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"All the water that will ever be is, right now."
~National Geographic

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**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

**Next
Partnership webinar is
Thursday, March 4, 2021**

The Project Team is hosting a Partnership webinar on Thursday, March 4 from 9am-10:15am. The purpose of the webinar is to share the outcomes of the January and February meetings with charter signatories to develop draft actions that address key water issues in the Mid-Coast region of Oregon.

To register to participate in the webinar and discussion, click [here](#).

Link to register is:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6130827771002246927>

Partnership Website - New Pages!

The MCWPP website has a few new pages to share information as the partnership is developing its Water Action Plan for the Mid-Coast region of Oregon. Under the Outreach menu tab, a new page, "[Funding Opportunities](#)," compiles information on potential funding sources that may be available to implement actions in the plan.

Funding Opportunities

The following funding sources may support implementation of Mid-Coast Water Action Plan actions:

On-the-ground Conservation and Restoration Projects

[National Forest Foundation](#)

Through its on-the-ground conservation programs, the National Forest Foundation supports action-oriented projects that directly enhance the health and well-being of America's National Forests and Grasslands and that engage the public in stewardship. Nonprofit organizations dedicated to addressing natural resource issues on National Forests and Grasslands can apply for support to complete projects through three distinct grant programs. Additionally, the NFF provides funding opportunities that address specific strategic initiatives aligned with their mission and goals. The Matching Awards Program focuses towards on the ground conservation and restoration projects that improve forest health and outdoor experiences (opportunity 2x/yr).

[Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Restoration Grants](#)

Restoration priorities include projects that address or involve:

- altered watershed functions affecting water quality, water flow, and the production capacity for fish;
- removal or remediation of structures such as roads, culverts, and channels to improve water quality and/or fish habitat;
- land management practices to address the causes of chronic disturbances to the watershed;
- direct evidence of collaboration between stakeholders and agencies over single-party projects; and
- upslope and upstream treatments.

[Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Small Grants](#)

Less complex, on-the-ground restoration projects of up to \$15,000. This program responds to a need for local decision-making about watershed restoration opportunities on a shorter timeframe than is available under OWEB's regular grant program. Application deadlines set by each Small Grant Team.

[Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Resource Assessment and Planning Grants](#)

This grant program funds development of an implementation plan for restoration activities.

[Technical Design and Engineering](#)

[Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Technical Design and Engineering Grants](#)

This grant program funds development of a technical design for a restoration project.

[Monitoring](#)

[Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Monitoring Grants](#)

The board considers grant applications that:

1. Describe current watershed conditions by gathering and analyzing data, and making monitoring results publicly available;
2. Establish trends about watershed conditions by gathering and analyzing data, and making monitoring results publicly available; or
3. Evaluate the specific effects of a restoration or acquisition project or program by comparing similar watershed components before and after implementation of a restoration or acquisition project or program, and making monitoring results publicly available.

[Stakeholder Engagement](#)

[Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Stakeholder Engagement Grants](#)

"Stakeholder Engagement Project" means a project whose purpose is to communicate and engage with landowners, organizations, and the community about the need for, feasibility, and benefits of a specific eligible restoration or acquisition project or projects within an identified geography, or an eligible resource assessment or planning project, in order to successfully plan or implement said restoration or acquisition project. Education projects are not eligible.

Water Supply Projects

[Oregon Water Resources Department Water Projects Grants and Loans](#)

This funding opportunity invests in water supply projects that meet water supply needs and result in public economic, environmental, and social/cultural benefits.

Water Quality

[Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Nonpoint Source Water Quality Control \(319\) Grants](#)

Nonpoint Source Water Quality Control (319) grant funds available through Section 319 of the Water Quality Act of 1987 are a critical element in turning Oregon's NPS control program into water quality protection realities in watersheds throughout the state. ODEQ solicits proposals each year in October.

[Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#)

Clean Water State Revolving Fund - The Clean Water State Revolving Fund provides below-market rate loans for the planning, design and construction of water pollution control activities. Nonpoint projects are eligible, as long as they have a water quality benefit, are sponsored by public entities, and demonstrate ability to pay back the loan. Amounts and terms vary but interest rates are well below levels of inflation. A portion of the SRF program may be considered match to 319 grants.

[Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services, and Business Oregon Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund](#)

The Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (SDWRLF), known nationally as the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, is a loan program to fund planning, design, and construction of drinking water facility improvements. The program is implemented through a partnership between the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Drinking Water Services and Business Oregon.

[Business Oregon Water/Wastewater Fund](#)

This loan program funds the design and construction of public infrastructure needed to ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act or the Clean Water Act. The public entities that are eligible to apply for the program are cities; counties; county service districts (organized under ORS Chapter 451); tribal councils; ports; and special districts as defined in ORS 198.010. The proposed project must be owned and operated by a public entity as listed above. Allowable funded project activities may include:

- reasonable costs for construction improvement or expansion of drinking water system, wastewater system or stormwater system;
- water source, treatment, storage and distribution;
- wastewater collection, treatment and disposal facilities;
- stormwater system;
- purchase of rights of way and easements necessary for construction;
- design and construction engineering; or
- planning/technical assistance for small communities.

[Oregon's Association of Water Utilities Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program](#)

This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

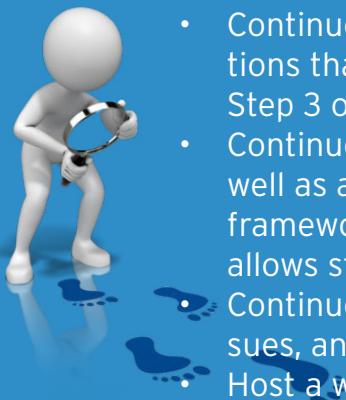
Acquisition Grants

[Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Land Acquisition Grants](#)

Eligible projects involve the purchase of interests in land from willing sellers for the purpose of maintaining or restoring watersheds and habitat for native fish or wildlife. Entities able to hold OWEB-funded interests in land, as long as the entity continues to use the land for the purposes specified in the

In addition, as the charter signatories develop actions to address key water issues in the Mid-Coast region (see next page), the draft strategies are posted weekly on the website. Click on the Action Plan Menu tab, then scroll down to "Strategy Development - Phase I." Track their progress in developing draft objectives! And take a moment to thank them for their work on behalf of Mid-Coast residents and visitors.

COMING IN FEBRUARY ...



- Continue working with charter signatories in February 2021 to draft actions that address key water issues identified by the Partnership during Step 3 of the planning process.
- Continue to build out Oregon Explorer Landing Page and Map Viewer as well as a searchable archive of partnership documents, and develop the framework for a Water Report (both .pdf and interactive elements) that allows stakeholders to query information about water in the Mid-Coast.
- Continue refining one-page documents that describe the states, key issues, and potential actions for sub-areas within the Mid-Coast.
- Host a webinar with partnership stakeholders to share status.