

Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund



Supporting projects that implement the Oregon Conservation Strategy and create new opportunities for wildlife watching, urban conservation, community science, and other wildlife-associated recreation.



The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) has flourished within the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) since its creation by the Oregon Legislature in 2019. Now with its program sunset removed, the OCRF is well-positioned to continue to serve statewide conservation and recreation needs by providing timely, effective, and equitable funding. Moving forward, ODFW will continue to use the OCRF to invest in community led projects that connect Oregonians to the natural world and increase equity for undeserved communities of people, plants, and animals.

108 projects supported across Oregon's **8 Ecoregions**

\$3million awarded Statewide with an average of **\$30,000 per project**

94 Organizations received funding and developed over **200 Project Collaborations**

\$900,000 in Donations have been used to leverage **State General Fund**

The OCRF Program Focuses Investments on:

Connecting youth, families, diverse and underserved communities with the outdoors.

Engaging Oregonians in the science and research needed to improve our understanding of Oregon's diverse species.

Restoring healthy ecosystems to benefit Oregon's fish and wildlife and improve the health of our environment for future generations.



Learn more about the coalition of organizations, businesses, and wildlife and recreation enthusiasts that support the OCRF and how ODFW works to implement the Oregon Conservation Strategy and connect people with the outdoors through the OCRF.

<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/OCRF/>

Ongoing public support for the OCRF Program and its projects shows that Oregonians care about preserving the wildlife and natural spaces that makes Oregon so special



Guardians at Whitaker Ponds

Portland-Metro Based Nonprofit with Nature Focused Programing Statewide

“When we went to Camp Westwind, it was more than an overnight camp to me. It was a full circle moment for me. I went there for the first time as a child. A camp representative literally knocked on our door, trying to find Black girls to go to camp and integrate it. A lot of people were afraid to send their children, but I really wanted to go though I had no idea of what to expect. That experience changed my life and cemented my love of nature. Decades later, I returned with 69 other BIPOC individuals and shared the Westwind experience with them, because of a grant from OCRF. That weekend was magical, educational, and created memories for all of us. Thank you for investing in the BIPOC community!”

People of Color Outdoors: *Pamela Slaughter, Executive Director*

Plover Patrol Program

Volunteer Intuitive to Recover the Threatened Western Snowy Plover on the Coast

“The support from OCRF has really helped our ability to develop a robust community science program. We’ve recruited and trained dozens of interested members of the public to contribute important data that is informing conservation and management efforts of this imperiled species.

This collaboration allowed volunteers to locate and protect the nests of over 60 nesting Snowy Plovers throughout the North Coast this past year.”

Portland Audubon: *Allison Anholt, Coastal Community Science Biologist*



Photo credit: Mick Thompson



Boulder Creek Wilderness

Roseburg Based Nonprofit for Veterans Focused on Trail Stewardship

“Our work in the Umpqua National Forest is an opportunity for veterans to connect with the community and break isolation. This work became even more urgent because we are working along the most popular long-distance trail which has sustained major damage due to wildfires. Our trail work on public lands addresses some of the major challenges the veteran population faces such as PTSD, depression, and suicide that are attributed to a lack of purpose. Our OCRF-funded project, in the Boulder Creek Wilderness area, has positively impacted the lives of the participants. This is what a post-9/11 veteran has opened up and shared: “...raising my son and being a part of this project are the only two things that have kept me from taking my life over the past 1 1/2 years. I’ve contemplated it numerous times but couldn’t ever admit it, until now.””

Source One Serenity: *Elena Lininger, Co-Founder*

Oregon’s Future Belongs To All

Anyone can be a conservationist

