

CHAPTER FOUR: WATERSHED RESTORATION ASSISTANCE

Assistance Available for Restoration Projects on Private Land

USDA Programs

A brochure describing the details of 7 different programs administered by the USDA is available from the contact listed below. The programs are briefly listed below.

- A. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)- Primarily aimed at reducing soil erosion.
- B. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)- Primarily aimed at riparian areas that provide habitat for species listed under the Endangered Species Act.
- C. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)- Targeted toward livestock and other active agricultural producers.
- D. Forestry Incentives Program (FIP)- Aimed at nonindustrial private forest landowners.
- E. Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP)- Assists landowners with planning and implementing multi-resource stewardship practices on forest land.
- F. Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)- Designed to restore, protect, or expand wetland areas on private property through easements and restoration agreements
- G. Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)- Private land, including non-agricultural land is eligible. Habitat development practices maintained for 5-10 years.

Contact: Kate Danks, Lincoln SWCD 541-265-2631

Wyden Amendment Authority

U.S. Forest Service funding can be applied to restoration projects on non-federal lands. In the central Oregon coastal area, funds are administered by Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. Projects must be located in a watershed that contains Siuslaw National Forest lands with a completed watershed analysis.

Contact: Karen Strohmeier, Cascade Pacific RC&D, 541-757-4807

OWEB Grants

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) administers a state-wide grant program. Applications for on-the-ground projects are submitted to the OWEB “Capital Fund”, applications for assessments, monitoring, education, etc. are submitted to the “Non-capital Fund”.

Contact: Tom Schaefer, North Coast OWEB office, 541-528-7451 or Wayne Hoffman, Mid-Coast Watersheds Council, 541-265-9195, <http://www.oweb.state.or.us/>.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Programs

Private landowners may apply to the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) through the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) for projects which provide fish habitat improvement. ODFW also reviews and approves applications for the Riparian Land Tax Incentive Program. The program provides exemption from ad valorem taxation where requirements are met.

Contact: Tony Stein, ODFW 541-867-0300 x253 or Tammy Wagner, ODFW 541-867-0300.

Central Coast Land Conservancy

This group is available to assist landowners with the planning and paperwork involved in applying to various conservation programs. They are currently seeking funding for acquisitions.

Contact: Fran Recht, Central Coast Land Conservancy, 541-765-2234

Mid-Coast Watersheds Council

This group has technical and logistical resources available to help with planning, funding, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating projects for any landowner in the watershed.

Contact: Wayne Hoffman, Mid-Coast Watersheds Council, 541-265-9195, www.midcoastwatershedcouncil.org

For the Sake of the Salmon

This group maintains a large website with a section specifically for grant announcements, articles about funding sources and fundraising, and an extensive list of funding programs offered by federal and state governments and private foundations. The list is intended to give watershed groups an idea of the various sources of funding available to them and links have been added to specific agencies and organizations with funding sites on the web.

Contact: www.4sos.org 503-223-8511

River Network

The River Network makes grants available through their Watershed Assistance Grants program to local watershed partnerships to support their organizational development and long-term effectiveness. This particular program is NOT for on-the-ground projects.

The River Network also publishes a Directory of Funding Sources for Grassroots River and Watershed Conservation Groups 2001-2002. The directory profiles foundations, corporations, state and federal agencies and other nonprofits that support small, nonprofit watershed groups, as well as a few sources that support Tribes. Only multi-state funders are included in this directory. Includes contact information, grant sizes and a brief description of each source's particular interests. Contains sections on grant proposal writing, indexes and resources. 102 pgs. Updated annually.

Contact: www.rivernetwork.org 503-241-3506 x47

Rivers Conservancy

This is the land conservation arm of the River Network. Intended to assist with funding to purchase or lease conservation easements.

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