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Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Awards Over \$14 Million in Grants to Support Restoration

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The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) awarded 71 grants totaling \$14,248,381 to local organizations statewide to support fish and wildlife habitat and water quality projects at their October 22-23, 2024 virtual and in-person board meeting.

“These investments support watersheds, fish and wildlife habitats, and communities,” says Sara O’Brien, OWEB’s Executive Director. “They will improve in-stream habitat and enhance stream flows. They support improved water quality and long-term monitoring. They enhance wildlife habitats such as streamside areas and floodplains, oak woodland, prairies, and meadows. They will support resilient watershed conditions during hotter, drier summers and wildfires. These investments showcase Oregon’s commitment to mitigate the impacts of climate change.”

Funding for these projects comes from the Oregon Lottery and Federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery funds provided by the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration. A listing of all awarded grants is available at: <https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/Documents/2024-Oct-Board-Awards.pdf>

Since 1999, the Oregon Lottery has provided over \$525 million to OWEB’s grant program that helps restore, maintain and enhance Oregon’s watersheds. For more information about the Oregon Lottery visit www.oregonlottery.org

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