



Oregon Water Resources Development Program

Program Overview

Water is essential for economic growth and development, job creation, and the livelihoods of many farmers and ranchers across the state. In addition, water is necessary for fish and wildlife, recreation, and other instream purposes that are important to communities. Across Oregon, every place has its water challenges that, if left unaddressed, may increase in the future.

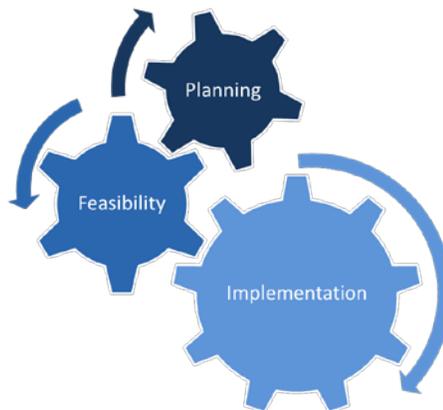
As recommended in Oregon's 2012 Integrated Water Resources Strategy, the Department's Water Resources Development Program seeks to help individuals and communities address instream and out-of-stream needs now and into the future, including water quantity, water quality and ecosystem needs.

The Water Resources Development Program will:

- Assist with overall coordination of data collection, planning and implementation efforts at different levels, across sectors and between agencies to develop solutions to address instream and out-of-stream water needs;
- Assist communities in understanding their water resources and developing integrated solutions to address water challenges;
- Provide improved access to technical, planning and financial assistance within the Department;
- Identify opportunities for the state to invest in and assist with implementation of water resources projects.

Available Funding

The Department currently has funding available to support planning, feasibility studies, and implementation of water projects. See the other side for details.



Timeline

2007 Legislature approves the *Oregon Water Supply Conservation Initiative* to forecast future demands, inventory conservation projects, and provide planning grants.

2008 Senate Bill 1069 establishes the *Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program* to assess the feasibility of water development projects.

2009 Legislature directs the Department to develop the *Integrated Water Resources Strategy* to understand and meet water needs.

2012 Water Resources Commission adopts Oregon's first *Integrated Water Resources Strategy*, which contains more than 40 water management recommendations.

2013 Senate Bill 839 establishes the *Water Supply Development Account* to provide loans and grants for water development projects.

2015 The Department releases *Draft Place-Based Planning Guidelines* to assist communities with integrated water planning at a watershed or basin scale.

2015 Legislature provides additional staff and funds to support the Water Resources Development Program.

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INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE FOLLOWING OPPORTUNITIES:

Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning



Place-based planning is a voluntary, locally initiated and led effort in which a balanced representation of water interests within a basin, watershed or groundwater area work in partnership with the state to: characterize current water resources and issues (water quantity, water quality, ecosystem health); understand current and future instream and out-of-stream water needs; identify and prioritize strategic solutions to address those needs; and, develop a place-based integrated water resources plan that informs the state strategy.

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Feasibility Study Grants



Once potential projects are identified, communities often find it difficult to secure funding to assess their viability. This fund addresses that need by providing grants to cover 50% of the cost of conducting feasibility studies for potential water conservation, storage and reuse projects. A feasibility study is an assessment of the practicality of a proposed project or plan and can be used to determine *if* and *how* a project should proceed to the implementation phase.

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Water Project Grants & Loans (formerly Water Supply Development Grants and Loans)



This account provides grants and loans to evaluate, plan and implement instream and out-of-stream water projects that have economic, environmental and social/cultural benefits. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to projects that: increase water use efficiency; protect or restore stream flows; develop new or expanded storage; allocate federally stored water; and, promote water reuse or conservation.

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Available Funding

| | Place-Based Planning | Feasibility Studies | Water Projects |
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| Authorization | 2015 – Place-Based Planning (SB 266) | 2008 – Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program (SB 1069) | 2013 – Water Supply Development Account (SB 839) |
| Current Funding | \$750,000 in grants | \$2.8 million in grants | \$14 million in grants or loans |
| Cost-Share | ≥25% recommended (cash or in-kind) | 50% required (cash or in-kind) | 25% required for grants (cash or in-kind) |
| Opportunity Announced | October 8, 2015 | August 4, 2015 | August 28, 2015 |
| Applications Due | December 7, 2015 | February 1, 2016 | First review: January 19, 2016 (Applications accepted year round) |