

Project Notes for May 26, 2022, Meeting

Project Committee Budget

The Project Committee Beulah Drake Small Grants budget is \$100,000 per year, or \$25,000 per quarter. The running total year to date is \$27,000. Current unrestricted project funds available are \$38,000.

Project 22 - 10 Bonney Butte Raptor Migration and Education Program

HawkWatch International (HWI) is requesting \$5,000. HWI promotes raptor conservation through scientific engagement with the community. HWI's programs build and shape scientists through education, outreach, internships, volunteer programs, and seasonal employment opportunities. Funding from OWF will be used to accomplish two main goals— improve the visitor experience at Bonnie Butte and invest in the next generation of biologists. Expenses include purchase of a tablet and data upload fees to gather accurate information on site visits. By moving away from a pen and paper system, HWI will be able to continue the education beyond the site by providing a free email raptor ID course and sharing findings at the end of the season. HWI also plans to improve the visitor experience by replacing and creating new informative signage. HWI will replace the daily count board and add 2 signs to help visitors find the site more easily. To support our second goal, funding from the Oregon Wildlife Foundation will cover the costs of two packs of gear, consisting of a tent, a sleeping pad, and a pack. Funding will also go towards other incentives to improve access for the crew such as a stipend to help them go to and from the site, HWI apparel, and a personal raptor identification guide. HWI will also invest in the tools the crew uses while on site replacing the banding blind so that crew can more efficiently carry out the trapping and banding of raptors. All other funds are committed.

- Meets our match requirements
- Meets our funding guidelines (Discuss excluded costs, i.e., staff salaries)
- Addresses several OCS species
- Includes a letter of support from the Mt. Hood National Forest

Project 22 - 11 Keeping Wildlife Wild in Oregon

American Bird Conservancy (ABC) is requesting \$5,000 for fuel and lodging (camping) during data collection, and to purchase signage and interpretive materials for distribution to project partners. ABC's goal is to build on the "Keep Wildlife Wild" program that was developed by the United States Forest Service Siuslaw National Forest and incorporate some aspects of the "Crumb Clean" campaign developed by California State Parks to reduce negative human influences on endangered wildlife. This combined campaign uses infrastructure such as dishwashing stations, wildlife-proof trash cans, and food storage lockers to reduce or eliminate the amount of food waste available to wildlife. The infrastructure is paired with an education campaign which includes signs, interpretive presentations, and community engagement to encourage recreation users to properly store and manage their food and food waste. For 2022, we will conduct the preliminary spatial analysis needed to identify and prioritize recreation sites for enrollment in the program (in 2022 and beyond) and provide signs and interpretive materials to partners for immediate use. All other funds are committed.

Project 22-11 cont.

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- Meets our funding guidelines
- Addresses several OCS species
- Includes a letter of support from the Mt. Hood National Forest

Project 22 - 12 Study to Support Improved Salmon Management

The Wild Fish Conservancy is requesting \$5,000 to OWF funds to cover open-access publication of a groundbreaking six-year study of commercial fish traps effect on commercial fishery bycatch mortality reduction techniques in a well-respected peer-reviewed scientific journal (cost: ~\$4,000) to support improved salmon management in the Columbia River. Funds will also be used to support necessary outreach and dissemination activities associated with publication of the study (\$~1,000) for management uptake purposes. All publications and outreach materials will prominently acknowledge OWF support.

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- Meets our funding guidelines
- Addresses OCS species
- Includes letters of support from several agencies

Two Rivers Side Channel and Mainstream Fish Enhancement

This upper Clackamas River project was originally proposed for funding during the last cycle of the Clackamas Mitigation and Enhancement Fund by the USFS and McBain & Associates. It did not receive funding, but it is a good project and ready to submit again to the next cycle of funding. The purpose of the project is to improve side channel and mainstream habitat by adding woody structures. If the USFS agrees, the project would be submitted with OWF as the project sponsor.

Estacada Lake Habitat Enhancement

Several OFW board members and staff visited Estacada Lake last year to look at the upper end of the reservoir where the Clackamas River flows into the lake. The site is similar to North Fork Reservoir where OWF recently completed a project to add woody structures that created additional spawning habitat for salmon. McBain and Associates has provided a proposal to do engineering and project management for an Estacada Lake project. The initial expense to prepare to apply for funding is \$30,000. OWF would pay for the preliminary engineering and grant submittal for funding from OWEB FIP funding and the Clackamas Mitigation and Enhancement Fund. The overall project budget is estimated at \$400,000 without contingency.

Fiscal Sponsorship for Yakona Nature Preserve

The Yakona Nature Preserve is representative of Oregon's remnant spruce-dominated coastal rainforest. This 340-acre peninsula on Yaquina Bay is imbued with history spanning the millennia. Native Yaqo'n people lived on the peninsula prior to the heyday of shipping and logging in the 19th and 20th centuries. Today the area is at the center of marine science education and research. Yakona is a living laboratory for natural and cultural history, sciences, and arts. The goal of the Yakona Nature Preserve is to create educational opportunities that allow people of all ages and abilities to experience Yakona and learn about local cultural history and natural ecosystems.