



Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund

Supporting projects that help implement the Oregon Conservation Strategy and create new opportunities for wildlife-associated conservation, education, and recreation.

The **Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund** (OCRF) has flourished within the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife since its creation by the Oregon Legislature in 2019. The OCRF is well-positioned to continue to serve statewide conservation and recreation needs by providing funding timely, effectively, and equitably. Moving forward, the OCRF will continue to invest in community-led projects that connect Oregonians to the natural world and increase equity for underserved communities of humans, plants, and animals.



**140
PROJECTS**

supported across
Oregon's
8 Ecoregions



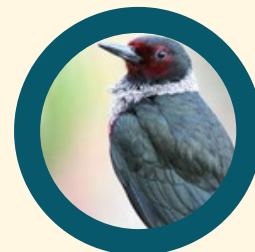
**\$5 million
AWARDED**

statewide with
an average of
**\$35,000 per
project**



**96
GROUPS**

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



**\$1.3 million
DONATED**

has been used to
leverage the
**State General
Fund**



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



GROWING

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



Learn more about the OCRF coalition of partner organizations and businesses that work to implement the Oregon Conservation Strategy and connect people with the outdoors.



Oregon's Future Belongs to All

Your support for conserving wildlife, habitat, and connecting people with nature shows that Oregonians care about preserving the wildlife and natural spaces that makes Oregon so special.



People of Color Outdoors

Portland- Metro Based Nonprofit with Nature-Focused Programming 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!”

-Pamela Slaughter, Executive Director



Plover Patrol Program: Portland Audubon

Coastal Volunteer Initiative to Recover the Threatened Western Snowy Plover

“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.”

-Allison Anholt, Coastal Community Science Biologist

Anyone Can Be a Conservationist



Oregon Natural Desert Association

South Fork Crooked River - Community Driven Restoration Work

“OCRF Funding quite frankly makes the difference between these projects happening or not happening. OCRF funding has been the "seed" for attracting additional grants and for allowing us to do some more "daring" projects which have provided important "proof of concept" results. For example, our OCRF-funded, beaver habitat restoration work, on a mile-long reach of the South Fork Crooked River has helped change the dialog around management and restoration in the watershed: leading to projects and improvements with the potential to benefit nearly 20 adjacent miles of the river. OCRF funding provided trees and machinery, but this project goes to show that if you work it right, sometimes when you plant a tree, it grows into something more.”

-Jefferson Jacobs