

Attachment 1. OWEB Notice of Funding Opportunity

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OWEB is now accepting online applications for the **Spring 2024 Open Solicitation Grant Offering**. These grants support voluntary efforts by Oregonians to protect and restore healthy watersheds—including actions supporting the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds and the Oregon Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. OWEB anticipates making a combined total of over \$12 million available through this solicitation for the following grant types:

- [Restoration](#) * (25% match is required)
- [Technical Assistance](#) (NEW: \$1 match is required; no cap on requests)
- [Engagement](#) (NEW: \$1 match is required)
- [Monitoring](#) (25% match is required)

New Online Application Form

OWEB developed new applications to reduce repetition, improve clarity, and update “i” button guidance to include the evaluation criteria. Additionally, metrics information will no longer be collected through the application and instead will be collected prior to OWEB issuing Grant Agreements for projects awarded by the Board.

To aid potential grantees and answer questions about the new application process, OWEB staff will offer a webinar for each application type. Each 90-minute webinar will be recorded and posted on OWEB’s YouTube page. In addition, OWEB staff will host office hours for the public to ask questions and seek clarification.

Trainings and office hours will be provided over Zoom for applicants as follows:

GRANT TYPE	WEBINAR	OFFICE HOURS
Technical Assistance	February 22, 2024 9:30-11 am	February 27, 2024 10-11 am
Restoration	February 29, 2024 9:30-11 am	March 5, 2024 1-2 pm
Monitoring	March 7, 2024 9:30-11 am	March 13, 2024 1-2 pm
Engagement	March 14, 2024 9:30-11 am	March 19, 2024 1-2 pm

Technical Assistance Grant Cap Removed

In response to rising costs, increasing project complexity, and more comprehensive permitting requirements, the \$75,000 cap on technical assistance application requests has been removed.

Match Requirements

Recognizing that matching funds are more difficult to obtain for Technical Assistance and Engagement projects, and that match is sometimes a barrier to participation in OWEB grants, the match requirement for these grant types has been reduced to \$1. The 25% match requirement for Restoration and Monitoring remains in place.

How to Apply

Grant applications are due by 5 pm on April 29, 2024, and must be submitted via [OWEB's online grant application](#). The OWEB Board plans to make grant awards at the October 2024 meeting.

Please click on the grant type of interest for application requirements and login information. If you already have an Online Application login, you may [access the application directly](#).

Funding

* Restoration grant applicants interested in pursuing funding from the [US Fish and Wildlife Service's National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant Program](#) should contact [Jillian McCarthy](#) (971-345-7016) to schedule a required pre-application consultation.

Funding is from Oregon Lottery revenue, federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and revenue from the sale of [Salmon License Plates](#).

Questions

If you have questions about applying for an OWEB grant, please [contact the Regional Program Representative](#) for your region. If you are new to OWEB and our grant program, please visit [OWEB's website](#).

Thank you for your interest in watershed restoration and protection!

Eric Williams Grant Program Manager



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