

Grant Application

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1 Have you ever applied for an OWF grant before?

no

2 Have you ever been denied for an OWF grant before?

no

3 Project Title

Western Bluebird Trail

4 Name of my Organization

Queen of Peace School

5 If your organization is not a tax-exempt nonprofit, please list the name of your fiscal sponsor

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If this does not apply to you, write N/A

N/A

6 Project Manager Full Name

Maureen Foelkl

7 Project Manager Mailing Address

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Please enter full address with city, state & zip

4227 Lone Oak Rd SE, Salem, OR 97302

8	Project Manager Phone Number
	503-931-3845
9	Project Manager Email Address
	mfoelkl@gmail.com
10	Please provide a brief biographical statement about yourself
	I was a public school educator for 30 years. When I left the classroom, I joined Queen of Peace School as an environmental educator. My students have been involved with environmental projects such as the STEP program with Fish and Wildlife. They are citizen scientist that report their observations to Project FeederWatch and iNaturalist. I am a National Teacher's Hall of Fame recipient and received the Presidential Award for Mathematics and Science Teaching in the area of science. My passion is environmental preservation and restoration within our state as I teach our youth about becoming stewards of our planet.
11	Provide any social media handles you use - Enter social handles or URLs such as instagram, facebook, twitter, youtube, etc. so that we can use to cross promote on our channels - if you do not have any, please place N/A
	My Facebook handle is Keep Our Salmon. My Twitter is Maureen Foelkl.
12	Please indicate if you are currently following Oregon Wildlife Foundation on our social media channels
	- Facebook
13	Total estimated project cost
	3529.00
14	Funding that you are requesting from OWF - If you're request if for more than \$5,000, please contact Tim Greseth - tim@myowf.org before submitting your application.
	1002.00
15	What type of project are your proposing?
	Wildlife
16	Will your project address an Oregon Conservation Strategy habitat or species?
	yes
16.1	What habitat or species is addressed?
	Western bluebird

17 Start date of project-
Day/Month/Year

06-12-2026

18 End date of project

06-12-2026

19 Location of project

4227 Lone Oak Rd SE, Salem, OR 97302, USA

20 Has a local, state or federal biologist reviewed this project?

no

20.1 What is your plan for an external review of the project?

We have secured Bobbie Snead and the Audubon Society to review our project. Our students will be involved with the Feederwatch Program each year to submit seasonal Western bluebirds counts.

21 Have you already or will you obtain necessary permits from all requisite agencies as applicable to proposed project?

no

22 What will the requested funds be used for?

The requested funds would purchase four bluebird nesting boxes and poles. We would add an additional feeder pole with a tube feeder and a hanging tray. Specific bluebird food such as sunflower heart, mealworms, and bark butter bits would be purchased. Educational signs will be created for our Western bluebird trail. Permits are not need for the project.

23 Provide a brief Project Summary

Our project's goal is to increase the Western bluebird population in an urban setting in Salem, Oregon. This sensitive species is threatened by habitat loss, and are competing for nesting cavities. With that in mind, we have purchased one Western bluebird nesting box and feeder. Within the week, we have a Western bluebird feeding and sitting on the nesting box. The goal of our project to is to add additional nesting boxes and a feeder to attract the Western bluebird population as the outlying trees mature. Students will research this species. Through their research, we will create our interpretive Western bluebird trail to educate all the students and the community about the importance of this key species in an urban area.

24 Upload pre-project pictures or a video -
By submitting these photos or video I warrant that I am the legal owner of this media and grant the Foundation permission to reproduce, exhibit, or publish them for all general purposes in relation to Oregon Wildlife Foundation's work. If you have questions about photo or video submissions please refer to myowf.org/grants for guidance.

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25 Fill out the budget

Project Revenue	Cash	In-Kind	Committed / Pending
Oregon Wildlife Foundation Request	1002.00		Pending
Queen of Peace School (30 in-kind hours)		816.00	Committed
Queen of Peace School (27.20 current rate in-kind services)		1360.00	Pending
REVENUE	1002.00	2176.00	
		TOTAL PROJECT SUPPORT	3178.00
Project Expenses	Cash	In-Kind	Total
Bluebird Nesting Boxes and Mounting Poles	520.00		520.00
EcoTough® Classic Too Feeder (Green)	55.00		55.00
FeatherWeight Hanging Tray	20.00		20.00
Feeding Pole	86.00		86.00
Seed Tube Feeder	42.00		42.00
Dried Meal Worms	18.00		18.00
Bark Butter Bits	21.00		21.00
Sunflower Hearts	30.00		30.00
Bluebird Trail Informational Signs	210.00		210.00
Queen of Peace School (30 in-kind hours)		816	816.00
Queen of Peace School (27.20 current rate in-kind services)		1360	1360.00
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			0.00
		TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES	3178.00
Balanced budget? This cell should read "0" ---->		NET	0.00

26 Upload your Project Narrative -
Please make sure your narrative is no more than 7 pages long, single spaced, 12 pt. font (Calibri preferred).

1 Document Uploaded

27 Upload letters of support

1 Document Uploaded

28 I understand that I am required to submit a Project Completion Report, copies of any publications or social media posts crediting the Foundation's support, and post-project pictures at the completion of my project

yes

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1	Are the eligible?
	yes

Our school has been transforming unused, manicured lawn areas into outdoor, natural learning spaces for students while supporting wildlife. We have recently added a native pollinator garden and an organic vegetable garden. These spaces are pesticide-free. This requires a substantial amount of service hours by our students, staff, parents and community. Weeds and invasive plants are removed by hand and disposed properly.

The current enhancement to our pollinator garden included a birdfeeder and a water feature. To our surprise, we had a Western bluebird visit the feeder. The excitement spread. Students enrolled in the Project Feederwatch Program, <https://feederwatch.org/blog/peace-love-and-birds-feederwatch-in-the-classroom/>

Students then researched the Western bluebird and wanted to increase the survival rate and population of this species. We purchased a single nesting box and currently have a pair of Western bluebirds ready to move into the space (see attached photos).

If accepted, this grant would increase our Western bluebird habitat by providing additional food and shelter. We plan to create a Western bluebird trail with signage to educate our students and the community about the project.

Students are investigating questions such as the examples below, and generating their own questions using scientific inquiry and wonder.

- What nesting materials do Western bluebirds prefer?
- Do Western bluebirds nest in boxes closer to trees, open meadows, or near the garden?
- When do Western bluebirds visit the feeders? Time of year?
- Which feeder attracts the greater number of Western bluebirds?
- How do Western bluebirds interact with other birds?

The Audubon Society will evaluate the program and make suggestions on how we can improve our outcome. The long-range goal is to provide additional time for the surrounding trees to create nesting cavities for the Western bluebirds.

Placing supplementary feeders and nesting boxes will furnish a transitory habitat for the Western bluebirds. This project will give students real-world researching skills as they learn to solve problems as stewards of our planet. We will invite the community to walk the Western bluebird trail. They will read, wonder, celebrate and experience these magnificent birds within an urban setting.



April 9, 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Carl Mucken and I'm the principal of Queen of Peace School, in Salem Oregon. I write to you today to share my excitement at the potential for a partnership with the Oregon Wildlife Foundation. Our request, to support bluebird habitat on campus, is an exciting new chapter in our environmental education programming.

Queen of Peace students have been working with staff to create healthy habitats for wildlife on our campus. We have noticed bluebirds frequenting our campus and being able to give these visitors a place to nest would be an amazing next step for students to be a part of.

These nest boxes and feeding stations would provide students with new observation and stewardship opportunities, as well as obvious benefits to wildlife. Our students, and entire school community, are committed to forming life-long stewards of all life on earth.

Thank you for considering our request.

Warmly,

Carl Mucken

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