

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Eligible Grant Projects

OWEB offers two competitive grant cycles each year, known as "regular grants." OWEB also offers a Small Grant Program, a competitive process, that awards funds of up to \$10,000 for on-the-ground restoration projects.

There are five general categories of competitive projects eligible for OWEB funding:

1. On-the-ground watershed management (restoration, small grants, and acquisition).

For example:

- Planting along streambanks to slow erosion
- Developing off-stream livestock watering facilities or fencing stream areas to restore riparian function
- Controlling upland vegetation to encourage the growth of native grasses
- Reseeding old logging roads
- Restoring or improving natural wetlands
- Restoring or improving fish and wildlife habitat
- Removing or replacing culverts that impair fish habitat
- Purchasing conservation easements or leasing water rights

2. Technical Assistance to develop watershed restoration projects

For example:

- Developing an action plan that identifies specific watershed restoration projects
- Project design using engineering or other expertise to evaluate alternatives and develop designs for watershed restoration that a contractor can implement
- Identifying and working with landowners who are interested in voluntarily protecting, restoration or improving clean water, fish and wildlife habitat and watershed health, to develop watershed restoration projects

3. Assessment and/or monitoring of natural resource conditions.

For example:

- Conducting a watershed assessment according to the OWEB Assessment Manual
- Compilation and analysis of existing watershed data and/or collection of new information to fill data gaps
- Development of written action plans to address the resource needs identified in a watershed assessment
- Monitoring of resource conditions to determine changes over time
- Monitoring the effectiveness of watershed restoration activities

4. Opportunities for learning about watershed concepts (education/outreach).

For example:

- Conducting workshops for landowners or educators
- Providing field study opportunities for students
- Engaging students in a program of water quality monitoring
- Developing informational materials such as brochures, interpretive signs, newsletters

5. Watershed council support

For example:

- Salaries and benefits for council coordinators
- Supplies and materials used by the council to conduct business
- Travel reimbursement