



Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund Current Funding Opportunities

Winter 2023

February 17th, 2023

1:00pm



OCRF Mandate

The intent of the OCRF is to increase the Department's capacity to protect and enhance the species and habitats identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy and create new opportunities for wildlife watching, urban conservation, community science, and other wildlife-associated recreation.



OCRF Missions



- Implementing of the Oregon Conservation and Nearshore Strategies.
- Expanding outdoor recreation opportunities.
- Investing in science and research to inform decisions regarding fish, wildlife and habitat.
- Restoring healthy ecosystems.
- Connecting youth, families, diverse and underserved communities to the outdoors.
- Helping all Oregonians take voluntary, proactive steps to conserve and protect fish, wildlife and habitat for future generations.

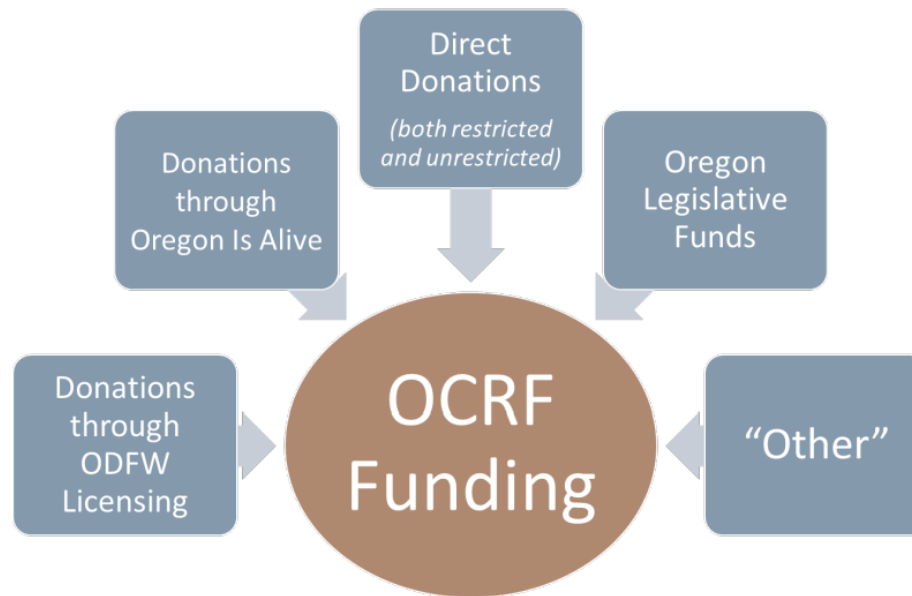
Outdoor Equity



The OCF is dedicating a significant portion of the available funds to this purpose and will work with these audiences and stakeholders to identify and fund opportunities and projects that mutually support the interests, the intersection, and engagement of underserved communities.

OCRF Drought Funding Planning

A successful example of a public-private partnership, where state General Funds have been used to leverage and match private donations



With recent investments by the Oregon Legislature and Private donations the OCRF is planning on granting approximately \$5 million in 2022/2023

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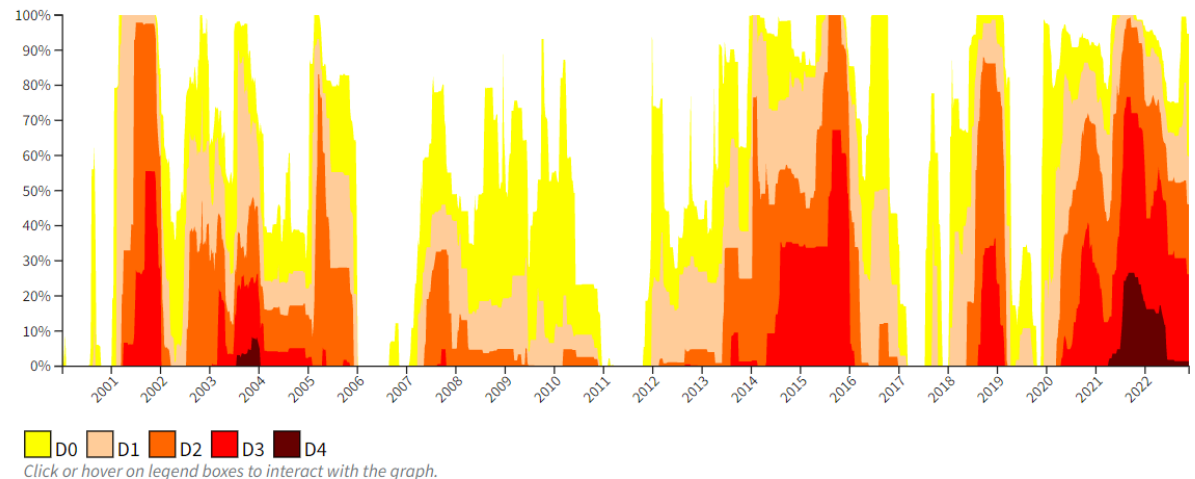


\$4 million in 2022 Legislative Session

Funding Goals:

- *Enhance ecosystem resilience*
- *Protect and enhance habitats and species in drought impacted areas*
- *Promote awareness of and impacts from drought and a changing climate.*

Latest Available Data: 2022-11-22



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- Updated **project insurance guidelines**.

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Native fish, wildlife and their habitat

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HOW THE COMMITTEE WILL EVALUATE PROPOSALS

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- **Clarity of the proposal** – well presented, organized and with clear deliverables. Clear budget.
- **Cost efficiency of the proposed actions** – the Committee seeks projects that maximize the use of funds to achieve the stated outcomes and will consider the reasonable application of administrative costs. *The OCRF Advisory Board has recently placed a 20% rate cap on indirect / administrative fees that can be applied to application budgets.*
- **Timeliness and/or have the necessary approvals in place** – the Committee seeks projects that will be implemented quickly
- **Outdoor Equity** - How well projects engage Oregonians in the solution to a key conservation issue or in recreational opportunities that reach out to and engage people who have not participated in the past because of language barriers, financial barriers, access barriers, etc.
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- **Measurability** – the applicant has identified the ability to quantify the results of the project
- **Project outcomes align with OCRF Program Priorities identified in the Expenditure Framework** and are consistent with the Oregon Conservation Strategy
 - Addresses the types of diversity identified in the Portfolio Metrics (see below section)
 - Integration/intersectionality between conservation and recreation
 - Connection to ODFW needs, missions, and recommendations
 - "Highest Priority" Areas

Informational webinars will be held to answer any application questions on February 17th at 1:00pm and March 10th at 1:00pm. Web connection information to follow.

For more information, please see the official [scoring criteria document](#).

Expenditure Portfolio

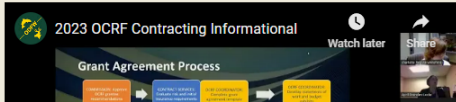
The OCRF Advisory Committee seeks to make multiple, diverse expenditures. The below list is an informal characterization of the metrics the OCRF Advisory Committee will consider to ensure that the suite of projects they select are diverse enough to represent the breadth of work the Committee can support.

- Diverse geography (east/west, north/south, urban/rural, OCS ecoregions)
- Diverse taxonomically (fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds, mammals, invertebrates)
- Diverse representation of program priorities (see Expenditure Framework)
- Diverse partners engaged & included in the overall portfolio
- Directly engages Oregonians in the solution to a key conservation issue or in recreational opportunities that reach out to and engage people who have not participated in the past because of language barriers, financial barriers, access barriers, etc.

For more information, please review the [Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee's Expenditure Framework](#)

2023 OCRF Contracting Informational

Online webinar from ODFW staff describing the process of receiving a contract for awarded projects.




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Written Project Proposal Form

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Please follow ALL instructions within this written project proposal form. Failure to follow instruction could result in your proposal being disqualified for funding by the Program Coordinator. Each section has a series of questions, page limits, and word limits. Text font should be standard and legible (e.g., Ariel, Times New Roman, Calibri) and no smaller than size 11. Page format should be standard with 1" margins and no less than 1.0 line spacing (i.e., standard single spacing). Additional attachments are not allowed to be submitted as part of the project proposal. However, photos, graphs, or other materials can be included in a section as long as page limits of that section are not exceeded by the visual media[s] addition.

Once completed, the written project proposal can be emailed as a word document or as a PDF to odfw.ocrf@odfw.oregon.gov before 11:59pm on March 27th, 2023.

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Winter 2023 - OCRF Project Proposal Online Questionnaire

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Questions can be referred to the Fund Coordinator Dr. Charlotte Whitefield at the Department of Fish and Wildlife via email: odfw.ocrf@odfw.oregon.gov or by phone: 541-961-8421.

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Please address any questions to :

Charlotte R.Whitefield, Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund Coordinator

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