the eligible costs of restoration practices.

http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/NRD/water_crep.shtml

Conservation Security Program—Natural Resources Conservation Service

(503) 414-3200

Promotes high standards of conservation and environmental management; addresses soil and water quality issues. Contracts range from 5-10 years and from \$20,000 to \$45,000 per year depending on type of project.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Programs/csp/>

Ducks Unlimited

1-800-45DUCKS or (360) 885-2011

Partners with private landowners to provide technical assistance and to obtain grant funding from other sources for projects that restore and improve management of priority bird habitats, particularly for migratory waterfowl. May provide non-federal or in-kind match for cooperative grant applications.

<http://www.ducks.org/Conservation/LandProtection/2832/LandProtectionPrograms.html>

Environmental Quality Incentives Program—Natural Resources Conservation Service

(503) 414-3200

Conserves soil, water, and related natural resources. Cost-share of ≤ 75 percent total with landowner cost-sharing remainder.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/>

Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program—Natural Resources Conservation Service

(503) 414-3200

Keeps productive farm and ranchland in agricultural uses. Provides up to 50 percent of the costs to purchase agricultural conservation easements. Requires non-federal match; often by local land trusts, or state or local government. Several requirements for land quality.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp/>

Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program—Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

(503) 947-6259

Grants to enhance recreational and commercial fishing opportunities, improve angling access and fish habitat, and restore fish production and passage facilities.

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/RE/>

Fish Screening or Passage Cost Share Grant—Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

(503) 947-6224

Oregon water users may be eligible for an ODFW cost-share incentive program and state tax credit designed to promote the installation of ODFW approved fish screening or fish passage devices in water diversions.

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/passag/grants.asp>

Forest Legacy Program—Oregon Department of Forestry

Contact your local ODF Stewardship Forester Office

The FLP provides funding to protect private forestlands. It is designed to support state and local efforts to protect threatened forestlands from conversion to non-forest use.

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/privateforests/ForestLegacy.shtml>

Forest Resource Trust—Oregon Department of Forestry

(503) 945-7493

Grants less than or equal to cost of project to encourage landowners to establish and maintain healthy forests on underproducing forestlands—lands capable of growing forests but currently in brush, cropland, pasture or very poorly stocked (and not subject to a reforestation requirement of the Oregon Forest Practices Act).

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/privateforests/IncentivesFRT.shtml>

Forest Stewardship Program—Oregon Department of Forestry

Contact your local ODF Stewardship Forester Office or call

(503) 945-7393

Assists family forestland owners document their objectives, stewardship decisions, and recommended resource practices. To provide family forest landowners with a multidisciplinary, action-oriented natural resource stewardship plan. Provides up to 75 percent cost-share for professional natural resource consultant-written plans.

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/privateforests/IncentivesFSP.shtml>

Grasslands Reserve Program—Natural Resources Conservation Service

(503) 414-3200

Restores and protects plant and animal biodiversity on grasslands and shrublands while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. Easements (10-30 years) provide up to 75 percent of annual grazing value. Provides rent and cost-share payments for long-term protection of sensitive grasslands.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/GRP/>

Land Trusts and the Land Trust Alliance

Land trusts work with landowners to protect the conservation values on their lands through easements and other means. The Land Trust Alliance promotes voluntary private land conservation. To find an Oregon land trust, visit

<http://www.trlc.org/resources/oregonlandtrusts>

- For projects specific to wetlands, contact **The Wetlands Conservancy**, (503) 986-0178, http://www.wetlandsconservancy.org/about_twc.html
- For projects specific to rangelands, contact

Oregon Rangeland Trust, (541)969-9696,
<http://www.oregonrangelandtrust.com>

Network of Oregon Watershed Councils
(541) 682-8323

Directory of watershed councils working in all areas of Oregon to improve enhance watershed health and benefit the local communities.

<http://www.oregonwatersheds.org/>

North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant Program—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
(503) 697-3889

Matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife.

<http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/index.shtml>

Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
(503) 566-9157

Directory of local soil and water conservation districts working in all areas of Oregon. Conservation districts provide technical assistance in project design and management for projects that promote conservation and careful use of Oregon natural resources.

<http://www.oacd.org/>

Oregon State Weed Board Grant Program
(503) 986-4621

The Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) funds noxious weed control projects through annual grants. It is a priority of the OSWB to fund projects that restore, enhance or protect fish and wildlife habitat, watershed function, and native salmonid or water quality.

<http://oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/WEEDS/grantindex.shtml>

Oregon Water Trust
(503) 226-9055

Promotes collaborative efforts with farmers, ranchers and others who own water rights to enhance in-stream flows, usually through purchase of water rights.

<http://www.owt.org/>

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
(503) 986-0178

OWEB has several grant programs for habitat restoration, land acquisition, instream water lease and transfer, monitoring, and technical assistance. Assistance available through local watershed councils or soil and water conservation districts.

<http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/GRANTS/index.shtml>

Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation
(503) 225-6059

Grants for projects that improve fish and wildlife habitat and/or provide education opportunities.

<http://owhf.org/grants>

Partners for Fish and Wildlife—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
(503) 231-6179

Technical and financial assistance to private landowners improve habitat for Federal Trust Species, including migratory birds; threatened and endangered species; inter-jurisdictional fish; marine mammals; and other declining species.

<http://www.fws.gov/oregonfwo/ToolsForLandowners/Partners/default.asp>

Riparian Lands Tax Incentive Program—Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
(503) 947-6089

Tax incentives to protect, conserve or restore healthy riparian habitat on private lands adjacent to perennial or intermittent streams.

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/tax_overview.asp

Rural Information Center—U.S. Department of Agriculture
(800) 633-7701

Provides information services for rural communities, officials, organizations and citizens. Database of federal funding sources for rural areas.


<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ricpubs/funding/federalfund/ff.html>

Soil and Water Conservation Assistance—Natural Resources Conservation Service
(503) 414-3200

Addresses threats to natural resources, including grazing land, wetlands, and wildlife habitat. Technical assistance and cost-share and incentive payments; help with Federal and state compliance; help with project development.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/swca/>





The Five Star Restoration Program—Environmental Protection Agency

(202) 857-0166

The Five Star Restoration Program provide challenge grants, technical support and opportunities for information exchange to enable community-based restoration projects that involve youth to restore wetlands and streams. Funding levels are modest—\$5,000 to \$20,000 per project.

<http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/>

Underproductive Forestland Conversion Tax Credit—Oregon Department of Forestry **Contact your local ODF Stewardship Forester office** **(503) 945-7393**

An Oregon income tax credit for 50 percent of reasonable project costs for restoring underproductive forestlands that do not require reforestation under the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/PRIVATE_FORESTS/taxes.shtml

Upland Cooperative Access Program—Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife **(503) 947-6323**

Grants in exchange for providing upland game bird hunting opportunities on private land. Eligible lands limited to Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, and Morrow Counties.

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/upland_bird/access/UCAP_brochure.pdf

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Coastal Program **(541) 867-4558 ext. 247**

The coastal Program is a non-regulatory program that relies on partnership building to protect and restore wetland, riparian, and upland coastal habitats. It collaborates with Federal, State, tribal and private landowners to conduct a variety of conservation measures, including the improvement of fish habitat, control of invasive species, habitat assessments, technical assistance, and education and outreach.

<http://www.fws.gov/oregonfwo/FieldOffices/Newport>

Wetlands Mitigation Revolving Fund—Department of State Lands **(503) 986-5200**

When a landowner or developer proposes an unavoidable impact to wetlands, and no other wetland mitigation options are available that will adequately replace the lost wetland, DSL may allow “payment-to-provide” mitigation.

http://ecfd.oregon.gov/DSL/PERMITS/wetland_mit.shtml

Wetlands Reserve Program—Natural Resources Conservation Service

(503) 414-3201

Restores, enhances and protects wetlands. Payment for permanent easement (100 percent), 30-year easement (75 percent) or 75 percent for restoration agreement with landowner or other partners cost-sharing remainder.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/>

Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program—Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife **(503) 947-6091**

Technical support to Watershed Councils and private landowners in western Oregon to implement the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds measures directing the restoration and enhancement of Oregon 's salmonid habitats in the region.

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/wosrp.asp>

Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Management Program—Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife **(503) 947-6089**

Tax incentive for maintaining or improving habitat for native fish and wildlife. Tax rates are calculated by the local county assessor's office, and are typically comparable to a farm or forest tax deferral. Requires an approved management plan. Not available in all counties.

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/whcmp/>

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program—Natural Resources Conservation Service **(503) 414-3200**

Establishes and improves fish and wildlife habitat on state, county and tribal lands. Cost-share of ≤ 75 percent total cost with landowner or other partner cost-sharing remainder.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/WHIP/>



Visit the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds Web Site for additional information,
<http://www.oregon-plan.org/>

Visit the OSU Extension Services Web site for information on Incentive Programs
for Resource Management and Conservation,
<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/>

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