

Project Notes

Project Budget

Project funds currently available are \$70,662 with an additional \$44,000 becoming available at the end of June. Our committee budget is \$100,000 per year, or \$25,000 per quarter. In the first quarter we approved project grants totaling \$29,431. Total request this quarter are \$29,779.

Project 21-06 Beaver Habitat Assessment

The Luckiamute Watershed Council is requesting \$5,000 in funding to support a project to assess Beaver Habitat, in cooperation with several watershed councils, and determine locations in mid-Willamette Valley streams where Beaver can be successful. The results of this work will be used to reach out to landowners and the public to aid in restoration of beaver numbers with the resulting environmental benefits to fish and wildlife.

- Meets our match requirements
- Meets our funding guidelines
- Addresses an OCS species – beaver and Chinook salmon
- Includes a letters of support from Karin Hans at ODFW and Paul Henson at the National Fish and Wildlife Service

Project 21-07 Western Bluebird Trail

The Queen of Peace School in Salem is requesting \$1,002 in funding for bluebird nest boxes, mounting poles, a feeding station and feed along a trail with signage to educate the students and public. This is a student learning project about Western bluebirds. The Audubon Society will evaluate the project and make suggestions to help it be successful.

- Meets our match requirements
- Meets our funding guidelines
- Addresses an OCS species – Western bluebirds
- Does not include a letter of support

Project 21-08 Study Effects of Wildfires on Sage Grouse

Oregon State University is requesting \$10,000 to study the effects of wildfire on Sage Grouse ecology in southeastern Oregon. Most of the budget for this project is coming from Pittman Robertson funding however, to obtain the Pittman Robertson dollars the project must have a 25% non-Federal match. Funds from Oregon Wildlife Foundation will be used to purchase 3 GPS collars for seasons 2022-2023. Knowledge gained from this study will be used to understand sage grouse response to wildfires and prioritize areas for pre-fire treatments to reduce fire risk to this OCS species. The Foundation has been providing match funding for this project since 2014.

- Meets our match requirements
- Meets our funding guidelines
- Addresses and OCS species – Greater Sage Grouse
- Includes a letter of support from ODFW

Project 21-09 Camp Creek Planting and Fencing

The North Fork John Day Watershed Council is requesting \$3,777 dollars to purchase materials and protective equipment for habitat restoration along Camp Creek, at tributary of the North Fork John Day River. The work will be accomplished during the summer and fall of this year by the Wilderness Veterans Trail Crew (WVTC) program which provides military veterans serviceable skills and a career pathway into natural resource management. (Additional work not funded by this request will be performed by contractors). Funds requested will be used to pay for mileage costs, personal protective equipment, and fencing materials.

- Meets our match requirements
- Meets our funding guidelines
- Addresses multiple OCS species
- Includes a letter of support from the US Forest Service

Project 21-10 Holcomb Habitat Project

The Greater Oregon City Watershed Council is requesting \$5,000 for transportation of logs to be strategically placed in the channel of Holcomb Creek, a tributary of the Clackamas River, to improve instream habitat. The wood habitat is part of a larger project to restore Holcomb Creek habitat that is being primarily funded by an OWEB Focused Investment Partnership grant to the Clackamas Watershed Council.

- Meets our match requirements
- Meets our funding guidelines
- Addresses multiple OCS species
- Does not includes a letter of support from ODFW

Project 21-11 Removing Invasive Bull Thistle

Wildlife Safari in Winston is requesting \$5,000 to purchase chemicals and equipment for the eradication of bull thistles, tansy ragwort, teasle and foxtail on their property.

- Meets our match requirements
- Does not meet our funding guidelines
- Does not addresses OCS species
- Includes a letter of support from ODFW