

Analysis
Department of State Lands
Federal Grant Application

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Request: The Department of State Lands requests authorization to apply for a federal grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The proposed grant application is for a supplemental Wetland Program Development Grant (WPDG) that is in addition to the 2015 grant that was received by the Department of State Lands (DSL) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Although the grant opportunity is supplemental, it is a competitive program for which DSL must apply.

The requested funding would allow DSL to contract with a third party to complete wetland functional assessments on existing wetland mitigation bank sites prior to the implementation of the Aquatic Resources Mitigation Program initiation in 2018.

The Aquatic Resources Mitigation Program (ARMP) has been a collaborative effort over the past six years between DSL, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, EPA, Willamette Partnership (WP), and the Institute for Natural Resources (INR) to develop wetland and stream functions-based assessment tools and the necessary program policies and practices resulting in an integrated framework for a watershed-scale approach to mitigation for wetlands and streams in Oregon.