



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

On April 19, 2024, the Fish and Wildlife Commission approved funding for the Private Forest Accord Grant Program inaugural solicitation, which provided funding for a suite of projects across Oregon. Included in this funding approval, was the project titled *Rock Berm Removal and Blue Heron Channel Connection Project along the Bear Creek Corridor* (herein referred to as “Project”).

The Department is seeking the Commission’s approval for an increase in expenditure for the Project amounting to an additional \$29,000.00 in award, bringing the complete award to \$267,250.00. The PFA Mitigation Advisory Committee voted to recommend this funding request to the Commission at its September 10, 2024 public meeting.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The PFA Mitigation Advisory Committee met publicly during its regularly scheduled public meeting, September 10, 2024, to discuss the Projects’ request for an increase in funding. All PFA Grant Program Advisory Committee meetings are open to public participation and have time on the agenda for comments from participating members of the public.

ISSUE 1

Private Forest Accord Mitigation Grant Program funding increase request for a previously awarded Project.

ANALYSIS

In August, the Project Grantee, Rogue Basin Partnership, notified ODFW PFA staff of recent changes in permitting requirements that would impact project costs. The Grantee is requesting a funding increase due to these unforeseen changes, which include a Conditional Use Permit, additional hydraulic engineering, modeling, and FEMA consultation for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR), along with a more rigorous review process.

Department staff reviewed the request, confirmed with City Officials that these were new requirements, and evaluated the revised deliverables and budget. The Department finds these additional requirements to be necessary and unforeseen at the time of the Grantee’s application.

The Department also finds this funding increase to be worthwhile to see the project reach completion and provide conservation benefits to species covered by the Private Forest Accord. The Grantee is requesting an additional \$29,000 to cover these necessary adjustments.

OPTIONS

1. Approve the request for a funding increase.
2. Reject the request for a funding increase.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1.

DRAFT MOTION:

I move to approve the request for a \$29,000.00 funding increase for the Rock Berm Removal and Blue Heron Channel Connection Project along the Bear Creek Corridor, as described in Attachment 2.

Effective Date: December 13, 2024.