



**USDA Forest Service  
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Pacific Northwest Region, Cooperative Programs  
1994-2004**



**County: Columbia**

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**Federal Identifier:** OREC-04-015  
**Grant Name:** Plaza of Discovery

**Project Start Date:** 08/02/2004  
**Project End Date:** 12/31/2005

**Applicant:** Columbia County  
**Contact:** Rita Bernhard, 503-397-1035

**FS Award:** \$41,000  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$10,250  
**Total Project Funding:** \$51,250

**Description:**

Funding for this project will be used to build a permanent Lewis and Clark interpretive display to be sited on the Historic Columbia County Courthouse Plaza. A professionally developed interpretive display will help maximize the visitor satisfaction and direct them to other features in the area. This increased tourism will support businesses in Columbia

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**Federal Identifier:** OREC-94-074a  
**Grant Name:** Water Collection Diversion

**Project Start Date:** 10/01/1994  
**Project End Date:** 09/30/1995

**Applicant:** City of Scappoose  
**Contact:** Rita Bernhard, 503-543-7146

**FS Award:** \$62,720  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$15,680  
**Total Project Funding:** \$78,400

**Description:**

Funding is for completion of surface water collection diversions from reservoirs. This project would provide uninterrupted flows to creeks around the reservoirs during cleanout operations. This would prevent heavy sediment loads from entering the creeks during these events.

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**Federal Identifier:** OREC-94-074b  
**Grant Name:** Water Collection Diversion

**Project Start Date:** 10/01/1994  
**Project End Date:** 11/30/1996

**Applicant:** City of Scappoose  
**Contact:** Rita Bernhard, 503-543-7146

**FS Award:** \$25,460  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$6,365  
**Total Project Funding:** \$31,825

**Description:**

Funding is for completion of surface water collection diversions from reservoirs. This project would provide uninterrupted flows to creeks around the reservoirs during cleanout operations. This would prevent heavy sediment loads from entering the creeks during these events.

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**Federal Identifier:** ORNW-01-004  
**Grant Name:** Clatskanie Beaver RV Park & Marina

**Project Start Date:** 07/01/2001  
**Project End Date:** 12/31/2003

**Applicant:** City Of Clatskanie  
**Contact:** Chip Waisanen, 503-728-2622

**FS Award:** \$18,385  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$4,596  
**Total Project Funding:** \$22,982

**Description:**

This grant will fund the site design and planning for a 40 space RV park and adjacent Marina at the site of a previous lumber mill. Additionally, it will cover development of a fee structure and any required permits. This will help to develop unused industrial/commercial areas. Expanding the infrastructure within these facilities will attract more tourism and tourism dollars, as well as provide services and jobs to locals.

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**Federal Identifier:** ORNW-01-016  
**Grant Name:** Lewis & Clark Encampment Interpretive Plan

**Project Start Date:** 07/23/2001  
**Project End Date:** 12/31/2002

**Applicant:** Columbia County  
**Contact:** Anthony Hyde, 503-397-7202

**FS Award:** \$20,172  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$9,975  
**Total Project Funding:** \$30,147

**Description:**

These funds will cover the collection & database development about both current and historical plants and animals on Sauvie and Sand Islands in St. Helens; an assessment of the feasibility of importing indigenous species no longer present; an interpretive plan for the trails; and a design & engineering plan for the physical components of the interpretive plan including the kiosks, panels, signs, decks, sculpture placement, benches, etc. Project will support efforts to launch the Lewis and Clark Encampment as a tourist destination for the observance of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. An estimated five million visitors are expected to pass through the Lewis and Clark interest points all along the L & C Trail from year 2001-2006. Local existing and new businesses in St. Helens will benefit from the tourism attracted to the Encampment, youth will gain skills, experience, and knowledge about natural resources and history from their involvement in creating and maintaining trails and as tour guides. The community will take pride in reconnecting with their history and showcasing their rich heritage. The County expects the Lewis and Clark Encampment to continue being an attraction for tourists beyond the Bicentennial and to play a significant role in efforts to diversify and revitalize the local economy.

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**Federal Identifier:** ORNW-02-032  
**Grant Name:** Millsite Environmental Evaluation Redevelopment

**Project Start Date:** 10/01/2002  
**Project End Date:** 12/31/2003

**Applicant:** Port of St. Helens  
**Contact:** Peter Williamson, 503-397-2888

**FS Award:** \$18,850  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$11,662  
**Total Project Funding:** \$30,512

**Description:**

Funding for this project will be used to complete a level-one evaluation of a 180,000 SF former plywood mill site. Soil and water samples will be examined, a determination of contamination will be made, and if contamination exists, supporting data will be provided to recover ponds for use as additional lay-down area for existing and new tenants. This project will ensure that any contamination is addressed and thus ensure good water quality in the area. This project would also support existing tenants in their ability to expand their manufacturing facility and create 20 more jobs for the community.

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**Federal Identifier:** ORNW-96-050  
**Grant Name:** Community Action Plan

**Project Start Date:** 08/15/1996  
**Project End Date:** 08/15/1998

**Applicant:** City of Vernonia  
**Contact:** Tony Hyde, 503-429-5291

**FS Award:** \$20,000  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$5,000  
**Total Project Funding:** \$25,000

**Description:**

The funding for this project is to complete a community action plan for the city of Vernonia. Funding includes \$15,000 to complete the plan and \$5,000 to implement initial actions from the plan. This grant will support a natural resource dependent community doing strategic planning and looking at ways to diversify their economy.

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**Federal Identifier:** ORNW-97-008  
**Grant Name:** Chapman Landing Master Plan

**Project Start Date:** 06/01/1997  
**Project End Date:** 03/31/2000

**Applicant:** Port of St. Helens  
**Contact:** Peter K. Williamson, 503-397-2888

**FS Award:** \$23,400  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$9,150  
**Total Project Funding:** \$32,550

**Description:**

Funding from this grant will assist the Port develop a Master Plan focused on recreation and tourism on the 20-acre waterfront property called Chapman Landing. Potential to include bike paths, trails, marina facilities, and historical interpretation. Plan is to include an inventory of the site, community needs assessment and a SWOT analysis. Recreation and marina facilities are lacking in Columbia county. Public access to these would be beneficial to local residents and would increase tourism for the local area.

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**Federal Identifier:** ORNW-97-063  
**Grant Name:** W.Rainier Feasibility Study

**Project Start Date:** 08/15/1997  
**Project End Date:** 03/31/1999

**Applicant:** City of Rainier  
**Contact:** Chad Olsen, 503-556-7301

**FS Award:** \$17,200  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$4,300  
**Total Project Funding:** \$21,500

**Description:**

Engineering Feasibility Study for West Rainier Acres including: water/wastewater system, transportation system, storm system, and land use issues. Also Jurisdictional wetlands delineation and phase 1 environmental assessment. This study

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**Federal Identifier:** ORNW-98-009  
**Grant Name:** Downtown Revitalization

**Project Start Date:** 04/20/1998  
**Project End Date:** 04/01/1999

**Applicant:** City of Vernonia  
**Contact:** Gordon Zimmerman, 503-429-5291

**FS Award:** \$25,000  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$7,000  
**Total Project Funding:** \$32,000

**Description:**

Funding is for a community downtown revitalization plan that will 1) identify a unifying theme, 2) develop specifications for streetscape improvements, 3) provide preliminary engineering if necessary, in cooperation with the Oregon Downtown Development Association, 4) inventory and review downtown resources, 5) develop a community-wide input process, and 6) publish a downtown revitalization study for distribution to the community and potential implementation funders. This project will help guide numerous downtown enhancement efforts resulting in 1) increased use of skills, knowledge, and abilities of local people; 2) improved community initiative, responsibility, and adaptability; 3) strengthened relationships and communication; 4) sustainable, healthy ecosystems with multiple community benefits, and 5) appropriately diverse and

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**Federal Identifier:** ORNW-98-021

**Project Start Date:** 06/15/1998

**Grant Name:** Clatskanie Strategic Plan

**Project End Date:** 12/31/2000

**Applicant:** City of Clatskanie

**FS Award:** \$19,238

**Contact:** Larry Cole, 503-728-2622

**Leveraged Funds:** \$5,000

**Total Project Funding:** \$24,238

**Description:**

Approximately \$15,000 is to contract a community-based process to develop a strategic plan. The remaining \$5,000 will be used to implement a high priority, non-ground disturbing project from the resulting plan. This project will guide economic diversification efforts, business recruitment and expansion, and an enhanced quality of life for the Clatskanie

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**County Summary:**

<b>Grants Awarded:</b>	11
<b>Total FS Award:</b>	\$291,425
<b>Total Leveraged Funds:</b>	<u>\$88,979</u>
<b>Total Project Funding:</b>	\$380,404