

Project Completion Report  
Grant number 3022-22

## **Expenditure Report**

The final obligation and expenditures for this grant including indirect, was \$50,000.

The Mid-Willamette Beaver Partnership (MWBP) made significant progress toward realizing the objectives outlined in this scope of work. The granting period included funds for staff time to conduct field verification surveys; staff time for landowner and land manager outreach; staff time to participate in MWBP coordination; and supplies and materials to support field work and outreach. The focus included working between partners, increasing community awareness and engagement, conducting field work and identifying potential areas for beaver-based restoration (BBR). Activities occurred in Benton, Linn, Marion and Polk counties using both OCRF funds and matching funds.

**Detailed Expenditures** are provided on the next page.

## **Project Status Update**

During the granting period, the MWBP successfully completed field verification in all 5 partner watersheds. The Calapooia and South Santiam surveys were funded through ORCF, while surveys in the Marys, Luckiamute and North Santiam were funded through an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) grant. Results from these surveys were submitted to partners at Utah State University, where a beaver habitat model specifically calibrated to these 5 mid-Willamette basin watersheds will be completed. We anticipate having this updated model in hand by mid-July, 2024. This fulfills Objective 1.

The MWBP conducted extensive interviews and focus groups with representatives of key interest groups in the interest of understanding current sentiments about beaver activity, beaver coexistence, and BBR. This work, funded by an OWEB grant, will help inform ongoing community level outreach, as well as help us target our BBR prioritization and planning efforts. Funds for the Calapooia and South Santiam to engage in this work were from OCRF. This work will be finalized upon receipt of the beaver habitat model (see above), fulfilling Objective 2. One unforeseen outcome of this work is that the public works departments in the participating counties are now meeting regularly to share information and experiences related to beaver activity and coexistence.

Funds received from the OCRF supported engagement with subject matter experts to help MWBP partners grow and deepen their knowledge base around BBR and related topics. These interactions have strengthened our work and helped build connections between state and federal agencies. This fall, MWBP partners will attend and present at the biennial international conference, BeaverCON, held this year in Denver, CO. OCRF funds were matched by other funds to fulfill Objective 3.

Over the last year, MWBP has worked with a design team to create a website that will serve as both an outreach tool and resource to practitioners, landowners and managers, interested parties, and folks encountering conflict with beaver activity. While the website has had its soft launch, we will soon be migrating it its own domain with more robust tools for visitors seeking information or resources. In the South Santiam, a demonstration site is in progress that, once complete, will showcase low-tech beaver

coexistence tools that are both economical and easy to deploy. These projects are all informed by engagement work completed with a combination of OCRF and OWEB funds. This fulfills Objective 4.

### **Promoting Equitable Outcomes and Providing Community Outreach**

The project design intends to collect information at a landscape and community level to work toward solutions that benefit everyone who lives in the areas we serve. However, our information-seeking was largely conducted with people who live with, respond to, or mitigate for, beaver and beaver activity and this excludes some portion of community members. For the habitat model calibration surveys, we necessarily worked with people who own land along waterways in each of the target basins. This led us to provide information to and seek feedback from a subset of people living in the areas we serve who have the financial and ancestral means to purchase or retain land. We also incorporated volunteers into the field work component, recognizing that folks who are able to volunteer are those who have leisure time and the means to do so. However, volunteers also act as a conduit to provide information to larger groups of people that we don't contact directly. Our focus groups targeted a range of people who interact with beaver or beaver activity including landowners, public works, trappers, agriculturists and timber interests. While these interests are fairly broad and we sought to include participants with a variety of perspectives, participants were largely representative of dominant culture.

That said, we are seeking to share the information we have learned with a broad and diverse audience by building a user-friendly website with a flowchart to direct visitors to information that pertains to their unique needs and interests. We are hosting public events at no charge to share information and resources to people who may not live with beaver but who may have interest or be affected by beaver activities. Finally, we are seeking to use the beaver habitat model to promote restoration work in areas that will be durable both in terms of ecological uplift and social acceptance. Long term, the habitat restoration that we pursue as a result of the work funded by OCRF during the reporting period will help sustain healthy communities by mitigating impacts of climate change to water quality, water quantity, and increased wildfire.

**Expense Tracking for OCRF Grant 302-22**

Date	Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Salary Wages Benefits	Contracted Services	Materials and Supplies	Travel	Indirect Costs	TOTALS
			<b>13,295.00</b>	<b>30,240.00</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>870.00</b>	<b>4,545.00</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>
08/31/2022	Bonneville Environmental Foundation {V}	8688		1,970.25		30.57		2,000.82
08/31/2022	Richardson Payroll+taxes		242.88					242.88
09/13/2022	Bonneville Environmental Foundation {V}	8726		832.50		70.00		902.50
09/30/2022	Bonneville Environmental Foundation {V}	8788		277.50				277.50
09/30/2022	Richardson Payroll+taxes		220.13					220.13
10/28/2022	Luckiamute Watershed Council	3707		10,091.00				10,091.00
10/31/2022	Bonneville Environmental Foundation {V}	8816		27.75				27.75
10/31/2022	Richardson Payroll+taxes		252.16					252.16
12/30/2022	Richardson Payroll+taxes		88.05					88.05
01/23/2023	Mapright.com				556.80			556.80
01/31/2023	Bonneville Environmental Foundation {V}	9038		65.50				65.50
01/31/2023	Richardson Payroll+taxes		84.53					84.53
02/03/2023	US Postal Service				124.35			124.35
02/27/2023	Marys River Watershed Council	3729		352.00				352.00
02/28/2023	Richardson Payroll+taxes		485.14					485.14
03/31/2023	Richardson Payroll+taxes		221.38					221.38
4/1/2023	mileage (actual 3/22/23)					41.24		41.24
7/31/2023	mileage (actual 3/22/23)					136.90		136.90
4/28/2023	Richardson Payroll+taxes		88.55					88.55
5/31/2023	Richardson Payroll+taxes		503.67					503.67
7/31/2023	Richardson Payroll+taxes		786.20					786.20
7/31/2023	Bonneville Environmental Foundation	9475		4,068.13				4,068.13

