

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1:00pm – 4:00pm



***Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund***  
**Advisory Committee Meeting**

*Virtual Meeting*



*Agenda Item 1:*

***Review and Approve Meeting Minutes***

*(January 7<sup>th</sup> 2025)*

# Draft Motion Templates re: Minutes

I move to approve the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes with the continued authority to correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

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*Agenda Item 2:*

**Round 8 Fall 2024 Summary Stats**

***Reva Gillman, OCRF Grant Coordinator***

# Fall 2024 Call for Proposals – Round 8

*Closed October 29<sup>th</sup> 2024*

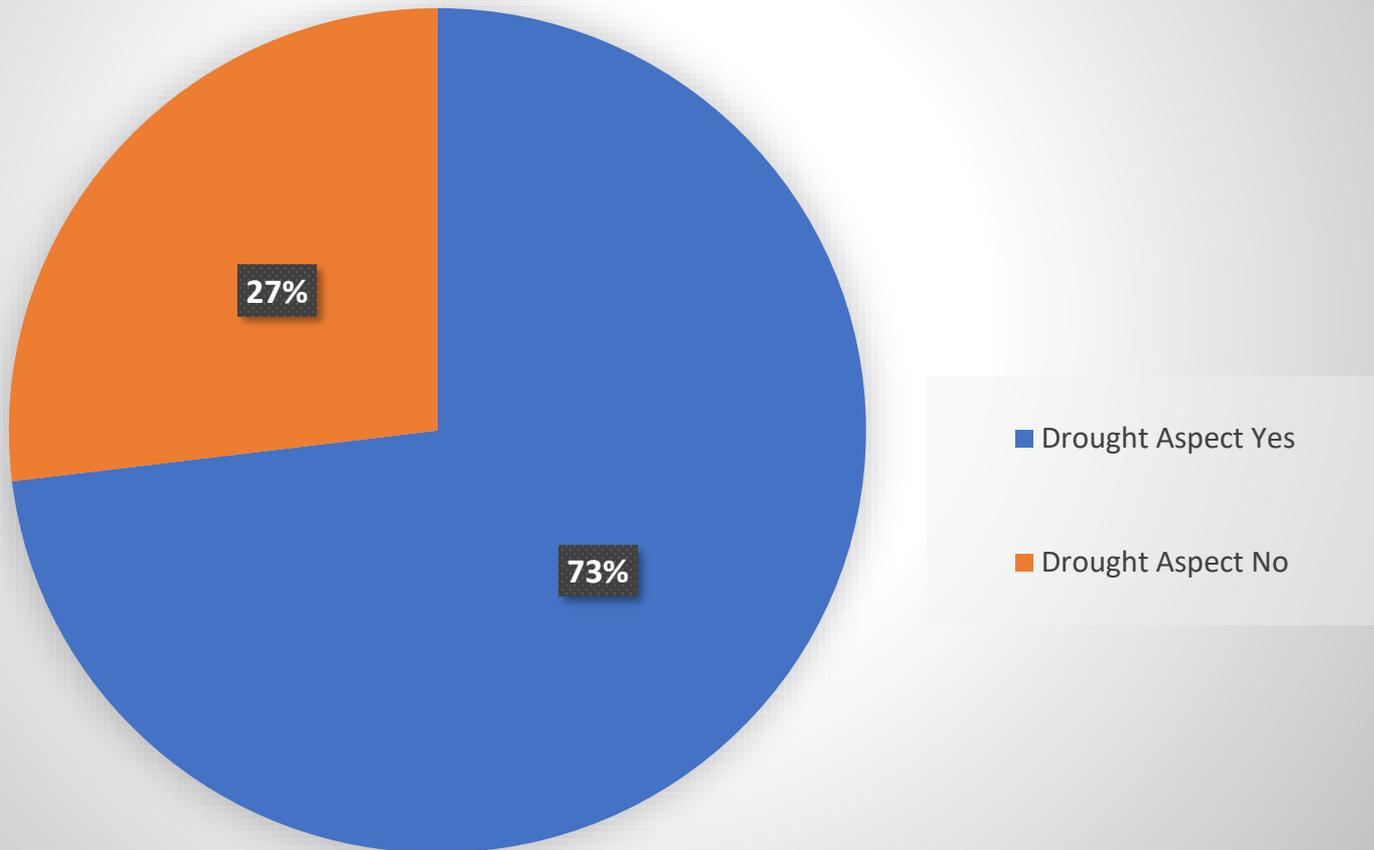
**52 complete project proposals submitted:**

- **\$2,824,177 – Total Requested Funds (\$2,312,423 drought)**
- **\$ 54,311 – Average Request**
  
- **ODFW Staff Technical Review, and**
- **OCRF Advisory Committee Review of projects is complete**
  
- **OCRF has two funding buckets this round:**
  - **Drought Funding (about \$800,000 to award) Project Maximum: \$100,000**
  - **Non-Drought Funds (about \$200,00 to award) Project Maximum: \$50,000**

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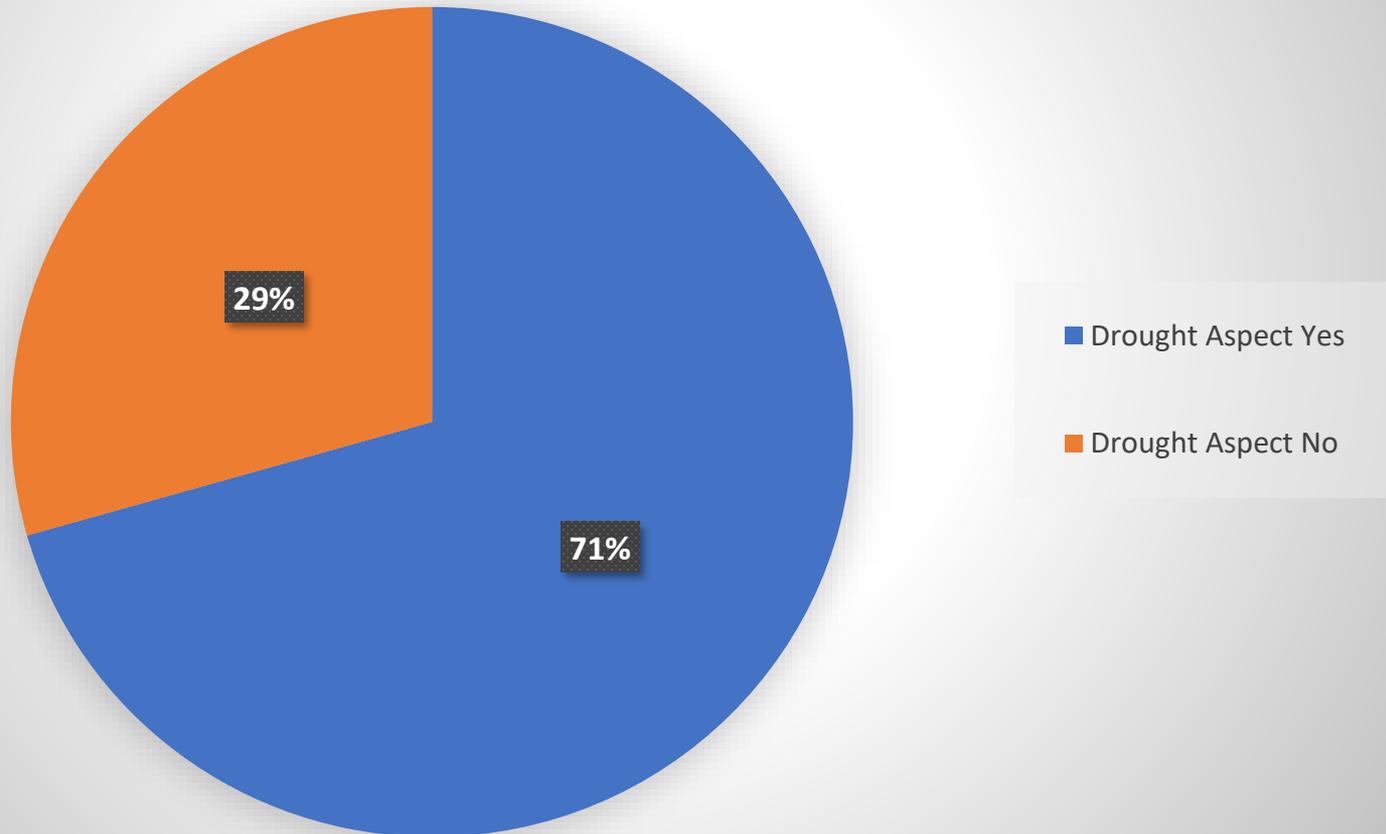
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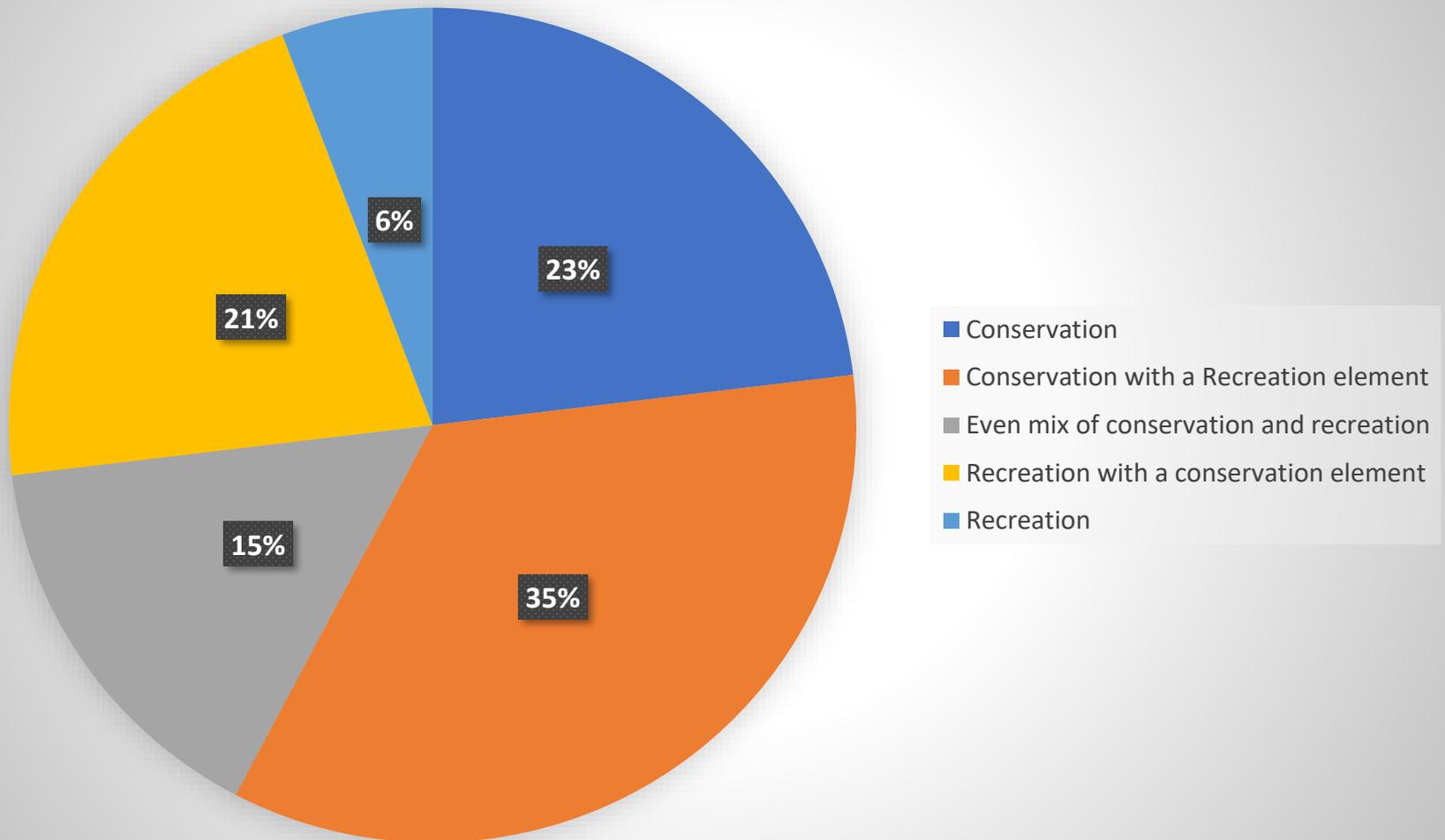
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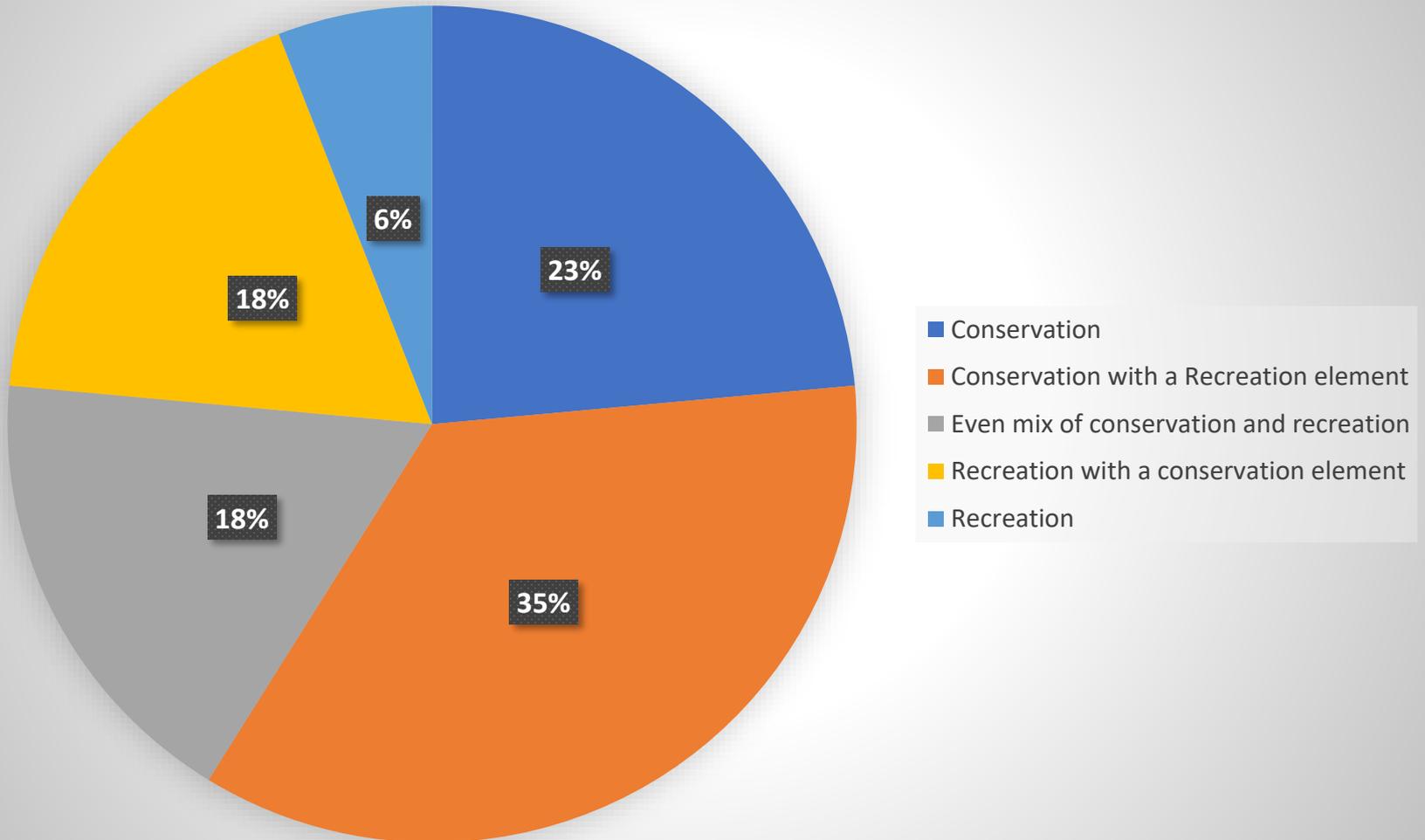
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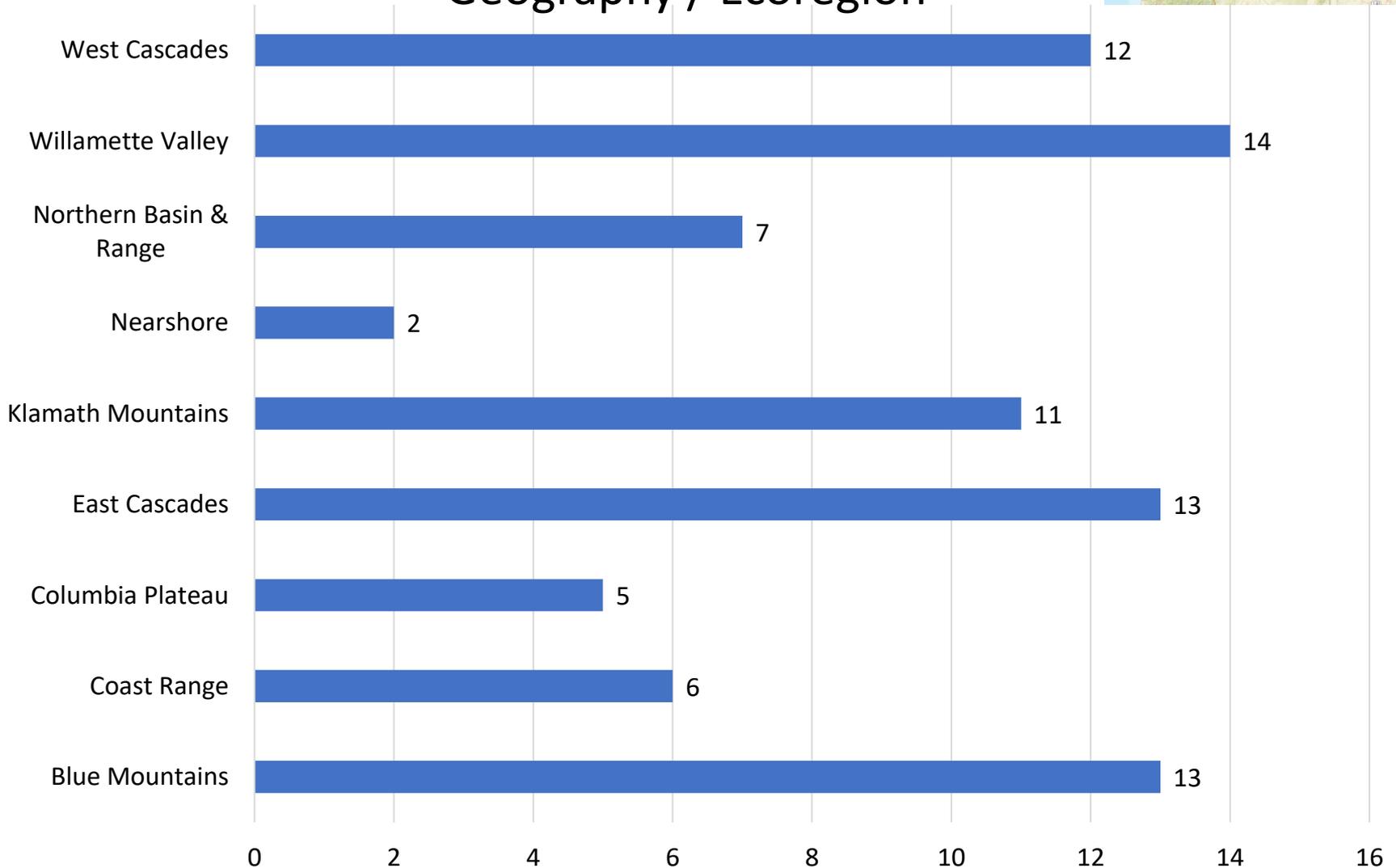
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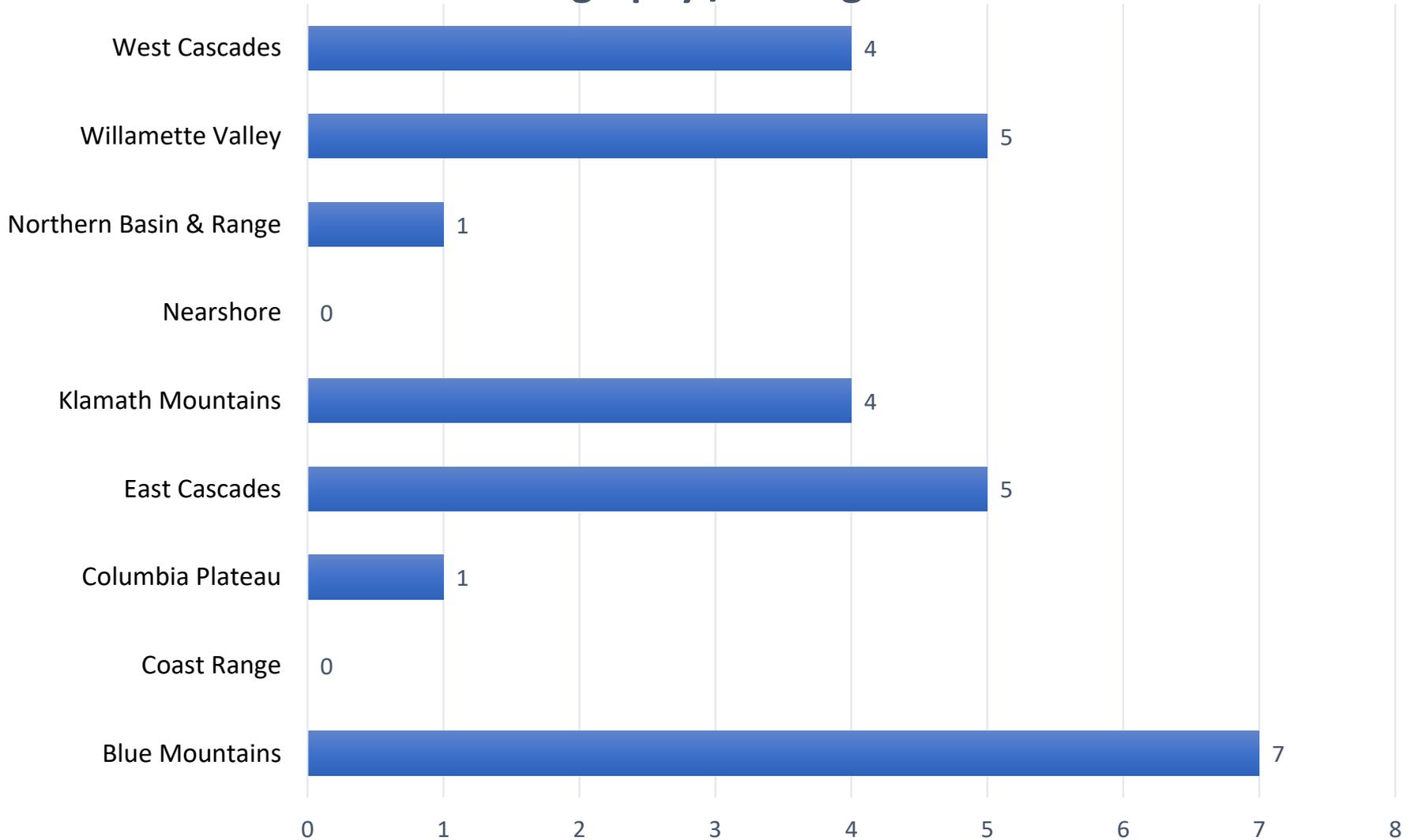
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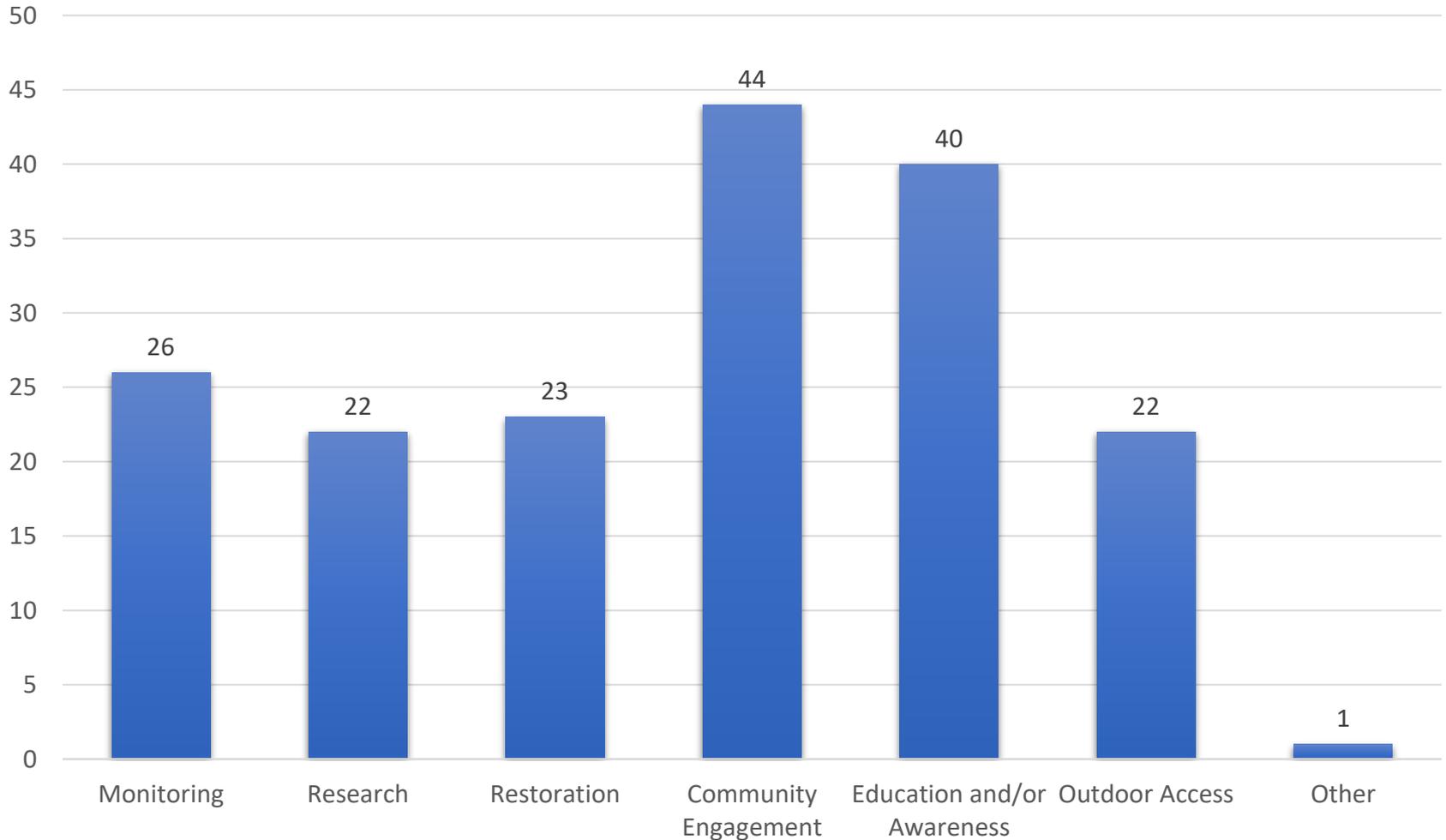
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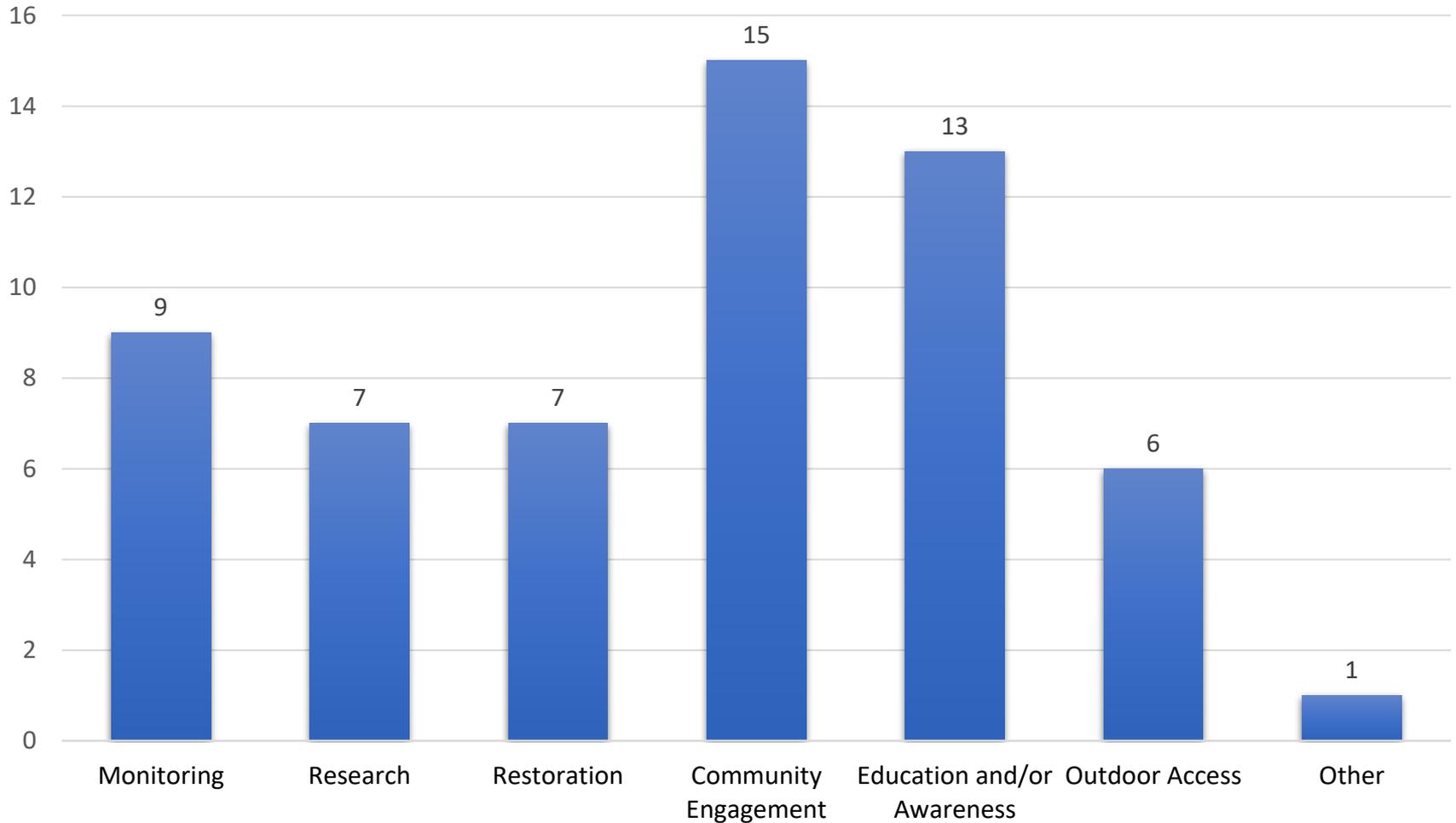
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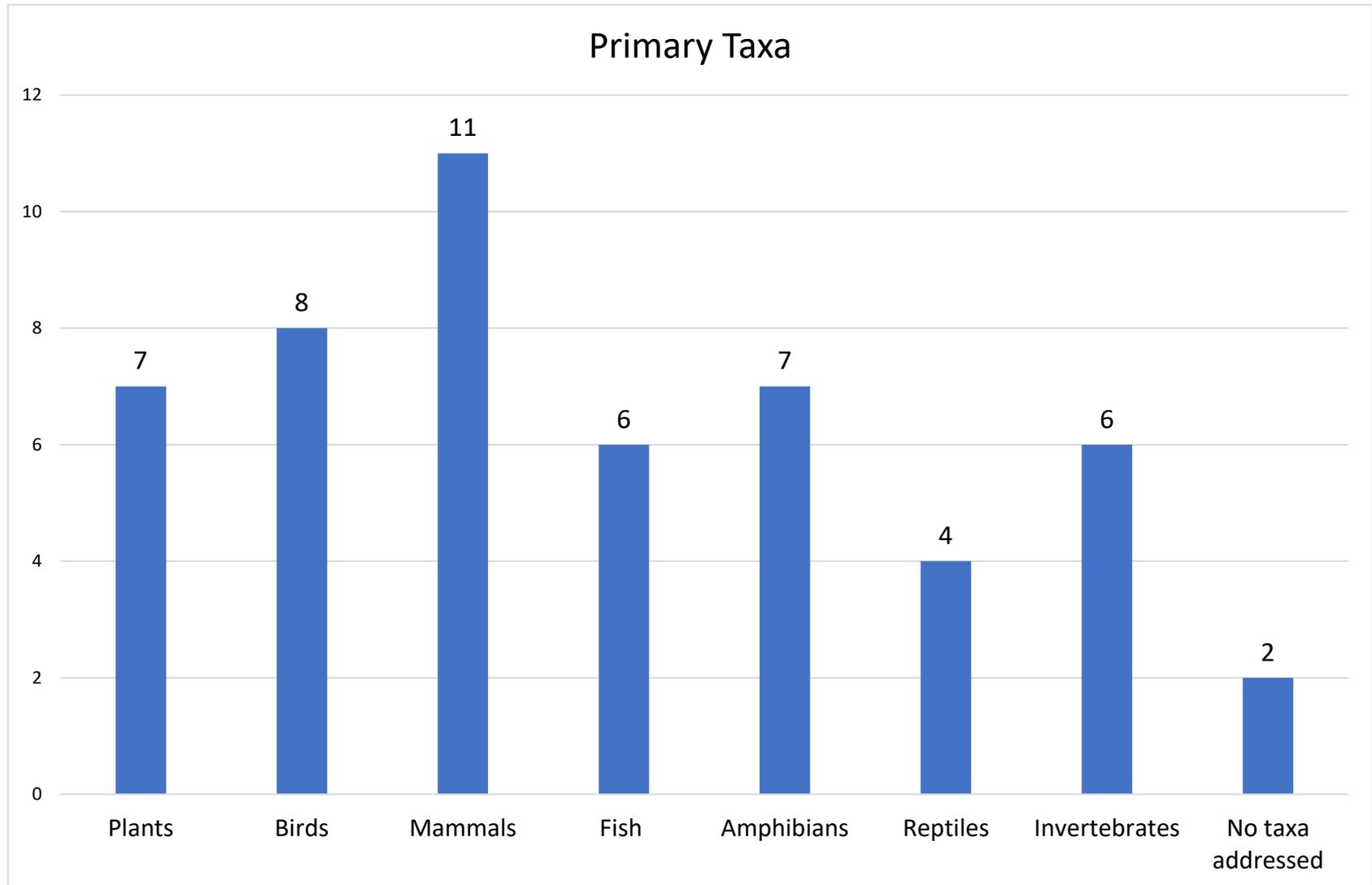
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# OCRF Fall 2024 RFP - Timeline

**Request for Proposals (RFP) – Open August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*Official RFP Guidance made public (open for 60 days)*

**Request for Proposals (RFP) – Close October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Technical Review Period – Nov 12<sup>th</sup> to Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**OCRF Advisory Committee Review Period – Dec 18<sup>th</sup> to Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*(Release in November – more lead time)*

**OCRF Advisory Committee Recommendations – Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting**

**ODFW Commission Voting – March 14, 2025**

**Release of funds following contracting process – May 2025**

# OCRF Donations

- ELS/POS: \$581,987
- Corporate/ Private Donations: \$1,305,642

Large Donors (THANK YOU!):  
The Nature Conservancy (400K),  
Trout Creek Ranch (150K)  
OR Wildlife Foundation (90K)

ELS / POS = Includes donations from Electronic  
Licensing System, Point of Sales

# OCRFBudget Update – Feb '25

- **Base Program: \$866,428**
  - Calculated using (21-23 ending fund balance) + (23-25 revenue to date) – (allocated to projects)
    - $\$892,343 + \$1,149,744 - \$1,175,659 = \$866,428$
  - Does not include interest or remaining ELS donations of 23-25
- **Drought Package: \$1,605,689**
  - Calculated using (21-23 ending fund balance) – (Admin costs) – (Allocated to projects)
  - $\$4,607,643 - \$80,000 - \$2,921,954 = \$1,605,689$
- **ARPA: \$0**
  - All Federal ARPA funds have been committed to projects
- **Wildlife Crossing Lottery Bonds: \$ 5 million**
  - Lottery Bond Sale scheduled for March 2025

Admin Costs	80,000
Current Committed Projects	2,921,954

Other (held by Oregon Wildlife Foundation): Oregon is Alive ~ \$30,000

*Agenda Item 3:*

**Round 8 Fall 2024: Selection of  
Recommended Projects**

Proj #	Project Title	Lead Organization	Geography/ Ecoregion	Project Classification	Drought Aspects	Requested Funds	Raw Score	Rank Sum
26	Madrone Ridge Project: Protecting biodiversity and the drinking water of Ashland, Oregon	Western Rivers Conservancy	Klamath Mountains	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	Yes	\$50,000	146	2
37	Phase 1: Camp Creek Wet Meadow and Aquatic Resiliency Project	Trout Unlimited	Blue Mountains	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$99,153	141	4
45	Supporting fisher ( <i>Pekania pennanti</i> ) conservation and recovery: Completion of an Implementation Plan to direct a reintroduction of fishers to the southern Oregon Cascades	Oregon State University	Klamath Mountains; West Cascades	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$50,000	138	4
49	Universal Design Trail at Finn Rock Boat Landing	McKenzie River Trust	West Cascades	Recreation with a Conservation element	Yes	\$49,995	137	4
15	Exploring and Learning in the Columbia Slough Watershed	Columbia Slough Watershed Council	Willamette Valley	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	Yes	\$50,000	137	5
3	Bend to Suttle Lake Wildlife Crossing Initiative	Oregon Wildlife Foundation	East Cascades	Conservation	Yes	\$100,000	135	5
14	Evaluating stream temperature heterogeneity and thermal buffering capacity resulting from different river restoration methods	University of Idaho	Blue Mountains	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$100,000	134	5
27	Maternity and Winter Roosts of Myotis Species and Seasonal Activity Patterns of Bats in Dry Forests of Northeast Oregon	US Forest Service	Blue Mountains	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$55,500	134	5
47	The distribution and resilience of American pikas under changing climate conditions in the central Oregon Cascades	Oregon State University	East Cascades; West Cascades	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$95,676	133	5
28	Mitigating the Effects of Drought by Restoring Floodplain Systems: Low-Cost and Accessible Methods for Monitoring At-Risk Amphibians	Oregon State University	Blue Mountains	Conservation	Yes	\$96,582	132	5

46	The Audible Bats Project	Northwest Bat Hub	Blue Mountains; Columbia Plateau; East Cascades; Klamath Mountains; Northern Basin & Range; Willamette Valley	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$49,996	141	6	
38	Pine Creek Conservation Area Spring and Mesic Habitat Restoration	Oregon Natural Desert Association	Blue Mountains	Conservation	Yes	\$32,550	139	6	Sum \$829,452
52	Willamette Valley Wetland Conservation and Management Program	Ducks Unlimited Inc.	Willamette Valley	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$67,000	125	6	
31	Northern red-legged frog ( <i>Rana aurora aurora</i> ) use of a dedicated under-road crossing and adjacent upland habitat	Portland State University	Coast Range; Willamette Valley	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$49,991	140	7	
21	Impacts of wildfire on Lewis's woodpecker reproduction	Cal Poly Humboldt	East Cascades	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$43,030	138	7	
29	Nature connection through conservation and education	The Crest	Coast Range; West Cascades	Recreation with a Conservation element	Yes	\$75,000	130	7	
32	Ochoco Preserve Restoration and Recreation Phase 3	Deschutes Land Trust	Blue Mountains	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	Yes	\$100,000	128	7	
1	Avian response to wildfire and post-fire land management in the Oregon Cascades	Oregon State University	West Cascades	Conservation	Yes	\$89,925	137	8	
39	Public Access at Pioneer Park West for a Renewed Klamath River	Klamath River Renewal Corporation	Klamath Mountains	Recreation with a Conservation element	Yes	\$35,000	134	8	
36	Owyhee River Spring Raft Expedition: Empowering Hispanic and Underserved Leaders in Malheur County	Friends of the Owyhee	Northern Basin & Range	Recreation with a Conservation element	Yes	\$43,000	128	8	
8	Determining Western Yellow Rail Distribution and Drought Resilience of Shallow Wetland Habitats in the Pacific Northwest	Oregon State University	East Cascades; Northern Basin & Range	Conservation	Yes	\$43,143	135	9	

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4	Bring it Outside - Rivulets to Rivers: Wonders of Our Watershed Edition	Hike it Baby dba OutGrown	Willamette Valley	Recreation	No	\$49,900	140	2	
40	Relevant and Authentic Engagement for ODFW with Urban populations	ODFW	Willamette Valley	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	No	\$23,585	133	2	
20	Immersive River Access Project	Adventures Without Limits	East Cascades;Willamette Valley;West Cascades	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	\$50,000	142	3	
41	Reproductive success of oak-associated bird species of conservation concern to assess value of oak restoration for bird habitat	Klamath Bird Observatory	Klamath Mountains	Conservation	No	\$24,996	134	3	
30	Nature in Focus: A Rural Community Science Initiative	High Desert Museum	Blue Mountains;East Cascades	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	\$49,586	124	3	Sum: \$198,067
33	Oregon Adaptive Sports Paddlesports Strategic Programmatic Expansion	Oregon Adaptive Sports	East Cascades	Recreation	No	\$20,000	123	3	
22	Investigating the Role of First Food Pollinators in Maintaining Culturally Significant Plants and Highlighting Their Importance to Oregon Wildlife	Oregon State University	Blue Mountains; Columbia Plateau	Conservation with a Recreation element	No	\$49,999	119	3	
24	Linn County Salmon Watch	South Santiam Watershed Council	Willamette Valley	Recreation	No	\$28,750	123	4	
48	Tufted Puffin Social Attraction Experiment and Community Outreach	The National Audubon Society's Seabird Institute ('Audubon')	Nearshore	Conservation with a Recreation element	No	\$25,998	117	4	
17	Hatch to Home, Fish Eggucation	Partnership for the Umpquarivers	Klamath Mountains	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	\$10,440	117	6	

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Project Scores and Rankings - Non-Drought

11	Discovery of species diversity in Oregon's gophers (Rodentia: Geomyidae)	Portland State University	Coast Range; East Cascades; Klamath Mountains; Nearshore;Willamette Valley; West Cascades	Conservation	No	\$50,000	116	6
7	CTUIR Tribal Hunter Education-- Field School	Pandion Institute	Blue Mountains	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	\$28,500	112	6
16	Fix salmon issue in Columbia river for good	Salmon Protection Device	Columbia Plateau	Conservation	No	\$50,000	27	6
43	Shift Community Cycles-Friends of Trees Youth Bike Planting Project	Shift Community Cycles	Willamette Valley	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	\$50,000	76	8

# Draft Motion : Selection of Recommended Projects (Drought Projects)

“I hereby move to approve the top ranked 12 Drought Projects from the OCRF Round 8 Fall 2024 RFP, totaling \$829,452 in expenditure from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund.”

# Draft Motion : Selection of Recommended Projects (non-drought)

“I hereby move to approve the top ranked 5 non-drought projects from the OCRF Round 8 Fall 2024 RFP, totaling \$198,067 in expenditure from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund.”

## *Agenda Item 4:*

**OCRFB Project Presentation:** Trout Unlimited to present on “Sheep Creek Stewardship” project.

Noel March, Trout Unlimited

*Agenda Item 5:*  
***Public Comment***

## *Agenda Item 6:*

# ***Break***

*(Please be back in 10 min)*

## *Agenda Item 6:*

### **OCRFB Communications Planning Update**

*Agenda Item 7:*  
***RFP Future Planning***

# RFP Future Planning – Spring 25

- Spring 2025 RFP – Total Award Amount
  - 800,000 drought ? 200,000 base program?
- Discussion on maximum grant request
  - 100,000 drought projects?
  - 50,000 non-drought projects?

*Agenda Item 8:*

***Meeting Wrap Up and Next Steps***

Next Meeting: March 6<sup>th</sup>