

# Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee Project Recommendation

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# Legislative Success!

- \$2.5 Million appropriated for the 2021-2023 biennium
  - \$1 million General Fund to be matched with private donations in 2021-2023 (HB 2171)
  - \$545K from GF to match funds raised in 2019-2021 (HB 5006)
  - \$1 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (covid relief) for Oregon Outdoor Recreation Stimulus (HB 5006)
- Sunset removed from OCRF Program
- Office of Outdoor Recreation role on Advisory Committee codified

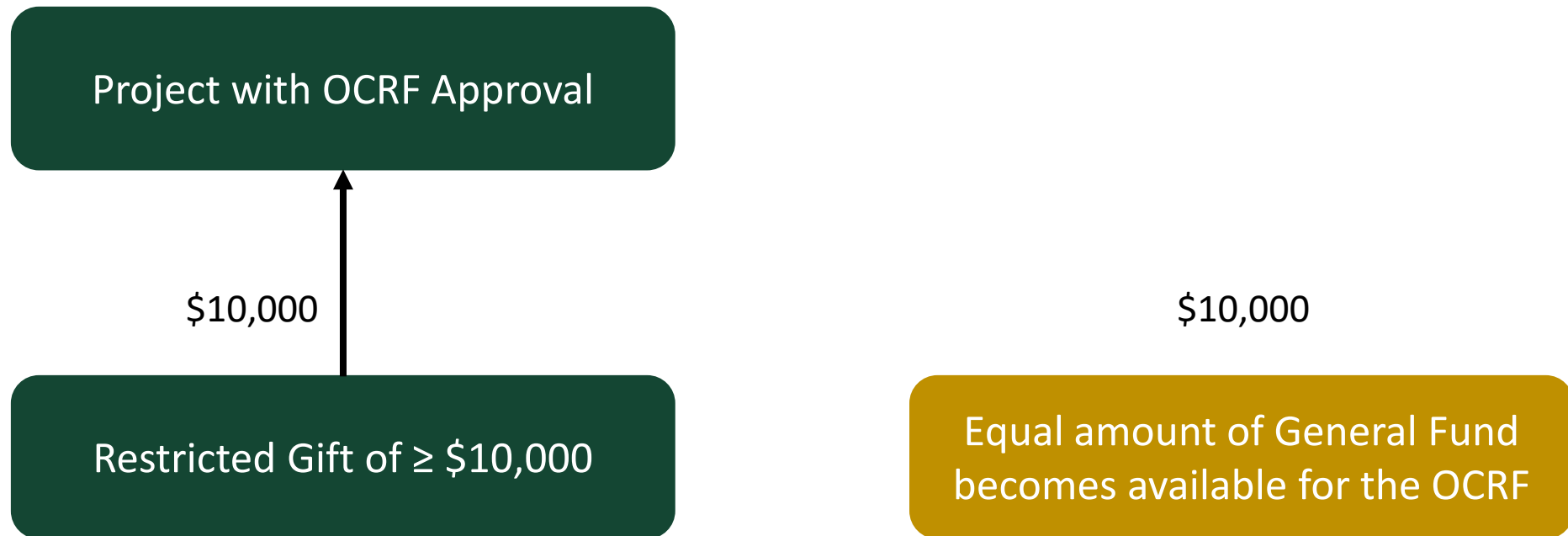
# Full update in October

- Fundraising status
- Developing a consistent structure and timeline for OCRF grants
- Upcoming grant opportunities
- Adding staff support
- Updating rules to conform with new legislation

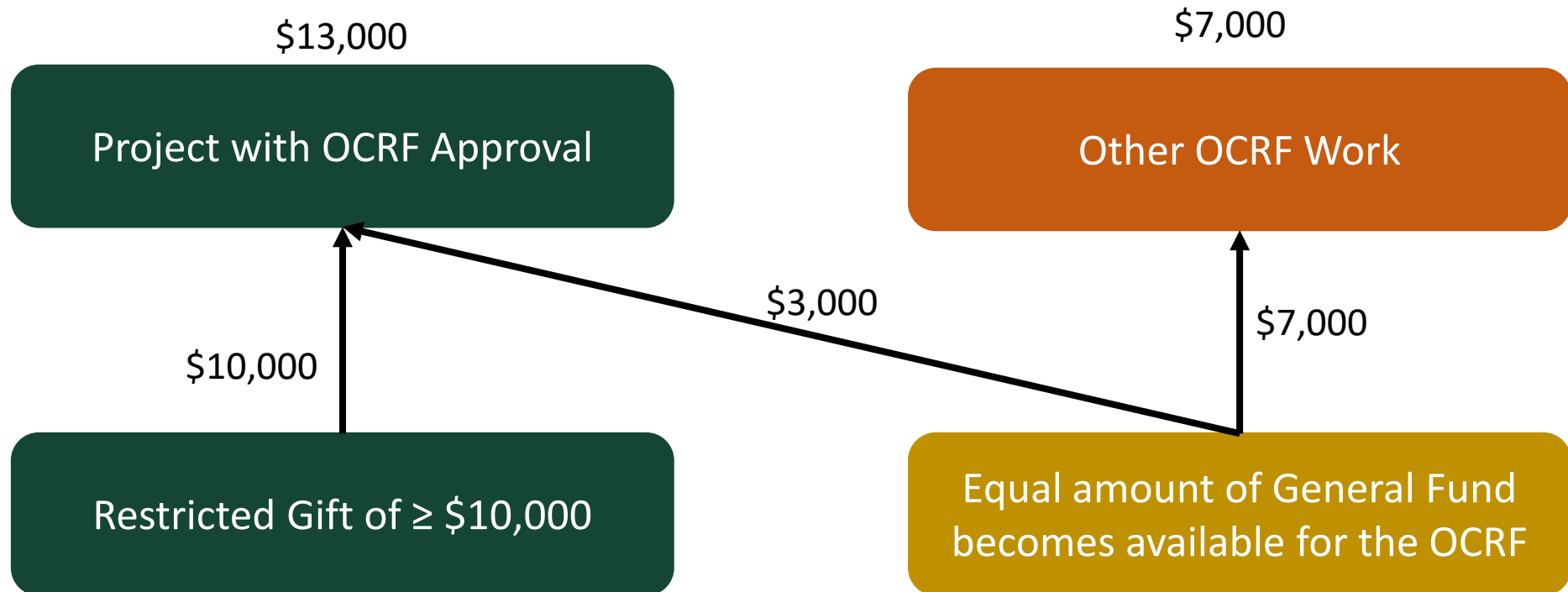
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# Issue #1 - Expenditure Recommendation for “Green Jobs Training and Internship Program”

# Green Jobs Training and Internship Program

Two year project to:

- Increase the health and resiliency of the Greater Forest Park ecosystem and local communities through active restoration and conservation efforts.
- Create a pathway for young adults from BIPOC communities to successfully enter the conservation and environmental workforce, through professional on the job training to build their professional skills, knowledge and network.



# Green Jobs Training and Internship Program

- 12-month paid intern positions (4 interns, 1 fellow per year)
- Positions at Forest Park Conservancy, Columbia Land Trust, Ecotrust, Portland Water Bureau, Environmental Science Associates, and West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District
- Interns will work on the habitat conservation initiatives of the Greater Forest Park Conservation Initiative which include:
  - Restore 3,600 acres of habitat
  - Remove invasive ivy from 27,000 trees
  - Plant 19,000 native trees and shrubs

# Green Jobs Training and Internship Program

\$325,000 request from OCRF for a total project cost of \$598,037

- \$250,000 to be generated from private donations
- \$75,000 from other OCRF funds to match

The request would cover:

- \$50,000 for partner capacity to support interns
- \$275,000 for intern salaries and benefits over two years

# Review Process

- Proposal invited by Chair Wenner in consultation with Meyer Memorial Trust
- Subcommittee met to review on August 19
  - Subcommittee average review score: 45.5/60
  - Subcommittee recommended that the Committee approve the expenditure recommendation
- Advisory Committee met on August 30 and recommended that the Commission approve the project for up to \$325,000

# Staff Recommendation

Approve Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee recommendation for expenditure of up to \$325,000 for the project “Green Jobs Training and Internship Program” contingent on the receipt of restricted donations of up to \$250,000.