



# R & E Grant Application 13 Biennium

Project #:  
13-069

## *Klamath Portable Fishing Ponds*

### ***Project Information***

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**R&E Project Request:** \$3,500.00  
**Match Funding:** \$1,000.00  
**Total Project:** \$4,500.00  
**Start Date:** 8/1/2014  
**End Date:** 6/30/2015  
**Project Email:** michael.r.harrington@oregon.state.us  
**Project Biennium:** 13 Biennium  
**Organization:** ODFW - Klamath Watershed District Office

### ***Applicant Information***

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### ***Past Recommended or Completed Projects***

| Number | Name  | Status    |
|--------|---|-----------|
| 07-074 | Prineville Fishing Pond                         | Completed |
| 09-010 | Angling Enhancement in the Ochoco Mountain Area | Completed |
| 09-280 | Crooked River redband genetic analysis          | Approved  |

### ***Project Summary***

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This project is part of ODFW's 25 Year Angling Plan.

**Activity Type:** Education

**Summary:** Our goal is to purchase two 14 ft. X 14 ft. portable fishing ponds; we hope to increase angler capacity, reduce waiting lines, stay dry, and put fish into kid's hands at the Klamath Kids Play Day and surrounding fairs. Portable ponds at community events give kids who might not normally get the opportunity, a chance to catch a fish. The Department sets up a portable pond at the Klamath Play Day annually; it is the most popular exhibit. We have historically used small, leaky ponds that result in long waiting lines and wet feet.

**Objectives:** Our primary goal is to provide kids a chance to catch a fish, with an emphasis on kids who will not likely be exposed to fishing without this opportunity. We want the

experience to be as positive as possible without a long wait and wet, muddy feet. The objective is to buy two heavy duty, storable, and easy to transport ponds. Two mid-sized ponds will provide us the flexibility to set up for small and large events. Klamath is an impoverished community and kids do not have opportunities to fish. This is the first fish caught by many participants, a lifelong memory that ODFW provides.

The secondary goal is to provide outreach. At Klamath Kids Play Day, the District has direct contact with several thousand potential constituents including children, parents, and grandparents. We hope to double annual outreach with an exhibit at surrounding fairs. Kids have the opportunity to learn casting and knot tying and parents learn about ODFW, our programs, and opportunities. This project is low cost and will directly benefit thousands of Oregon families annually.

**Fishery  
Benefits:**

One of the ultimate goals of a youth fishing event is to recruit new anglers to the sport as an eventual license holder. Artificial fishing ponds allow us to bring fishing to kids and families that are intimidated by the sport or by our typical youth fishing events; you cannot tell your kid no when the opportunity is right there. Many children may not have the opportunity to start fishing without an opportunity at a fair or outdoor sports show. Creating new license holder's increases revenues dedicated to the management and future of our fishery resources.

**Watershed  
Benefits:**

The goal is to recruit new anglers who will eventually contribute to fishery restoration with license dollars and an environmental ethic that supports healthy fish populations.

**Current  
Situation:**

The Klamath District was first requested to set up a fishing pond at the January, 2012 Klamath Kids Play Day event. The District did not have a pond and borrowed a firefighting pond that was eight feet in diameter; the pond had a three kid capacity with a one hour wait. In 2013 the District borrowed an additional fire fighting pond, however the event was eagerly anticipated and the wait was again one hour long. Anticipating long waits in 2014 the District borrowed a 14 ft. x 14 ft. pond from the Jefferson County Fair, lined with leaky visquine and a tarp. The pond had a 16-kid capacity, however long waits prevailed. We had nearly 1,000 kids fish the pond in 2014, and nearly every kid caught a fish. However, event planners have begged us to increase the size of our fishing pond every year to allow more kids to fish, many are turned off by long lines.

The pond at the Klamath Kids Play also provides great outreach, each kid is attached to at least one parent and often grandparents. Educational information is provided and we teach casting and knot tying. Additionally, the Klamath Falls community often feels hostile towards fish managers; our fishing exhibit results in happy children and it shows the benefits we can provide.

**Alternatives:**

The District considered three alternatives to the 14 ft. X 14 ft. portable ponds.

1. Eight-foot diameter firefighting ponds from the Oregon Department of Forestry.

- Three kid capacity.
- Require heavy rinsing to remove chemicals used in wildland firefighting.
- Participants have negative experience with long lines.

2. 14 ft. x 14 ft. Jefferson County Fair pond

- The Jefferson County fair board was reluctant to loan out their pond frame and would not sell it to us.
- 16 kid capacity.
- Leaky and event is held on dirt floor.
- Heavy and requires flatbed trailer for transport.
- Requires excessive travel to pick up and return.
- Travel eliminates the potential to expand to surrounding fairs.

3. Eliminate participation in events.

- Lose opportunity to recruit new anglers.
- Eliminate positive outreach.
- Dissapoint annual Kids Play Day participants.

**Designer:** Klamath District biologists, Klamath Hatchery staff, and Kids Play Day planners designed the project.

**Methods:** The project was designed based on experience from holding past events and from consulting Coos STEP, who has purchased similar ponds for fishing events.

**Inspector:** I & E staff and leadership will be encouraged to participate in the event and to inspect the equipment and teaching methods.

**Funding Elements:** Restoration and Enhancement funds will be used to purchase two 14 ft. X 14 ft. portable firefighting ponds, maintenance kit, two aerators, dip-nets, a dewatering/trash pump, and a hose. The Klamath Kids Play Day event has agreed to match \$1,000.

**Partners:** Yes  
Klamath Kids Play Day organizes our main event and will match \$1,000 to the purchase of the pond.

**Existing Plan:** No

**Affected Contacted:** No

**Affected Supportive:** Yes

**Affected Comments:** Klamath Kids Play Day has asked us to provide a larger water tight pond and has offered to provide match funding.

***Project Schedule/Participants/Funding***

| Activity                             | Date      | Participants |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| purchase equipment                   | 8/1/2014  | ODFW         |
| Lake County Fair youth fishing event | 8/30/2014 | ODFW & OHA   |
| Klamath Kids Play Day event          | 1/17/2015 | ODFW         |

**Affected Species:** Rainbow Trout

***Project Permits***

This project has no permits.

***Project Monitoring***

This project has no monitoring.

***Project Maintenance***

| Organization                           | Address   | Activity    | Frequency             |
|--|---|-------------|-----------------------|
| Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife | 1850 Miller Island Road Klamath Falls, OR 97603 | Maintenance | Every use or annually |



**Project Match Funding**

| Funding Source        | Cash       | In-Kind | Other  | Description          | Total      | Secured? | Conditions? | Comments |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|--------|----------------------|------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| R&E Request           | \$3,500.00 | \$0.00  | \$0.00 |                      | \$3,500.00 | No       | No          |          |
| Klamath Kids Play Day | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00  | \$0.00 |                      | \$1,000.00 | Yes      | No          |          |
|                       |            |         |        | Total Match Funding: | \$4,500.00 |          |             |          |

## Project Budget

| Item            | Item Type | Units | Unit Cost  | R&E Funds  | Match Funds   | Total      |
|-----------------|-----------|-------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| aerator         | Equipment | 2     | \$430.00   | \$860.00   | \$0.00        | \$860.00   |
| dewatering pump | Equipment | 1     | \$500.00   | \$500.00   | \$0.00        | \$500.00   |
| Dip nets        | Equipment | 4     | \$90.00    | \$360.00   | \$0.00        | \$360.00   |
| fire hose       | Equipment | 2     | \$115.00   | \$230.00   | \$0.00        | \$230.00   |
| Maintenance kit | Equipment | 1     | \$50.00    | \$50.00    | \$0.00        | \$50.00    |
| portable pond   | Equipment | 2     | \$1,250.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,000.00    | \$2,500.00 |
|                 |           |       |            |            | Total Budget: | \$4,500.00 |



**Applicant Signature Page**  
**Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program**  
(Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Applicants)

I hereby make an application for financial assistance under the terms and conditions of the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program as described in my project application. I acknowledge that:

- This proposal is an identified priority at the  district,  region, and/or  state level and has been identified as such in the application (check box for appropriate level).
- This proposal is consistent with any applicable goals, policies, rules, species or basin management plans adopted by the F&W Commission and this has been explained in the application.
- This proposal will not be used to cover, back fill, or fund shift elements that have been cut or defunded as part of agency budget reductions. Approved deferred maintenance or projects with division approval are exceptions.

I understand that if my project proposal is approved for Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Program funding, the following will apply:

- Applicants must sign an agreement containing the terms and conditions for the project implementation, release of funds, and documentation of completion. Non-compliance may impact future funding opportunities.
- The R&E Program will not pay for expenses which occur before the approved start date or after the end date.
- Funding is available one biennium only without prior authorization by the R&E Board.
- Applicant agrees to notify the R&E Program of all funds not needed for the project upon determination.
- Any inappropriate expenses using R&E funds will be corrected by the applicant immediately. By the close of the biennium any expenses exceeding, or not identified in, the grant approval will be reverted to a local cost code.
- Copies of all landowner, monitoring and maintenance agreements must be submitted to the R&E Program.
- Educational products resulting from projects are public domain.
- Information collected is subject to Oregon Public Records Law.
- As applicable, the project will be consistent with all federal, state, and local regulations, including the State Land Use Planning Goals & Local Land Use Plans, prior to any on the ground work.

By signing this application, I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information contained in the application are true, complete and accurate. If awarded funding the applicant agrees to follow all terms and conditions outlined in the agreement.

Project Title: Klamath Portable Fishing Ponds

Applicant Name: Michael Harrington Title: District Fish Biologist

Applicant Signature:  Date: March 27, 2014

**Manager Certification:**

To be completed by Watershed Manger, Hatchery Coordinator, Program Manager, or higher level manager.

- I concur with the statements above and the applicant has permission to request these funds.

Manger Name: BRUCE EDDY Title: East Region Mgr

Manager Signature:  Date: 3/27/14



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# **P.L.A.Y. Outdoors**

## **(Promoting Lifelong Activities for Youth)**

R&E Grant support,

The P.L.A.Y. wishes to offer their support to the purchase of fish ponds to be used in southern Oregon for youth activities. Over the past four years ODF&W has participated in our event in Klamath Falls. One of the most popular events at our event is your fishing pond but it has also been one where our youth are lined up for at times seems like hours for multiple reasons. With the purchase of 2 ponds we believe this will allow more youth to experience at least a chance of catching a fish at larger events and at smaller events one tank could be used saving on space and water usage. P.L.A.Y. is offering \$1,000 in matching funds to this project.

PLAY Outdoors was created in 2010 by a coalition of local groups, in Klamath Falls Oregon, with interests in the outdoors. The organizations' purpose is to introduce youth to outdoor activities, with an attempt to sway them from electronic devices and other unhealthy activities while promoting family oriented activities. While each group has its own goals and objectives we put them aside to focus on our youth.

Each year, for one Saturday in January, PLAY sponsors an event to engage our youth. All participating groups provide their own interactive activity or informational booth that signifies that group's goals and objectives while promoting safety and responsibility.

Our first event was held in January 2011 with over 820 youth and 890 adults passing through the door to visit the 30 plus events. In excess of 100 volunteers represented the various local groups ranging from; Mule Deer Foundation, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, Oregon Hunters Association, US Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Klamath County Mounted Horse Posse, Ducks Unlimited, Unlimited Pheasants, Lava Beds National Monument, 4-H and others. As you can see we have a wide variety of groups with different views. Over the years our event as grown to average 1,250 youth and 1,100 adult attendees.

The organization is facilitated by Ken Hand and ASAP which is a 501C3 non-profit organization. For more information contact: Ken Hand 541 281-2224 or [ken@muledeer.org](mailto:ken@muledeer.org)

**\* \* \* \* \* EVENTS INCLUDE \* \* \* \* \***

**Outdoor Safety & Survival, Shooting Sports Education, Fishing, Trapping, Contests, Camping Skills, Elk and Waterfowl Calling Instruction, Caving, Wildlife Identification, Build a Bird House and Many, Many More !!**

Thank you for your time.

Ken Hand  
President CEO ASAP