



OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD

Mission

To help protect and restore healthy watersheds and natural habitats that support thriving communities and strong economies.

About Us

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board is a state agency that provides grants to help Oregonians take care of local streams, rivers, wetlands, and natural areas. Community members and landowners use scientific criteria to decide jointly what needs to be done to conserve and improve rivers and natural habitat in the places where they live. The agency is led by a 18-member citizen board drawn from the public at large, tribes, and federal and state natural resource agency boards and commissions.

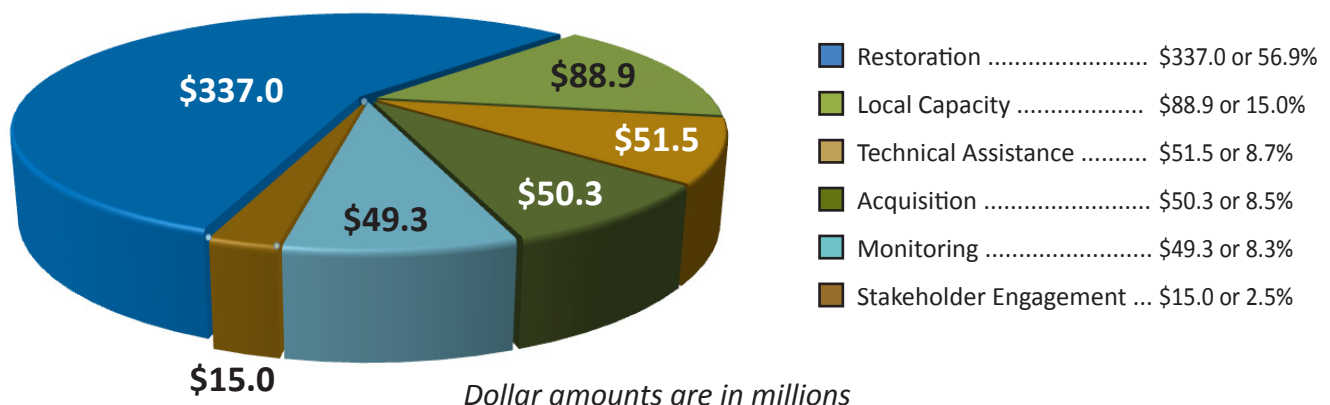
Cooperative Conservation

Since 1999, OWEB has provided more than 9,200 grants to local volunteer efforts to keep Oregon's water clean and habitats healthy. The majority of the funds invested go directly to on-the-ground improvements of land and water such as native plantings, fish passage barrier removals, irrigation efficiencies, and other fish and wildlife habitat improvements that help protect land for future generations.

OWEB grants also support related activities such as:

- Development and design of projects
- Organizational capacity of local community groups
- Engaging landowners and stakeholders in conservation
- Data collection to determine effectiveness of the work

Statewide Total Grants (All Fund Sources from 1999 to December 2018): \$591,939,043



Primary Funding Sources

Constitutionally dedicated Oregon State Lottery revenues, congressionally appropriated Federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund, and salmon license plate proceeds.

Local Economies and Communities Benefit

OWEB funds are used to pay those who design and implement projects, hire field crews, and buy goods and services they need to get the job done.



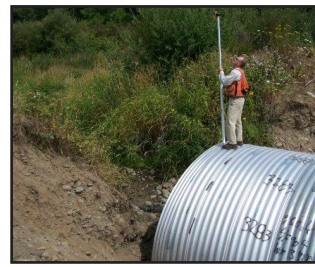
= 15 - 24 local jobs

According to a University of Oregon study, every \$1 million of OWEB investments creates 15-24 jobs in local communities across Oregon.



90¢ of each \$1 supports local economies

On average, more than 90¢ of every OWEB grant dollar supports local businesses, services, and suppliers within Oregon.



Results

OWEB has funded more than 9,200 grants since 1999, with which Oregonians have restored more than 5,400 miles of streams and have made more than 6,400 miles of habitat accessible for fish. The grants have helped landowners improve more than 1,198,000 upland habitat acres and restore, improve, or create more than 54,000 wetland or estuarine habitat acres.



Before river reconnection project



After project

River reconnection photos courtesy Coos Watershed Association

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