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1	"Restaurant to Reef" Shellfish Recycling & Restoration Feasibility Study for Yaquina Bay	Central Coast Food Web	Nearshore	\$30,000	This project seeks to produce a feasibility study creating a pathway for novel partnerships between restaurants and retailers toward a Blue Economy focused on marine conservation. By figuring out how to divert over 20,000 lbs of shells annually from Local Ocean Seafoods away from landfills to restore estuarine habitat in Yaquina Bay, we want to create a scalable, replicable model of resource-wise supply chain circularity while restoring coastal habitat along Oregon's coast. This model would enable consumers, restaurants, and retailers to be directly involved in conservation efforts benefiting the native Olympia oyster (<i>Ostrea lurida</i>), as well as other important species including juvenile salmonids and Dungeness crab, which rely on healthy estuarine environments.
2	2026 Trail Champions: Public Engagement and Education on Drought, Wildfire and Recreation	Trailkeepers of Oregon	Coast Range; Willamette Valley; West Cascades	\$76,906	Trail Champions will be trained to engage with the public around responsible recreation practices. Trail Champions will also be trained to educate the public on issues of drought and wildfire resilience to help improve outreach on these subjects. Youth will engage the public by tabling at busy trailheads primarily in Mt. Hood, North Coast, and the Gorge. Trail Champions will be developed as an expansion of TKO's current Trail Ambassador program. TKO's Trail Ambassador training was collaboratively developed by a group of nonprofit and land agency partners to equip volunteers with core competencies in public outreach and engagement. The training meets the standards for Leave No Trace education, and additional DEI training available to volunteers provide skills beyond the standard ambassador training to ensure volunteers are equipped to create safe and welcoming experiences for visitors.
3	A collaborative approach to building Oregon's capacity for sustainable fisheries management	Oregon State University	Coast Range; Nearshore	\$49,964	We will foster collaborations among scientists, resource managers, and fishing communities along the Oregon coast (6+ Conservation Opportunity Areas) to collect and analyze the data that are needed to balance harvest and conservation of highly-valued marine species. In doing so, will build capacity for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to conduct state-led stock assessments for 14 Conservation Strategy Species that are slated for removal from federal jurisdiction (i.e., black rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, cabezon, China rockfish, copper rockfish, deacon rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp greenling, lingcod, quillback rockfish, starry flounder, tiger rockfish, or vermilion rockfish). We will also collect ecological data that can inform interactions among nearshore marine resources to provide long-term economic and social benefits for current and future Oregonians.
4	A geochemical approach to tracking White Sturgeon habitat use within the lower Columbia River	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Willamette Valley; West Cascades	\$49,740	This study aims to determine whether subadult White Sturgeon within the legal-size slot (96-137 cm FL) in the lower Columbia River have historically or recently shifted their movement patterns among the lower Columbia River, Willamette River, and Pacific Ocean using pectoral fin spine microchemistry. These findings will be used to improve population assessments and management of this strategy species among co-managers (ODFW and WDFW).

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5	A Vegetation Atlas for the Northern Basin and Range: Mapping Plant Communities, Habitat, and Drought Resilience	Oregon State University	Northern Basin & Range	\$99,730	Our goal is to produce a series of vegetation maps for the NBR tailored to the habitat requirements of priority wildlife species (pygmy rabbit, greater sage-grouse, western meadowlark, and Morrison's bumblebee) to address key data gaps identified by the Oregon Conservation Strategy and Oregon Connectivity Assessment and Mapping Project. Our maps will describe the location and abundance of over 50 plant species, improve knowledge of unique and local habitats (e.g. bitterbrush communities, mountain mahogany shrublands) and address ecological factors like potential for post-fire recovery. By analyzing recently-acquired vegetation field data, satellite data, and newly available LiDAR, we will map vegetative drought resilience to inform how vegetation communities may be impacted by drought. We will also engage recreationists through the publication of a standalone wildflower abundance map.
6	Accessible Infrastructure Project	Mount Pisgah Arboretum	Willamette Valley	\$49,678	Mount Pisgah Arboretum seeks to enhance accessible outdoor recreation by upgrading key infrastructure, including restrooms, picnic areas, and informational signage. These improvements will reduce physical and informational barriers for underserved and mobility-limited community members, increasing equitable access to nature and conservation learning.
7	Annual youth fishing events and Salem state prison fishing event	Association of Northwest Steelheaders	Willamette Valley	\$3,000	The goal is to introduce kids and their families to fishing and the outdoors. Whether it is the fairgrounds in Albany or the state prison in Salem, fishing is something the whole family can enjoy and experience.
8	Antelope Creek RM 4.3 Riparian Restoration Project	Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District	Klamath Mountains	\$100,000	The project will restore a 45.3 acres of riparian forest along 2 miles of Antelope Creek, Spring Creek, and Yankee Creek in the Little Butte Creek Watershed removing invasive plants and restoration of native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous cover, install 23,810 feet of livestock exclusion fencing, and harden 8 low-water crossings used by livestock, farm vehicles and equipment, resulting in improved Coho spawning habitat and rearing habitat for summer steelhead as well as watershed improvements for Coho salmon in downstream reaches that support spawning and rearing habitat.
9	Assessing Drought Vulnerability of Oregon's Avian Species of Greatest Need	Oregon State University	Blue Mountains; Coast Range; Columbia Plateau; East Cascades; Klamath Mountains; Nearshore; Northern Basin & Range; Willamette Valley; West Cascades	\$100,000	This project will assess how drought-related environmental gradients influence the distribution, occupancy, and trends of a subset of Oregon's SGCN species including Northern Goshawk, White-headed Woodpecker, Grasshopper Sparrow, Pinyon Jay, American Three-toed Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Lewis's Woodpecker, and Black-backed Woodpecker. We will use existing long-term monitoring datasets to evaluate species-level responses across elevation, proximity to water, and recent fire history. Findings will help prioritize conservation actions and support climate-resilient habitat management across vulnerable landscapes.

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10	Assessing Native and Non-native Salmonid Response to LTPBR in the Upper Klamath Basin	Trout Unlimited	East Cascades	\$50,000	The proposed project will monitor Redband Trout and non-native Brook Trout and Brown Trout response to LTPBR across 7 sites in the NF and SF Sprague River watersheds and engage local volunteers through assistance with sampling efforts.
11	Assessing Oregon gray whale spatial and temporal overlap with vessels and fishing gear in the nearshore	Marine Mammal Institute's Center of Drone Excellence (CODEX)	Nearshore	\$50,000	This project will use drones to deploy non-invasive suction-cup tags on Oregon Conservation Strategy Species gray whales in the nearshore ecoregion to record their fine-scale behavior and determine their spatial and temporal overlap with anthropogenic activities, including vessel traffic and interactions with fishing gear. These tags are equipped with tri-axial accelerometers, video cameras, and hydrophones to quantify movement patterns and visually and acoustically confirm close interactions with, and behavioral response to, anthropogenic activities. This project will also use data collected to create a series of videos that will be freely available online and showcased at the Depoe Bay Whale Watching Center to provide Oregonians an accessible opportunity to learn about and experience the behavior and acoustic and visual environment of gray whales in the nearshore.
12	Assessing the Social Landscape of Wolves and Wolf Management in Oregon	Oregon State University	Blue Mountains; Coast Range; Columbia Plateau; East Cascades; Klamath Mountains; Nearshore; Northern Basin & Range; Willamette Valley; West Cascades	\$50,000	Wolf recovery remains a highly contentious issue in Oregon, where efforts to balance conservation goals with diverse social, economic, and cultural values have sparked ongoing conflict. While wolf populations are closely monitored, public sentiment toward wolves and their management remains largely unexamined. This project will assess Oregonians' attitudes, risk perceptions, and trust in wolf policy through a county-level, representative survey. By partnering with agencies, Tribes, and stakeholder groups, we aim to produce actionable insights that inform adaptive, socially responsive wolf management.
13	Avian response to wildfire and post-fire land management in the Oregon Cascades	Oregon State University	West Cascades	\$74,243	This project will evaluate the response of avian communities in the Umpqua Headwaters and Rock Creek Conservation Opportunity Areas to drought-mediated wildfire and post-fire forest management practices. We will evaluate avian response to habitat change using over 200,000 hours of data from Autonomous Recording Units (ARUs) across 127 sites over 3 years, along with Landsat imagery and other remotely sensed data. Focal Strategy Species include aerial insectivores (common nighthawk, olive-sided flycatcher), game birds (mountain quail), and forest specialists (northern spotted owl, flammulated owl). The project will improve our understanding of wildfire and post-fire management effects on avifauna in the Oregon Cascades to better inform conservation and management strategies.

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14	Beatys Butte Mesic Habitat Restoration Project	Oregon Natural Desert Association	Northern Basin & Range	\$58,368	The goal of the Beatys Butte Mesic Habitat Restoration project is to enhance mesic and riparian habitat quality on Beatys Butte in the Northern Great Basin ecoregion in south-central Oregon. Located within one of the last remaining strongholds for greater sage-grouse, Beatys Butte contains a wide variety of critical habitats, such as freshwater springs and associated riparian and mesic areas. Drought, climate change, and land uses such as livestock grazing have had deleterious impacts on this habitat, leading to the drying of historic wet meadows and a reduced diversity of native flora and fauna. Through the implementation of strategic restoration actions, this project will improve habitat conditions for a number of Oregon Conservation Strategy species, including greater sage-grouse, pygmy rabbits, ferruginous hawks, kit foxes, Townsend's big-eared bats, and burrowing owls.
15	Beaver Habitat and Wetland Meadow Restoration at Wright Creek	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Coast Range	\$15,000	The project will restore 3.5 acres of wetland meadow habitat in the Oregon coast range and 0.33 miles of riparian habitat along a major tributary of the Yaquina River. Removing invasive species and planting willow along the stream bank will increase habitat structure, complexity, and cover in known spawning and rearing habitat for Oregon coast coho and other salmonids, as well as encourage beaver habitation. With the construction of log habitat piles, this project will also benefit pacific giant salamanders and clouded salamanders by providing the connectivity and micro-habitats required for their dispersal.
16	Black & Green Youth Fellowship and Internship Program	Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District	Willamette Valley	\$50,000	The Black & Green Fellowship and Internship program engages Black youth from Beaverton high schools in culturally grounded outdoor education and workforce development. In partnership with BBPU, THPRD will deliver one Fellowship session for 15 students and two paid internship cohorts, building environmental literacy, confidence, and wellness. Interns will support the Nature Mobile and nature camps through the Tualatin Hills Nature Center. Program activities take place at Tualatin Hills and Cooper Mountain Nature Parks and promote awareness of Oregon Conservation Strategy Species, including amphibians, native birds, and wetland vegetation found in these diverse urban habitats.
17	Camera trap monitoring of I-5 wildlife before construction of Mariposa wildlife overpass in southern Oregon	Southern Oregon University	Klamath Mountains	\$50,000	This project will engage the local community, especially SOU students, in monitoring wildlife use of the Interstate-5 corridor in southern Oregon prior to construction of the Mariposa wildlife overpass within the Siskiyou Crest COA and directly adjacent to the Soda Mountain COA. This data is essential to enable future analysis of the efficacy of the wildlife overpass by comparing species use and diversity before and after construction in both impacted and "control" sites along I-5. As an outcome, we will provide information relevant to the stated goals of these COA's to "restore connectivity across I5 for Pacific Fisher and other mobile species".

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18	Camp EEK! (Environment, Education, and Kids!)	Wildlife Images Rehabilitation & Education Center	Klamath Mountains; West Cascades	\$50,000	Camp EEK! is a STEM program located on the Wildlife Images Rehabilitation & Education Center's campus located at 11845 Lower River Road, in the Merlin-Grants Pass area. The nonprofit's clinic, animal sanctuary, and education center are located on 24 acres of land adjacent to the wild and scenic section of the Rogue River. The goal of Camp EEK! is to cultivate a generation of environmentally conscious and nature-loving young individuals who also excel academically within the Oregon Educational Framework. Long term projected outcomes include increased environmental awareness, community engagement, advocacy, lifelong career paths, adoption of responsible behaviors, and more. Camp EEK! typically serves 550+ youth ages 6-11.
19	Central Coast Conservation Kayaking Series	Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District	Coast Range	\$29,640	The primary goal of this event series is to increase local engagement with the watersheds of the Central Oregon Coast through outdoor recreation, and provide educational materials during the events which will raise awareness of common factors contributing to watershed impairment (drought, 303(d) water quality impairments, noxious weeds, and aquatic/riparian habitat decline) and how landowners can get involved in watershed stewardship. We aim to connect with a diverse group of local residents and, out of this group, identify landowners within each watershed who are interested in riparian restoration projects to support lamprey and salmonids. Restoration projects arising from this outreach will improve water quality and aquatic habitat by means of streamside riparian vegetation, leading to increased shade cover and channel complexity and decreased erosion and turbidity.
20	Characterizing spawning movements of female White Sturgeon within the lower Columbia and Willamette rivers	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Coast Range; Columbia Plateau; West Cascades	\$49,656	This study aims to quantify female White Sturgeon spawning habitat use downstream of Bonneville Dam and Willamette Falls using acoustic telemetry to determine seasonal movement, behavior, use of spawning areas, and specific spawning locations within each site. Since White Sturgeon are anadromous and use estuarine and marine habitats, acoustic telemetry can document use at this life stage. The population of White Sturgeon in the lower Columbia River has declined nearly 55% over the last five years and this research will help determine whether this shift in abundance is real or the result of sturgeon moving out of the area covered within our stock assessment of the lower Columbia River.
21	Cherry Creek Riparian Restoration Project	Think Wild	Blue Mountains	\$62,399	The project is a collaboration between Think Wild and The Wildlands Conservancy to restore 1.1 miles of Cherry Creek within the South John Day River Conservation Opportunity Area, resulting in improved stream function and connectivity for resident beaver, interior redband trout, and threatened Bull Trout. The project will engage the community through volunteer-crew based restoration and "recreation for good," as well as outreach efforts including citizen science surveys, wildlife viewing opportunities, and student field trips.

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22	Chinook and Lamprey Restoration in the Siuslaw: spawning habitat assessment in Lake Creek	Florence Area Salmon Trout Enhancement Project	Coast Range	\$45,582	With technical guidance from ODFW, STEP volunteers and Siuslaw Highschool students will engage with local communities and stakeholders to evaluate the suitability of approximately 50 miles of Lake Creek between Swisshome and Hult Dam for spawning and early growth of Chinook salmon and Lamprey. This information will be used to guide active watershed improvement projects and lay down a baseline for monitoring and evaluation.
23	Circle Creek Trail Accessibility and Expansion Project	North Coast Land Conservancy	Coast Range; Nearshore	\$50,000	The goal of this project is to 1) assess the current status and maintenance needs of NCLC's Circle Creek Habitat Reserve trail system, 2) design an accessible elevated walkway over a restored native wetland, and 3) explore expansion and connectivity options for linking the trail system of Circle Creek to the trail network of our adjacent Boneyard Ridge Habitat Reserve. This project will also include the development of aptly informative signage as well as to identify infrastructure needs for the trailhead to be created at NCLC's newly built Circle Creek Conservation Center. Guided by the voices and input of those with disabilities in the community, this trail improvement project aims to provide a more inclusive outdoor experience for the public, so all can access and enjoy the natural beauty of this unique property nested between the Necanicum River and Tillamook Head on the Oregon coast.
24	Clackamas Partnership Stream Temperature Monitoring, Analysis, Outreach and Engagement for Climate Resiliency	Greater Oregon City Watershed Council	Willamette Valley	\$50,000	The overarching project goal is to gather, analyze and communicate stream temperature data across a coalition of partners to maximize restoration impacts, increase climate resiliency, and engage community members in data collection, understanding and responsive stewardship activities. This project focuses on watersheds within Clackamas and Multnomah County and focuses on benefitting the restoration of native fish— including ESA-listed strategy salmonid species, in the geography that encompasses the Clackamas Population of the Lower Columbia River Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU).
25	Climate Adapted Eco-cultural Restoration & Education	Friends of Tryon Creek	Coast Range; Willamette Valley	\$100,000	The project will enhance habitat connectivity and ecological health in the Tryon Creek State Natural Area, an ecotone between the Coast Range and Willamette Valley. By restoring 60 acres upland, riparian and wetland areas, removing invasive species, and improving stream habitat, this project will benefit key Oregon Conservation Strategy Species, including salmon, amphibians, and turtles. Community engagement efforts will include volunteer stewardship events and culturally specific programs to foster a deeper connection between partners, Portland metro residents and this urban watershed.

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26	Co producing pathways to engage Spanish speaking communities in recreational shellfishing and beach safety	Oregon State University	Nearshore	\$50,000	The project will expand the diversity of Oregon's outdoor users by engaging Spanish-speaking Oregonians in Clatsop and Tillamook Counties in the recreational harvest of razor clams, bay clams, and crabs. In a series of six events developed collaboratively by Consejo Hispano, ODFW, and Oregon State University, community members will receive hands-on training in Spanish on beach safety and sustainable shellfish harvesting, promoting long-term community stewardship and access to affordable marine protein. Throughout the grant period, we will support continued community involvement in recreational shellfish harvest along Oregon's north coast through shellfish license purchase assistance, bilingual video guides, and shellfish harvest gear libraries in Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, while also laying the groundwork for future engagement in other forms of coastal recreation.
27	Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum Stewardship Project	Northwest Youth Corps	Columbia Plateau	\$50,000	Northwest Youth Corps crews will help maintain the 54 acre Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum and also carry out additional projects, if needed, with the Friends of the Columbia River Gorge. The Museum's native plant grounds represent one of the most intact and carefully maintained examples of restored ecosystem landscaping in the Columbia River Gorge. While the museum has volunteers, targeted brush removal, invasive species control, and fuel load reduction require tools, training, and time beyond what volunteers can offer. This project supports Oregon Conservation Strategy Species listed at https://oregonconservationstrategy.org/conservation-opportunity-area/wasco-oaks/ . A key outreach component includes public access to the grounds which demonstrate local biodiversity, model ecological land care, and advance community understanding of the region's natural heritage.
28	Community Science around Kellogg Creek Restoration & Community Enhancement Project	North Clackamas Watersheds Council	Willamette Valley	\$49,999	Following a successful 2024 pilot, the North Clackamas Watersheds Council (Council) will launch a large-scale community science program in the Lower Willamette Floodplain Conservation Opportunity Area (LWRF), around the removal of Kellogg Dam, planned 2028-29. We will engage underserved communities in community science around the removal of Kellogg Dam & restoration of the lower Willamette & Kellogg-Mt. Scott Watershed (KMS). The result will be robust, sustainable engagement of community volunteers in wildlife science in a once-in-a-generation restoration project in an equity focus area & a critical project in the lower Willamette confluence refugia strategy (USGS 2018). The project will restore habitat for ESA-listed LCR and Upper Willamette salmonids, including Strategy Species salmonids, Pacific lamprey & Strategy Habitats of Flowing Water & Riparian habitats and Wetlands in the LWRF.
29	Confluencia: Latine Youth Engagement in the Deschutes Watershed	NatureConnect Central Oregon	East Cascades	\$42,942	This project will strengthen the sense of place and stewardship ethic for 96 Latine youth and the Deschutes Watershed, resulting in long-term benefits for stream and river health. This project will also promote access to rivers, streams, and water-based recreation for the Latine community in Bend, OR.

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30	Connected by Water	Western Landowners Alliance	Blue Mountains; East Cascades; Northern Basin & Range; Willamette Valley	\$57,229	<p>Western Landowners Alliance (WLA) will lead a statewide outreach initiative emphasizing the connection between urban and rural residents, highlighting how both depend on, and contribute to, healthy watersheds that support clean water, wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation, and resilience in the face of increasing drought and environmental stress.</p> <p>Through 6-10 film screenings with facilitated discussions in both rural and urban communities, this project will highlight land and water management practices that benefit Oregon.</p>
31	Connecting Communities for Conservation	Coquille Watershed Association	Coast Range	\$15,000	This project engages landowners and residents in the more remote areas of the watershed to restore and enhance key Coho salmon habitat through hands-on, educational community events. Activities will include removing trash and debris from spawning creeks, invasive weed control, and native planting at five targeted sites, with opportunities for participants to learn about watershed health and local ecology. Watershed staff and board members will be available to help landowners learn about technical information as outlined in the Oregon Conservation Strategy Action 1.1. By improving habitat, offering accessible outdoor experiences, and fostering environmental stewardship, the project supports the Oregon Conservation Strategy and benefits both the community and Strategy Species like Coho salmon.
32	Conservation and Education in a Drought Adapted Oak Ecosystem	Western Oregon University	Willamette Valley	\$98,458	The goal of this project is to improve adaptive management practices that support high biodiversity and increased tree health in oak ecosystems, being responsive to increasing pressures of drought and invasive pests, by carrying out and disseminating oak physiology and community ecology research at a 22-ha study site in collaboration with 5 private landowners in the Conservation Opportunity Area of Corvallis forests and balds. The project will engage over 200 students through ecological and outdoor recreation activities, and provide 14 research student internships/stipends, ensuring the next generation understands and supports oak conservation. The project will benefit 23 Strategy Species associated with oak habitats, providing critical data on the responses of these, and other understudied amphibians, reptiles, plants, fungi, and insects, to restoration in a drought-adapted ecosystem.
33	Cow Creek Watershed Enhancement and Restoration	Harney Soil and Water Conservation District	Northern Basin & Range	\$100,000	The goal is to successfully remove heavy and fine fuel loads, increase the water availability in the project areas, strengthen the sage-steppe resilience, and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, wildlife habitat loss, and the associated devastating ecological and economic effects of wildfire.
34	Creswell Butte: Initiating Recreation & Conservation Phase 3	Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council	Willamette Valley	\$50,000	This project aims to improve access and restore habitat at Creswell Butte, a 72-acre conserved site in the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed near Creswell, Oregon. By enhancing upland prairie and oak woodland ecosystems through road improvements and habitat restoration, the project supports long-term stewardship, reduces fire risk, and provides public access while benefiting Oregon Conservation Strategy Species such as the Western rattlesnake, acorn woodpecker, and white-breasted nuthatch (slender-billed).

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35	Crumb Clean Educational Video	American Bird Conservancy	Coast Range; Nearshore	\$41,559	This project will produce a 2-3-minute informational video on best practices of Crumb Clean for visitors to recreation areas along Oregon's coastline and in the Coast Range. This will contribute to the educational component of a Crumb Clean Campaign that seeks to reduce trash and food scraps in recreation areas to decrease densities of Marbled Murrelet and Western Snowy Plover nest predators. The video will be modelled after the examples created initially by California State Parks but feature a local interpretive ranger and be filmed on location in public recreation areas in the Oregon Coast Range and along the coast.
36	Deer on Ashland's Doorstep: Communicating Boundaries in Shared Landscapes	Oregon State University	Klamath Mountains	\$50,000	This project will apply a communicative approach to promote conflict preventative behaviors related to human-deer interactions in Ashland, Oregon. Specifically, this project will develop and test a research informed intervention and measure behavioral outcomes through observation, conversation with partners, and reported conflict data. Conclusions from this project will be shared with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Ashland Police Department (APD), and other partners to inform future communication aimed at reducing negative interactions between residents and urban deer.
37	Determining Yellow Rail Distribution & Drought Resilience of Shallow Wetland Habitats in the Pacific Northwest	Oregon State University	East Cascades; Klamath Mountains; Northern Basin & Range	\$57,962	This project seeks to produce actionable science to enhance knowledge of Yellow Rail distribution and its relationship to wetland drought resilience. It aims to guide wetland restoration and conservation investments with the greatest ecological return. Our objectives are to develop a regional map of shallow wetland systems suitable for Yellow Rail breeding; define sampling effort using ARUs to estimate Yellow Rail population size accurately; build a regional occupancy model based on ARU survey data and habitat variables; and create a decision-support map identifying high-priority restoration areas to enhance drought resilience and wetland functionality.
38	Developing tools for statewide small mammal monitoring in response to drought	Oregon State University	Statewide	\$99,216	The overarching goal of this project is to update estimates of i) distribution, ii) abundance, iii) and habitat associations (including modeling impacts of drought) for a range SGCN and SGIN small mammals statewide. A critical step towards this goal is developing capacity for large-scale sampling of small mammals, which requires a suite of non-invasive survey tools applicable to three key groups: i) arboreal species, e.g., Western grey squirrels (SGCN), red tree voles (SGCN), ii) terrestrial species e.g., Preble's shrew (SGIN), and iii) fossorial species e.g., pocket gophers (3 SGIN species). Optimal multi-method protocols will be developed through field and lab tests paired with simulations. This work will facilitate statewide sampling of small mammals, identifying key species at risk from drought and informing conservation action for a range of SGCN and SGIN species.

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39	Disaster Peak Ranch conservation and restoration project	Oregon Desert Land Trust (ODLT)	Northern Basin & Range	\$50,000	Oregon Desert Land Trust's (ODLT) successful efforts will transfer the 2,690-acre Disaster Peak Ranch as well as associated grazing permits on 56,774 acres of surrounding public lands to ODLT from Western Rivers Conservancy, undertake stream restoration and irrigation efficiency projects, and provide needed upgrades to facilities that support agency staff and volunteers. ODLT's long-term management will provide the foundation for conservation and restoration of McDermitt Creek and key tributary streams. The ultimate goals of the project are to: 1) recover a robust, self-sustaining population of Lahontan cutthroat trout by reconnecting 55-miles of high-quality habitat; 2) maintain high-quality Greater sage-grouse habitat and to continue to monitor the local population; and 3) continue to graze cattle to complement species recovery and protection objectives.
40	Dive Into Science - Oregon	The Oregon Kelp Alliance	Nearshore	\$42,000	This program will provide scuba and scientific diving training and certification and hands-on marine science education to 10 members of the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. The Oregon Kelp Alliance and Reef Check Oregon will engage participants as citizen scientists to monitor bull kelp forest ecosystems. This pilot DISOR project will (1) provide crucial data on the health of bull kelp forests, which are a Strategy Species as well as providing essential habitat for other Strategy Species including abalone, sunflower sea stars, groundfish and salmon, (2) provide tribal participants with the hands-on experience to actively participate in ocean conservation and kelp monitoring and restoration activities, and (3) facilitate the development of tribally-led marine stewardship in the Coos Bay and Curry County areas.
41	Dodes Creek and Elk Creek Confluence Restoration Project	Doddes/Elk Creek Watershed Non-Profit	Klamath Mountains	\$100,000	The project spans the confluence of Dodes Creek and Elk Creek, covering 30 acres of riparian zone. The project addresses degraded habitat due to invasive species, erosion, and limited public access, which impact ODFW Priority Strategy Species like Chinook salmon and steelhead. Previous studies by ODFW (2023) indicate reduced fish passage and poor riparian vegetation at the confluence, necessitating restoration. The objectives are to restore habitat connectivity, improve water quality, and promote community engagement.
42	Enhancing trail safety, access, and stewardship at Teacup Lake, Mt. Hood	Teacup Lake Nordic Club	East Cascades; West Cascades	\$48,500	This project's goal is to enhance trail stewardship at Teacup Lake Nordic through improved access points and key trail maintenance and expansion, improved safety and locational signage, and the replacement of defunct equipment critical for operation and safety on the trails. As a venue that serves communities on both sides of the Cascades, as well as urban and rural communities in the region, this project will support improved dispersed, responsible recreation and outdoor engagement opportunities, particularly through our commitment to free skiing for youth under 18 and through our engagement with underserved groups. Through our careful trail stewardship, we aim to maintain important wildlife habitat for elk and other species by encouraging responsible recreation on the Mt. Hood National Forest.

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43	Evaluating the effects of fuels-reduction treatments on biodiversity and Conservation Strategy species	Oregon State University	East Cascades	\$48,705	The primary goal of this project is to provide the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), project partners, and communities in Oregon with foundational information on the occupancy patterns and putative effects of forest restoration via prescribed fire on Conservation Strategy species and biodiversity in and adjacent to two Conservation Opportunity Areas and a Strategy Habitat the East Cascades. We will extend our impact by sharing our results and metadata with project partners including ODFW, USDA Forest Service Fremont-Winema National Forest, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, workforce development in collaboration with the Oregon Institute of Technology through a field trip and seminar, and sharing results with the public through presentations at the High Desert Museum and the Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society and community and social-media outreach.
44	Experience Your Watershed Initiative	Marys River Watershed Council	Coast Range; Willamette Valley	\$49,746	The project will engage diverse Benton County communities in conservation education, habitat restoration, and outdoor recreation within the Marys River watershed. Work will include oak woodland and prairie restoration in the Corvallis Area Forests and Balds (COA 081), cattail removal in Oregon chub ponds in the Finley-Muddy Creek Area (COA 084), and numerous public engagement and education events. These efforts will benefit Oregon Conservation Strategy Species including the Oregon chub (<i>Oregonichthys crameri</i>), Fender's blue butterfly (<i>Icaricia icarioides fenderi</i>), Taylor's checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha taylori</i>), acorn woodpecker (<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>), white-breasted nuthatch (<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>), western bluebird (<i>Sialia mexicana</i>), and chipping sparrow (<i>Spizella passerina</i>). Over 4360 youth and families in our watershed will be engaged in conservation education.
45	Family Fish Camp 2026	Association of Northwest Steelheaders	Willamette Valley; West Cascades	\$29,000	Sharing lifelong skills and positive experiences for outdoor recreation and removing barriers to accessing the outdoors. Promoting a diverse community in the outdoors and to further a collective goal of conservation and stewardship resulting in a greater interest in protecting the environment, wildlife, and their habitat.
46	Filling knowledge gaps for the imperiled Oregon Vesper Sparrow	Klamath Bird Observatory	Klamath Mountains	\$49,996	This project will both track non-breeding season movements of Oregon Vesper Sparrow, and provide a current population estimate for sites in the Umpqua Basin that have not been surveyed since 2013. At a recent Oregon Vesper Sparrow Working Group meeting, more data on non-breeding season locations, and a population status update in the Umpqua, were both identified as current research needs. The project will continue an important effort to fill knowledge gaps for this Oregon Conservation Strategy Species by expanding work using GPS technology to track migratory stopover and winter locations used, and assess current population status in the Umpqua Basin. This information will contribute to the current USFWS Species Status Assessment, and help inform range-wide conservation and recovery planning efforts for the Oregon Vesper Sparrow.

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47	Fish Passage Restoration	Mount Pisgah Arboretum	Willamette Valley	\$75,000	The Fish Passage Restoration Project at Mount Pisgah Arboretum aims to restore connectivity between the Water Garden backchannel and the mainstem of the Coast Fork Willamette River by replacing an undersized culvert with one that has adequate capacity to manage overflow from Coast Fork water level increases. This project will improve aquatic habitat, enhance flood and drought resilience, and support equitable access by improving trail conditions for all visitors. Benefitting Oregon Conservation Strategy Species such as spring Chinook salmon, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, and Northwestern Pond Turtles, the project advances habitat restoration and inclusive public use in one of Lane County's critical Conservation Opportunity Areas.
48	Fishing and shellfishing with Oregon's physical disability community	Oregon Spinal Cord Injury Connection	Klamath Mountains; Nearshore; Willamette Valley	\$48,000	The goal of this project is to expand access to fishing and shellfishing for Oregonians with physical disabilities by hosting inclusive community events and providing targeted consulting services to state and federal partners. Over two years, OSCI will host eight free, accessible fishing and clamming events across western Oregon, integrating conservation education focused on two species (Steelhead/Rainbow/Redband Trout and Razor clam) and two conservation issues (invasive species and climate change). Through strategic partnerships and focused outreach, the project will strengthen ties between ODFW and disability organizations, ensuring outdoor recreation becomes more inclusive and accessible statewide.
49	Forb resources for restoring sage-grouse habitat	Institute for Applied Ecology	Blue Mountains; Northern Basin & Range	\$49,775	This project will benefit greater sage-grouse (an Oregon Conservation Strategy species) populations and consequent recreational hunting opportunities by identifying forb restoration needs in sage-grouse nesting and brooding habitat.
50	From River to Action: Empowering Underserved Leaders to Implement Conservation Plans in Malheur County	Friends of the Owyhee	Northern Basin & Range	\$44,000	The Owyhee River Spring Raft Expedition will empower 10 Hispanic and underserved leaders from Malheur County through a 5-day rafting trip focused on leadership development, cultural exchange, and environmental stewardship. Traveling through Conservation Opportunity Areas such as the Middle Owyhee River Area, participants will engage with critical habitats and learn about Oregon Conservation Strategy Species including the Greater Sage-Grouse, Pygmy Rabbit, and Western Toad. Following the trip, FOTO will work with each participant to co-develop a conservation action plan tailored to their community, with check-ins to support implementation and build long-term stewardship of the Owyhee landscape.

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51	Give Learn Explore: Community Recreation through Stewardship, Education, and Paddling	Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership	Willamette Valley	\$98,905	The Give Learn Explore Project will engage local youth and adults in stewardship, education, and recreation at two active restoration sites in the lower Columbia watershed, resulting in increased recreation access, benefits for riparian habitat, and learning about strategy species. Education programs will increase environmental literacy and enhance current state aligned environmental science curriculum to focus specifically on native fish, Northern Red-legged Frogs, Western Pond & Painted Turtles, Oregon Vesper Sparrow, Acorn Woodpecker; as well as impacts of climate change, adaptations, and resilience observable at project sites. Experiences will include paddling in our two 29-foot Big Canoes in Multnomah Channel, stewardship focused on enhancing riparian and wetland habitats by removing invasive species and native planting, observing Oregon Conservation Strategy habitats and wildlife.
52	Horse Heaven Riparian Planting for Drought Resilience	Crooked River Watershed Council	Blue Mountains	\$92,887	This project builds on four years of restoration work at Horse Heaven Creek in the Upper Crooked River, including beaver dam analogs (BDAs) and early riparian plantings. It aims to restore 1.18 stream miles and 13.4 acres of habitat through local volunteers and Northwest Youth Corps adult youth crews. Crews will plant approx. 7,633 native trees to improve habitat for Redband trout, mule deer, beavers, and elk on agricultural lands. The project enhances stream structure, increases late-season water availability, and strengthens connectivity in a Priority Wildlife Connectivity Area and winter range. A key outreach component includes a video highlighting the efforts of working lands to balance agricultural production with ecological health showing how restoration supports drought resilience. Lessons learned will be actively shared with beaver-based restoration practitioners.
53	Illuminating Oregon's Hidden Biodiversity of Pocket Gophers (Rodentia Geomyidae)	Portland State University	Coast Range; East Cascades; Klamath Mountains; Nearshore; Willamette Valley; West Cascades	\$46,788	Our goal is to discover, document, describe, and delineate the species of pocket gophers (Rodentia: Geomyidae) throughout the state of Oregon, with particular emphasis both on alpine and coastal taxa, which have been more neglected as a result of their remote locations. In particular, given the levels of genetic distance found in the mitochondrial Cytochrome b gene between members (i.e., subspecies) of the Thomomys mazama species group (Mazama pocket gophers), we hypothesize that there is strong evidence to suggest that there are morphologically cryptic—hence heretofore unrecognized—species of pocket gophers present in Oregon. Detailed morphological and molecular tools will be brought to bear to illuminate this question.
54	Impacts of varied wildfire age on Lewis's woodpecker reproduction	Cal Poly Humboldt	East Cascades	\$49,775	This project will address a key knowledge gap about breeding success of Lewis's woodpecker (Melanerpes lewis), an Oregon Conservation Strategy Species. We will specifically examine how reproductive output is associated with fire age and post-fire forest structure in 6 fires in east Cascades across two field seasons. This project will engage volunteers in bird watching for community science on public lands, support graduate student research, facilitate training and work experience for undergraduates from underrepresented groups, and produce multiple presentations and manuscripts/reports.

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55	Improving eelgrass resilience to green crab disturbance	Portland State University	Nearshore	\$49,993	This project will determine which restoration method for the Conservation Strategy Species of native eelgrass (<i>Zostera marina</i>) is most resilient to green crab disturbance and is most reproducible when up-scaled for larger restoration efforts. This knowledge and improvement to restoration techniques aims to improve critical habitat and food sources for additional Strategy Species including chinook, chum, and coho salmon, starry flounder, and Dungeness crab, and the species, people, and industries that they in turn support.
56	Internships: Invasive Fish Removal and Monitoring in Central Oregon Lakes	Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife	East Cascades	\$17,280	Trap and remove invasive fish to improve trout and kokanee survival, condition and abundance. Improve recreational angling. Monitor effects of chub removal. Monitor lakes with past rotenone treatments (Twin Lakes). Provide opportunity for students to gain experience in fisheries management.
57	Josephine County Box Culvert Retrofit Project	Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council	Klamath Mountains	\$49,861	This project aims to improve aquatic habitat connectivity in Josephine County by retrofitting seven box culverts with Flexi-Baffles, restoring access to 5.3 miles of upstream habitat for native migratory fish and other aquatic species. The modifications will directly benefit SONCC coho salmon, along with steelhead trout, lamprey, and native amphibians by creating more natural flow conditions in these problematic stream crossings.
58	Klamath County Community Outdoor Education	Klamath Watershed Partnership	East Cascades	\$50,000	This program will reach public audiences of 15-25 people two times per week for 6 months out of the year in 2026 and host 10 private events in Klamath Falls and possibly smaller, surrounding communities by providing free events that are easily accessible in multiple parks or private organization's locations. It will inspire local youth and adults to conserve nature and recreate responsibly with hands-on lessons that teach critical thinking. One event is already developed for ringtails and other conservation species could be topics for their own events or included in broader topics.
59	Mapping Rocky Reef Fish Habitat to Support Sustainable Groundfish Recreational Harvest	Oregon State University	Nearshore	\$50,000	Our project goal is to conduct Coastal Stakeholder Engagement and Knowledge Elicitation Workshops in Oregon coastal communities. The workshops will inform stakeholders about marine habitats, species habitat preferences, and spatial management, and also elicit local knowledge about rocky reef fish species and where they are primarily found. This is part of a larger project to create species distribution maps of groundfishes listed in the Oregon Conservation Strategy Species list: Yelloweye Rockfish, Quillback Rockfish Copper Rockfish, Black Rockfish, Blue/Deacon Rockfish, Vermilion Rockfish, Cabezon, Kelp Greenling, and Lingcod, and combine species maps to highlight critical rocky reef habitat. These maps will be shared with stakeholders to enhance recreational fishing opportunities for Oregon's nearshore reefs and identify critical areas for research and conservation.

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60	McKenzie River Discovery Center Invasive Plant Removal Project	McKenzie River Discovery Center	Willamette Valley; West Cascades	\$33,300	The project will restore 5-acres of land (wetland and riparian) in partnership with Lane County Parks and MRDC volunteer staff by removing invasive plants, resulting in the benefit of spawning and rearing habitat for coastal cutthroat trout and Western Brook Lamprey in Hatchery Creek. We currently utilize the Northwest Youth Corps (NWYC) to remove invasive English Ivy from trees which will benefit the trees, White-breasted nuthatches, and many other native species. Our work NWYC and other volunteer groups will continue in the future.
61	Monitoring effects of drought on populations and habitat quality of ODFW strategy species in Western Oregon	Klamath Bird Observatory	East Cascades	\$99,541	This project will monitor the health of individuals, populations, and habitats of landbirds in western Oregon, providing science to understand changes in bird populations across drought and climate change. This work will provide management-relevant data for the conservation of ODFW strategy species Chipping Sparrow, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Willow Flycatcher, Yellow-breasted Chat and White-headed Woodpecker. This project will also serve underserved populations through international intern training.
62	Monitoring the Drought Resilience of Wetlands and Pond-breeding Amphibians in the Mt. Hood COA	Portland State University	West Cascades	\$96,526	This project will expand ongoing work that investigates wetland resilience to drought by quantifying wetland hydroperiods and amphibian recruitment success in and around the Mt. Hood Area COA. Using automated sensors, water level data will be recorded from 42 distinct zones (i.e., channels, ponds and vegetated areas) across 17 wetlands. These data will be compared to existing climate datasets and made publicly available via Story Map. Community scientists and PSU students will participate in amphibian egg mass and larvae surveys at a subset of sites. Ultimately, this project will reveal which types of wetland zones are most resilient to drought or where wetland enhancement activities may be needed to boost water storage to better support some of Oregon's Species of Greatest Conservation Need(e.g., Cascades frog, Northern red-legged frog, Oregon spotted frog and Western toad).
63	Mt Ashland Demonstration Forest Education Project	Pacific Forest Trust	Klamath Mountains	\$40,000	This project will engage at least 180 high school juniors and seniors from economically disadvantaged school districts in Jackson County, 50 Southern Oregon University (SOU) students, and 1 - 2 interns in career technical education and ecological monitoring at an active forest restoration site in the Siskiyou Crest Conservation Opportunity Area that is home to Coastal Tailed Frogs, Fishers, and other strategy species. A concurrent OWEB-funded forest restoration project on the property is expected to increase resilience and protect habitat quality of the Siskiyou mixed-conifer forests and riparian habitats where education programs take place.
64	Noninvasive Genetic Monitoring of Kit Foxes in a Drought-Prone Landscape in Southeastern Oregon	Oregon State University	Northern Basin & Range	\$99,972	Our project will estimate the abundance, genetic diversity, and prey composition of kit foxes (<i>Vulpes macrotis</i> , an Oregon Conservation Strategy Species) in a 300 km ² portion of Harney and Malheur Counties by developing and implementing a non-invasive monitoring protocol using scat-detection dogs. Results from the project will inform species conservation measures and provide a foundation for long-term monitoring of kit foxes in a drought-susceptible ecoregion under a changing climate.

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65	North Coast Rapid Biological Assessment and Limiting Factors Analysis Light Stream Surveys	North Coast Watershed Association	Coast Range	\$44,308	Our project will complete the GIS analysis, and survey story telling of three cohort years of juvenile salmon and trout from 2023 to 2025 within the service areas of the NCWA and NWC. Additionally, the project proposals aims to conduct a UAV drone flight of 5 miles of riparian habitat along the Lower Lewis and Clark River to compare in stream field data with high resolution ortho photos and a thermal imaging of the river and riparian habitat. The project will highlight Conservation Opportunity Areas: 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 within the watersheds of Oregon's North Coast. The project will establish the first ever basin wide restoration baseline for the NCWA and NWC on Oregon Conservation Strategy Species including ESA listed coho, chinook, and chum salmon; non-listed threatened species including steelhead and coastal cutthroat trout; and species of concern such as Pacific and brook lamprey.
66	Northern red-legged frog (<i>Rana aurora</i>) use of a dedicated under-road crossing and adjacent upland habitat	Portland State University	Willamette Valley	\$49,996	This project will evaluate the extent to which the Oregon Conservation Strategy species <i>Rana aurora</i> , the northern red-legged frog, uses a new crossing structure below Hwy 30 near Burlington, Oregon, as well as this frog's upland habitat use. It will engage and educate Oregonians through conservation and recreation-focused outreach, with students and community volunteers helping to track frogs, passively document use of the undercrossing, and characterize upland habitat. The project aims to improve the success of annual migration and resulting population viability of <i>R. aurora</i> and the habitat connectivity of associated species in northwest Oregon, and to inform management of upland recreational areas for use as wildlife habitat.
67	Oregon Motus Network Expansion	ODFW	Statewide	\$14,756	This project is designed to fill data gaps, establish baseline data, and identify important habitats for two focal SGCN (Silver-haired Bat and Hoary Bat). The data generated by the Motus network will be used to support research and conservation and management decisions for these SGCN, and to minimizing impacts to these species from future land use actions such as energy development or resource extraction. Expanding the Motus network in Oregon has the potential to increase availability of data on habitat use and migratory pathways for the 28 SGCN (such as the Western Purple Martin) and 7 Data Gap Species currently tracked by projects within the Motus network. Ultimately, our work will contribute towards expanding the geographically diverse cooperative of Motus researchers who are working to address shared conservation goals at a meaningful scale.
68	Oregon Multivariate Ocean Climate Indicator (MOCI)	FARALLON INSTITUTE	Nearshore	\$48,960	The specific goal is to develop a MOCI (Multivariate Ocean Climate Indicator) specific for the Oregon coast to capture, in a comprehensive fashion, its unique oceanographic conditions, variability, and drivers. We will also develop relationships between Oregon MOCI and marine biological data available, and establish its interpretation in relation to the ecosystem. Data will include kelp, Dungeness crab larvae, pink shrimp recruits, red and purple sea urchin abundance, razor clam abundance, abalone abundance recreational groundfish landings, albacore landings, Pacific herring spawning stock biomass, and pinniped hauls. The overarching goal of this project is to facilitate and enhance the use of comprehensive but simple indices of oceanographic change in conservation, management, regulation, and research of marine resources.

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69	Our Naturehood: Environmental Conservation & Green Sector Career Exploration Projects for BIPOC Youth	Wonderfolk	Willamette Valley	\$50,000	To support our expansion project, we intend to utilize funding from Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund to support the implementation phase of this initiative. The primary goal of this phase is to equip ~30 youth, particularly those from historically excluded communities, with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities needed to thrive in the green workforce while advancing climate and environmental justice. Through hands-on education, workforce placements, and strategic partnerships, the program fosters career readiness and environmental advocacy. Youth engagement with broader environmental conservation goals is essential to building a more just, resilient, and sustainable future. Through our programming, we empower historically marginalized youth from BIPOC communities to engage meaningfully with nature, conservation advocacy, and career development.
70	Paulina Creek Preserve: Wet Meadow Restoration - Drought Resiliency Project	Deschutes Land Trust	East Cascades	\$63,248	<p>The overarching goal of this project is to optimize beneficial distribution and retention of water in the lower reaches of Paulina Creek by restoring a 32-acre portion of floodplain previously used for cattle grazing. Besides drought and wildfire risk reduction benefits, the project will also increase groundwater aquifer recharge, supporting water levels of wells in general proximity.</p> <p>The project will also benefit observed populations of OCS Species including: American Marten, Oregon Spotted Frog, American White Pelican, Lewis's Woodpecker, Northern Goshawk, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Pallid Bat, Pumice Grape-fern, Western Toad, White-headed Woodpecker.</p> <p>The project also serves a community engagement and recreation purpose by expanding and enhancing habitat, thus providing protected wildlife viewing opportunities and opportunities for outdoor educational tours and seminars.</p>
71	Phase I of the Northeast Oregon I-84 Wildlife Crossing Project	Oregon Wildlife Foundation	Blue Mountains; Columbia Plateau	\$85,000	Our project goal is to provide safe passage for wildlife within two corridors on Interstate-84 in NE Oregon - between mileposts 227 and 234 and between 246 and 253, to accomplish three important goals; 1) lower wildlife-vehicle collisions as measured by ODOT, 2) improve landscape permeability, 3) increase wildlife resilience to climate change, particularly drought and wildfires. Wildlife underpasses and overpasses are proven to reduce collisions while also increasing landscape permeability. A diverse group of wildlife species stand to benefit from this project including mule deer, white- tailed deer, Rocky Mountain elk, black bear, bobcat, and OCS species Pacific marten, and grey wolf.
72	Phipps Meadow Restoration Monitoring and Outreach	ODFW - John Day Fish Research	Blue Mountains	\$99,010	This project would fund monitoring and outreach to support the ecological restoration of Phipps Meadow, located in the headwaters of the Middle Fork John Day River in Grant County, Oregon. By tracking salmonid populations—including Spring Chinook and summer steelhead—alongside hydrologic and riparian conditions, the project will assess ecological response to restoration and inform future management. Outreach funding from this grant will engage the community and build support for meadow restoration and its long-term climate and habitat benefits.

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73	Plover Patrol: Building the Next Generation of Coastal Conservationists	Bird Alliance of Oregon (BAO)	Nearshore	\$31,955	The Plover Patrol project will enhance over 40 acres of critical nesting habitat for the western Snowy Plover—a federally listed Threatened species and Oregon Conservation Strategy Species—across six coastal sites from Clatsop Spit to Sand Lake in Tillamook County. Through invasive species removal, oyster shell scattering, and community-led cleanups, the project will reduce threats to plovers while engaging over 120 local volunteers and 160 middle school students in hands-on conservation and education efforts.
74	Pollinator Habitat for Oregon Wine	Pollinator Partnership	Blue Mountains; Columbia Plateau; East Cascades; Klamath Mountains; Northern Basin & Range; Willamette Valley; West Cascades	\$98,655	This project will help continue the excellent work that is being conducted in Oregon by LIVE members installing pollinator habitat on their vineyards. This funding will provide at least 10 Oregon producers with plant material to create a total of 120 acres and 30,000 linear feet of pollinator habitat as well as increase engagement, awareness, and education on critical pollinator issues.
75	Pygmy Rabbit Occupancy: Tracking Down Oregon's Most Elusive Bunny	Oregon State University	Blue Mountains; Columbia Plateau; East Cascades	\$49,999	Our primary goal is to develop an occupancy model and long-term monitoring plan for pygmy rabbits in central and eastern Oregon. This project aims to provide critical data to guide conservation efforts for this imperiled species, ensuring their habitat is preserved and managed effectively.
76	Quantifying interactive effects of recreation and forest restoration on wildlife habitat connectivity	The Nature Conservancy	East Cascades	\$99,828	The goal of this collaborative project is to incorporate core habitat and connectivity into landscape-scale forest planning to prioritize large-scale projects that restore forest resilience to wildfire and climate change and promote biodiversity conservation while minimizing tradeoffs with recreation. We seek to determine where roads and recreation may be disproportionately affecting wildlife habitat occupancy in the context of forest thinning and prescribed fire treatments. To test the relative interactions between resource objectives for wildlife conservation, recreation and wildfire hazard mitigation, we seek to deploy camera traps, acoustic recording units, and road and trail counters in areas deemed important to wildlife habitat connectivity via Omniscape models with nested plots reflecting areas treated and not treated to restore forest resilience to wildfire.
77	Queers in the Woods: 2SLGBTQIA+ Community Engagement in Oak Habitat Restoration	Long Tom Watershed Council	Willamette Valley	\$49,997	The goal of this project is to connect private landowners who steward oak woodlands with 2SLGBTQIA+ community members to engage in skillbuilding, ecological education, and land restoration focused on drought resilience and habitat quality within areas of fir encroachment in oak zones in the southern and mid Willamette Valley. Our mission is to encourage, inspire, and train the current and emerging generations of local land stewards who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ in the upper Willamette Valley and beyond while contributing to positive ecological outcomes for oak habitats and over 18 conservation strategy species that depend on them.

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78	Resource Selection of Sierra Nevada Red Foxes in the Oregon Cascades	Wildlife Ecology Institute	East Cascades; West Cascades	\$28,776	Increasing levels of recreational use (Fig. 1); increasing intensity, frequency, and duration of wildfires; and other land-use changes impact Sierra Nevada red foxes (SNRF), and many other species, but our current understanding of these impacts to SNRF is very limited. This project will analyze existing data (Fig. 2) to provide additional critical information (resource selection) for management and conservation of SNRF in the Oregon Cascades, resulting in more informed management decisions by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, but also land-management agencies, such as U.S. Forest Service. Further, the local community in central Oregon has continued to be substantially engaged in the status and conservation of this montane subspecies of red fox, including recreational use and wildfires.
79	Restoration of 20 acres of critical watershed habitat in the Klamath Mountains	Maqlaqs Geet'kni	Klamath Mountains	\$50,000	Maqlaqs Geet'kni proposes to restore wildlife habitat, promote forest health, and mitigate drought on 20 acres in the Klamath Mountains by thinning congested Ponderosa Pine and Mixed Forest stands, resulting in improved riparian processes and resilience of key hydrologic corridors for species in areas historically populated by the Foothill Yellow-legged Frog, the White-headed Woodpecker, and California Mountain Kingsnake. The project will utilize traditional forest management practices, under the stewardship of Maqlaqs Geet'kni Executive Director, Derek Kimbol, a proud member of the Klamath Tribe.
80	Restoring Couse Creek to a Resilient Riverscape Through Low Tech Process Based Restoration	Northwest Youth Corps	Blue Mountains; Columbia Plateau	\$100,000	The project restores approximately 2 miles of the Couse Creek and 5-7 acres in the surrounding Walla Walla River watershed. The primary goal is to increase a variety of stream health indicators including: the abundance of beaver dams and large wood accumulations, geomorphic diversity, channel-floodplain connectivity, perennial surface flow during low-flow periods, and wetland and riparian vegetation. Northwest Youth Corps participants will maintain existing structures and install BDAs and PALS at strategic points along the stream where new channels are forming. These structures slow water flow, increase stream complexity, reduce sedimentation and water temperature, and create habitat for species such as the ESA listed Mid-Columbia steelhead and beavers. Couse Creek has historically supported chinook salmon as well as bull trout.
81	Restoring Headwaters Beaver Habitat on Two Creeks	Oswego Lake Watershed Council	Willamette Valley	\$62,400	This project restores 6.34 acres of American beaver habitat along 0.453 miles of stream in the headwaters of two creeks in Clackamas County, resulting in improved hydrological function and increased groundwater storage to combat summer drought conditions. The project will engage and educate local high schools toward a deeper understanding of the importance of beaver in supporting water conservation and stormwater management within developed Urban areas. High school students will propagate native plants to be incorporated into the restoration site. Community members will support the restoration activities and benefit from learning more about local hydrology. Culturally relevant programs and educational materials will be developed to teach about the importance of beavers, their contribution to hydrology, and their function in protecting communities from drought and wildfires.

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82	Restoring Nesting Habitat for Northwestern Pond Turtle	Institute for Applied Ecology	Willamette Valley	\$99,541	The goal of this project is to restore 33 acres of nesting habitat for northwestern pond turtle while providing opportunities for public engagement. This project will increase available nesting habitat for the northwestern pond turtle at four sites in the Willamette Valley by removing nonnative plants, restoring a disturbance regime, and reconnecting floodplain to upland nesting habitat. We will monitor basking structures, identify key nest predators, and determine nest success in the treated areas with help from our partners and volunteers.
83	Restoring Two Acres of Beaver-Modified Habitat near Redwood Highway	Project Beaver (an assumed business name of The Beaver Coalition)	Klamath Mountains	\$90,019	This grant funding will cause the restoration of over two acres of beaver-modified wetland habitat at the confluence of two salmon-bearing creeks near Cave Junction, Oregon. Adding 2.25 acres of “beavered” habitat to this existing 6.75 acre drought-resilient wetland will benefit a host of OCS-listed species, including the Western Pond Turtle, Pileated Woodpecker, and Coho Salmon that have been confirmed on site.
84	Reveille & Retreat Project	Reveille & Retreat Project	Blue Mountains; Coast Range; East Cascades; Klamath Mountains; Nearshore; Willamette Valley; West Cascades	\$50,000	The Reveille & Retreat Project aims to restore the mental health and sense of purpose of military women through trauma-informed outdoor retreats held along the Oregon Coast, Bend, and the Willowa River. In 2026, we want to expand our retreat regions and combine our nature-based therapy with hands-on conservation efforts—such as river cleanups, habitat restoration, and equine and water therapy—our goal is to promote healing while supporting Strategy Species like Chinook salmon, steelhead trout, and western monarch butterflies. Through research we believe we can strengthen the bond between people and place, increasing equity in outdoor access and advancing the goals of the Military Women Mental Health and Oregon Conservation Strategy.
85	River Discovery	Willamette Riverkeeper	Willamette Valley	\$50,000	The Discover Your Willamette River programs (including LTPYWWT and River Discovery) are designed to make paddling on the Willamette River more accessible, inclusive, and educational, empowering individuals to enjoy safe river recreation while deepening their connection to Oregon’s natural and cultural heritage. By providing free skills-based and river safety classes, discounted participation in an immersive multi-day river trip, multiple trips throughout the year, and weekend-friendly scheduling, this program removes barriers to participation, building a stronger and more engaged paddling community.
86	Rocky Shores Bioblitz	Redfish Rocks Community Team	Nearshore	\$50,000	The Rocky Shores Bioblitz is a long-term, coastwide effort to engage communities and visitors in observing and recording biodiversity along Oregon’s coast using the iNaturalist app. Focused on newly designated marine management areas managed by ODFW and other government agencies, the project promotes intentional recreation and community science across both popular and lesser-known coastal towns. By collecting year-round data on plants, animals, and environmental conditions, the bioblitz supports long-term monitoring of species health and ecosystem changes. Educational resources, including a bilingual training video, will make participation accessible to a wide audience. As part of Oregon’s updated Rocky Habitat Management Strategy, the initiative also raises awareness of new protections, boundaries, and regulations—supporting conservation, sustainable use, and broader public engagement.

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87	Roots & Recovery	L- APS, INC.	Blue Mountains; Columbia Plateau	\$50,000	Roots & Recovery brings 75–100 people in early recovery into Oregon’s rivers, trails, and wild spaces across Umatilla and Morrow Counties. We work with treatment centers and transitional housing to plan outings that fit real life—not just schedules. Every trip is peer-led and built on belonging: sitting by rivers, hiking trails, catching fish, seeing the world open back up again. Nature isn’t the backdrop—it’s part of the healing. Along the way, we show simple ways to care for the land, leaving trails lighter and rivers cleaner. Strategy species like the Short-eared Owl and Northern Red-legged Frog benefit because people who feel connected take better care of the places that hold their hope.
88	Safety, Training and Outreach	On Call Community Rescue for Animals (OCCRA)	Willamette Valley; West Cascades	\$10,000	OCCRA aims to expand volunteer-based wildlife response services across six counties in Oregon’s North Willamette Watershed by providing safety training and equipment for the humane capture and transport of injured or orphaned wildlife. This project will increase response capacity, improve outcomes for species such as the Great Blue Heron, and support community education efforts on coexisting with native wildlife.
89	Salmon Watch Youth Program	World Salmon Council	Willamette Valley; West Cascades	\$45,000	The World Salmon Council is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing accessible environmental education across the Pacific Northwest. Through our flagship program, Salmon Watch, we deliver experiential learning focused on Pacific wild salmon and their ecosystems, combining classroom instruction, in-stream field studies, and community service projects. Our primary goal is to engage underserved youth in the greater Portland area with hands-on science education, while fostering environmental stewardship, equitable access to natural spaces, and pathways to careers in natural resources. By inspiring the next generation to protect and restore salmon habitats, Salmon Watch directly supports Oregon Conservation Strategy Species, including Coho and Chinook salmon.
90	Save Our Floodplain Forest! Preserving a Key Ecosystem for Forest-Dependent Wildlife	City of Hillsboro - Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve	Willamette Valley	\$99,900	The EAB is a new invader in the Pacific Northwest and will quickly eliminate all Oregon ash forests, negatively impacting many forest-dependent wildlife species. Our goal is to protect 310 acres of significant forested habitat in the Tualatin Basin by proactively replacing thousands of doomed Oregon ash trees with a diverse mix of other native tree species to alleviate the negative impacts of EAB. Our project will incorporate climate-resilient tree planting and management strategies to maintain the site’s ecological stability and wildlife populations through the transition. We will monitor the success of this transition via tracking our most sensitive forest-dependent species, the Northern red-legged frog. Our project has great value as a “trial run”: the lessons learned here will be a valuable guide for similar EAB mitigation and recovery efforts across the Willamette Basin and beyond.

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91	Snorkel Surveys as part of a long-term Monitoring Program in Steamboat and Canton Creeks, 2026	Pacific Rivers	West Cascades	\$43,650	This project continues long-term snorkel surveys in the Steamboat and Canton Creek watersheds in partnership with local youth to monitor the presence, abundance, and distribution of coastal wild steelhead, a Strategy Species, and other native fish in the Conservation Opportunity Area Umpqua Headwaters (119). From observations of fish abundance distribution, surface flow, and cold-water refugia, we aim to understand habitat limiting factors and fish response to climate stressors like drought and wildfire. We engage local students to conduct the surveys, alongside professional biologists, promoting community outreach, environmental education, and stewardship.
92	Southern Resident Killer Whale Monitoring	Adventure Scientists	Nearshore	\$50,000	The project goals are to: 1) document the location and behaviors of Southern Resident Killer Whales, a strategy species, along the Oregon Coast; 2) train community volunteers to conduct observations of individual killer whales and document data regarding their location and behaviors, both from the Oregon coastline and the open ocean; and 3) fill a data gap identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy -- although data exists for Southern Resident Killer Whales in Canada, Washington, and California, no such data currently exists for Oregon. This will inform management actions for recovery plans by both ODFW and NOAA.
93	Strategy Species Management and Community Conservation on Greenbelt Lands	Greenbelt Land Trust	Willamette Valley	\$49,966	The project will complete essential monitoring, management and enhancement across 300 acres of permanently protected Grassland strategy habitat to support and expand existing population through volunteer planting days, educational birdwatching tours to learn about Oregon Vesper Sparrow and Grassland habitat, and walks/hikes to learn about conservation introductions and habitat management for rare butterflies.
94	Thirtymile Watershed Beaver Recovery and Resiliency Program	Gilliam County SWCD	Columbia Plateau	\$73,822	The Thirtymile Watershed Beaver Recovery and Resiliency Program will assess and develop a strategic action plan for beaver recolonization across 87 stream miles in Gilliam County's Thirtymile Creek watershed to enhance drought resilience, improve water retention, and create connected habitat benefiting ESA-listed Middle Columbia Steelhead and numerous Strategy Species including amphibians, birds, mammals, reptiles, fish, invertebrates, and plant communities.

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95	Trail Planner's Guidebook	Oregon Wildlife Foundation	Blue Mountains; Coast Range; Columbia Plateau; East Cascades; Klamath Mountains; Northern Basin & Range; Willamette Valley; West Cascades	\$21,000	<p>Publication and dissemination of a trail planner's guidebook to support the siting and development of wildlife-friendly trails. Lori Henning, Metro, with support from landscape professionals, will develop the guidebook. Stephanie Noll with Oregon Trails Coalition will develop a companion webinar. The guidebook and webinar will disseminate 'better practice' information about trail planning, construction, and management to trail planners to minimize recreational use impacts on wildlife and habitat.</p> <p>With use of the guidebook by trail planners, a myriad of species and their habitats will benefit from this project.</p>
96	Training underserved Oregonians in rare plant conservation through community science	Portland State University	Blue Mountains; Coast Range; East Cascades	\$49,536	<p>This project will train community participants/ scientists from across Oregon to identify and monitor populations of rare plant species and will increase education and awareness of conservation for up to 16 Strategy Species: <i>Abronia umbellata</i> var. <i>breviflora</i>, <i>Astragalus diaphanus</i> var. <i>diurnus</i>, <i>Astragalus peckii</i>, <i>Botrychium pumicola</i>, <i>Castilleja mendocinensis</i>, <i>Chloropyron maritimum</i> ssp. <i>palustre</i>, <i>Gilia millefoliata</i>, <i>Lasthenia ornduffii</i>, <i>Lilium occidentale</i>, <i>Lomatium erythrocarpum</i>, <i>Lomatium greenmanii</i>, <i>Phacelia argentea</i>, <i>Pleuropogon oregonus</i>, <i>Pyrrocoma scaberula</i>, <i>Rorippa columbiae</i>, and <i>Thelypodium howellii</i> ssp. <i>spectabilis</i>. The project will also increase outdoor access for those community members by teaching them hands-on plant identification and conservation methods while surveying three ecoregions and up to nine Conservation Opportunity Areas across the state.</p>
97	Umpqua Streamside Scholars	Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers	Klamath Mountains	\$24,418	<p>The goal of the Umpqua Streamside Scholars program is to foster the next generation of watershed stewards by connecting Douglas County students, particularly those from underserved communities, with the fish, rivers, and restoration efforts in their own backyards. Through hands-on education about salmon, lamprey, and other native species, the program will build awareness of ongoing habitat restoration work in the Umpqua Basin, including efforts to improve stream connectivity, reduce sedimentation, and enhance cold-water refugia. By working alongside local agencies and tribal partners, students will gain direct exposure to the ecological and cultural significance of local waterways and the science behind restoring them.</p>
98	Uplifting Anthony Creek for Native Trout and Beaver	Powder Basin Watershed Council	Blue Mountains	\$100,000	<p>The goal of the project is to reconnect Anthony Creek with its historic floodplain, restore 78 acres of riparian and floodplain habitats, improve aquatic habitat for native trout (Bull Trout and Columbia Basin redband trout) and Columbia spotted frog along 1.5 miles of Anthony Creek and create conditions to encourage recolonization by beaver. The project will also engage local/regional youth in project implementation, specifically construction of beaver dam analogs to provide an opportunity for them to directly engage within the watersheds where they live.</p>

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99	Using landscape genetics to assess drought-driven fragmentation of an Oregon Strategy Species	Oregon State University	Northern Basin & Range	\$100,000	The project will establish a landscape genetic study of pygmy rabbits, an Oregon CSS/SGCN, in Lake, Harney, Crooks, Deschutes, and Malheur Counties. This project will build on recent surveys by ODFW that identified occupied sites and will support fieldwork for non-invasive collection of DNA samples at those sites, as well as supporting development of laboratory protocols at Oregon State University for extracting and genotyping DNA from rabbit fecal pellets. The project will create a pilot data set to estimate the current degree of fragmentation and genetic diversity of a subset of remaining pygmy rabbit populations and guide later sampling, enabling a future ODFW effort to use landscape genetics identify areas where habitat conservation or restoration may be needed to protect or reestablish connectivity for pygmy rabbits.
100	Waldo Road Beaver Exclusion Device (BED) Project	Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District	Klamath Mountains	\$50,242	The project will restore natural function to approximately 19-acres of wetland habitat through the installation of three beaver exclusion devices (BEDs; specifically, Anchor Fence Culvert Protection Systems) fencing around the inlet exteriors of three culverts on a 0.1-mile stretch of Waldo Rd in O'Brien, OR. This project will benefit the Oregon Conservation Strategy Species of the Klamath Mountains Ecoregion. The project will also engage the local community through educational workshops and field tours that will help amplify the benefits of beaver wetlands to Oregon Conservation Strategy Species of the Klamath Mountains Ecoregion. John M Wolf (ODFW) suggested that the beaver wetland was due for updated fish surveys during a site visit related to this project on 8/1/2023. Geoff Gerdes (Rogue District Stream Restoration Biologist) will conduct fish presence surveys summer 2025.
101	Wolverine Tracking Project	Cascadia Wild	East Cascades; West Cascades	\$35,005	<p>The Wolverine Tracking Project is a community science initiative that gathers vital data on rare carnivores in the Mt. Hood National Forest while fostering meaningful connections between people, wildlife, and the outdoors. Focusing on five Oregon Conservation Strategy Species—Sierra Nevada red fox, gray wolf, Pacific marten, fisher, and wolverine—the project supplies critical information to wildlife managers and decision-makers.</p> <p>This project offers people a hands-on opportunity to explore wild places and learn about the challenges facing native species, and nurtures their stewardship of Oregon's natural heritage.</p>