

# Grant Application



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1 Have you previously applied for a grant from the Oregon Wildlife Foundation?

no

2 Has a previously submitted grant application been denied funding support?

no

3 Title of your proposed project

Education & Naturalist Events in the Slough

4 Name of your organization

Columbia Slough Watershed Council

5 If your organization is not a 501c3 nonprofit, please identify your fiscal sponsor

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

N/A

6 Your name or the name of the Project Manager

Amanda Gallegos

7 organization mailing address

Please enter full address with city, state & zip

7040 NE 47th Ave Portland, OR 97218

8 your phone number or that of the Project Manager

503-281-1132 ext 4

9 your email address or that of the Project Manager

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10 a brief biographical statement about yourself or that of the Project Manager

Amanda Gallegos joined the Columbia Slough Watershed Council team in 2022 as the Events Director. She earned her BS in Environmental Studies from Portland State University in 2016 and has since worked in events. Her work has primarily been with nonprofits, and her previous position was Education and Outreach Manager at Willamette Riverkeeper, working on trash cleanup events, community paddles, film events, and the popular overnight paddle events, Paddle Oregon and Pinot Paddle.

11 social media handles that your organization uses

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

Instagram: @columbiaslough, Facebook: facebook.com/columbiaslough, Youtube: youtube.com/columbiaslough

12 are you are currently following Oregon Wildlife Foundation on its social media channels?

- Instagram
- Facebook

13 what is the total estimated cost of your project?

9640.58

14 Funding that you are requesting from OWF

If your request is for more than \$5,000, please contact Tim Greseth -[tim@myowf.org](mailto:tim@myowf.org) before submitting your application.

5000

15 what type of project are you proposing?

outdoor education

16 will your project address an Oregon Conservation Strategy habitat or species?

yes

16.Y.1 What habitat or species is addressed?

The project will address Flowing Water/Riparian Habitat because cleanup events improve the habitats surrounding bodies of water in the Slough.

17 what is the location of your proposed project?

Bat and owl walks will occur at Whitaker Ponds Natural Area in NE Portland. The bird walk location is TBD; however, it will be in the Columbia Slough Watershed. Previous sites have included Kelley Point Park, Smith & Bybee, Alderwood Trail, and many others. The on-water cleanup events will likely launch boats from NE Glassplant & NE Alderwood in Portland. However, this is TBD based on the cleanup needs at the time of the event.

18 what ecoregion and Conservation Opportunity Area (COA) is your proposed project located in?

See <https://www.compass.dfw.state.or.us/> for the information you need to answer this question

The Columbia Slough is located in the Willamette Valley ecoregion and the Smith-Bybee Lakes and Columbia Slough COA.

19 what is the anticipated start date of your project?

Day/Month/Year

01-07-2024

20 what is the anticipated end date of your project?

30-06-2025

21 has a local, state or federal biologist reviewed this project?

no

21.N.1 What is your plan for an external review of the project?

The Council hosts quarterly partner roundtable meetings in which we ask for feedback from our partner organizations on the programming we provide. This allows us to keep our programs responsive to community needs. For this project, we will ask our partners for feedback on these events.

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

no

23 what will the funds you are requesting be used for?

this would be a good time to review, if you haven't already done so, our grantmaking guidelines at [www.myowf.org/grants](http://www.myowf.org/grants)

Funding will cover: Facilitator fees: All bat walks and owl walks require a facilitator fee of \$125 each. The BIPOC bird walk and BIPOC-centered trash cleanup each require a facilitator fee of \$550 from our community partner, Through the Trees Collective, who will support outreach efforts within the BIPOC community and lead these events. Snacks and Drinks: We request funding to provide snacks and all events in this series for \$25 per event. Binoculars: Due to increased demand for bird walk events, we aim to increase our supply of binoculars, allowing for more individuals to participate. We seek funding to increase this supply. Cleanup supplies: Cleanup events require trash bags, gloves, trash pickers, sharps containers, and first aid supplies. While the Council owns gloves and trash pickers, our inventory is well-loved and needs updating from last year's season. We have pending match funds from the Portland Metro Refresh Grant. Dumpster rental: We request funding for 2 dumpsters, one for each cleanup event. We typically fill entire dumpsters (and then some) at trash cleanup events. Mileage: Staff must scout each event site and drive to and from each event. This essential cost is estimated at \$25 per event.

24 provide us a brief summary of your proposed project

This funding will allow CSWC to host seven outdoor education and naturalist events that are free to the public and community-specific, including: 1 BIPOC Bird Walk, 1 BIPOC Owl Prowl, 1 BIPOC Bat Walk, 2 LGBTQIA2S+ Community Bat Walks, 2 LGBTQIA2S+ Community Owl Walks. CSWC will host 2 community trash cleanups, including: 1 BIPOC Community Cleanup, 1 LGBTQIA2S+ Community Cleanup

25 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](http://myowf.org/grants) for guidance.



26 fill out our budget form

Project Revenue	Cash	In-Kind	Committed / Pending
<b>Oregon Wildlife Foundation Request</b>	5000		Pending
CSWC		1263.84	Committed
BES, EMSWCD funding	3376.75		Committed
			Committed
			Committed
			Committed
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>8376.75</b>	<b>1263.84</b>	

		TOTAL PROJECT SUPPORT	9640.59
Project Expenses	Cash	In-Kind	Total
Facilitator Fees	1500		1500.00
Snacks & Drinks	225		225.00
Binoculars	400		400.00
Cleanup Supplies	500		500.00
Dumpster Rental	1500		1500.00
Mileage	225		225.00
Administration Cost (OWF)	650		650.00
Administration Cost (in-kind)	164.85		164.85
Administration Cost (other grant funding)	440.45		440.45
Volunteer Time		873.99	873.99
Snacks & Drinks		225	225.00
Staff Time (Event Director, Outreach)	1890		1890.00
Staff Time (Volunteer & Outreach Manager)	546.3		546.30
Cleanup Supplies	500		500.00
		TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES	9640.59
Balanced budget? This cell should read "0" ---->		NET	0.00

27 upload a narrative of your proposed project

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

1 Document Uploaded

28 upload letters of support

letters of support are strongly encouraged. in particular a letter from a supervising biologist

1 Document Uploaded

29 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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The Columbia Slough Watershed Council's (CSWC) mission is to protect and enhance the 60 miles of lakes, wetlands, and slow-moving channels that make up the Columbia Slough through community engagement, education, and restoration. All programming is done through a JEDI lens, engaging 800 active volunteers and thousands of participants each year by offering free community events, a Multilingual Paddle Team, K-12 environmental education, trash cleanups, habitat restoration events, and more.

CSWC's Community Events Programming hosts a variety of opportunities for folks to explore and learn, including paddles, birding walks, and more. We focus on working with traditionally marginalized communities through these events, which is especially important to this area because the Columbia Slough Watershed is one of the most diverse areas in Oregon, with demographics of 21.4% Hispanic/Latino, 10.4% Black or African American, 7.6% Asian, 4% Native American or Alaska Native, and 1.4% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander in each neighborhood. Many community members experience food insecurity - according to the 2020 Census, approximately 12% of residents of the Slough are experiencing food insecurity, with some neighborhoods as high as 21%. This program breaks down barriers to participating in outdoor activities for communities who may have felt unwelcome, uncomfortable, or not had the resources to access them; all events are free, open to all ages, and all equipment needed for outings and snacks and drinks.

In 2023, CSWC added LGBTQIA2S+ community events to our programming. We successfully hosted 12 events, where we engaged 213 individuals at events such as our Pride Paddle, a cleanup event, birding paddle, owl walks (Owl Prowl), and Bat Walks in partnership with organizations such as Birdhers, a local bird-watching club for women, Queer, Trans, and non-binary people. These events have been highly successful, with registration filling in a matter of hours and generating wait lists. We are excited to continue offering more events exclusively for the LGBTQIA2S+ community throughout 2024 and 2025. These free events offer a safe space where marginalized groups feel welcome while exploring and learning about the watershed and its wildlife and connecting with others in the community.

Also, in 2023, CSWC held 19 BIPOC-specific events, engaging over 200 participants at paddles, birding walks, forest bathing, forest immersion, and cleanups. For years, we have worked with community-specific partners who have strong connections to the community they work with to organize these events and are always adding more partners. Partners include, but are not limited to, Through the Trees Collective, Black Men's Wellness, Verde, Loco Por La Aventura, and People of Color Outdoors.

The Council requests grant funding to support seven community-specific naturalist events and 2 trash cleanups that will take place between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. Naturalist events and cleanup events incorporate educational aspects by informing participants about local urban wildlife (birds, owls, and bats) and the benefits of stewardship to the local environment. All events are led by facilitators with specialized knowledge of the topics they discuss and the community members they work with. We

work with facilitators who identify with these backgrounds for community-specific events to make participants feel seen, represented, and comfortable in the space.

Owl and Bat Walks will take place at Whitaker Ponds in NE Portland. This natural area offers a 0.5-mile flat loop around the ponds, free parking, and abundant wildlife. The bird walk location has not yet been determined. However, we have hosted similar events in Kelley Point Park, Smith & Bybee, Whitaker Ponds, along the Alderwood Trail, and many more spaces within the watershed. Each of these events would offer participants a chance to connect with others in the community, learn outdoors and in a group setting, participate for free, receive free snacks and beverages, and have access to binoculars, as well as any other supplies that might be needed to participate (a warm jacket, waterproof layers, etc.).

The trash cleanup events will provide both an educational and a pollution prevention aspect by working with volunteers to remove trash from in the water and along the banks of the Slough. Trash cleanup is especially important in the Columbia Slough Watershed since it is a heavily paved and industrialized area of Portland with many impermeable surfaces that wash water and any trash on the ground into the streams, ponds, and waterways, creating a negative impact to water quality in the Slough, as well as further damage downstream. Removing trash from natural areas helps to promote beneficial habitats for native species and creates a safer and more beautiful environment for the community to explore. At CSWC's cleanup events, we utilize canoes and kayaks to reach hard-to-access spaces on the water to remove trash. This format of community cleanup work offers participants an educational opportunity as we discuss Portland's water system and the flora and fauna that call the Columbia Slough home while paddling. In addition, participants can explore the Slough in a new way via canoes and kayaks in a safe and supportive environment with our staff while also giving back to the community. Lastly, by connecting volunteers to these natural spaces on the Slough, we find that they become greater advocates for these natural spaces and feel confident to return to them in their own time and share them with friends and family members.

N/A



