

Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program

Program Overview



Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program

- Established by SB 1069, effective March 5, 2008
 - Administered by Oregon Water Resources Department
- Provides \$1.6 million for evaluating the feasibility of developing water conservation, reuse or storage projects
- Applications accepted
July 15 – September 2, 2008

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- Provides up to \$500,000 per project
- Dollar-for-dollar match required
 - Match can include:
 - Cash
 - In-kind sources
 - Funds expended after July 1, 2005
 - Pending commitments (must be secured within 12 months of receiving grant award)

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- Eligibility

- “Local Government” (ORS 174.116)
- “Indian Tribe” (ORS 391.802)
- “Person” includes corporations, state and federal government (ORS 536.007)

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- If feasibility study is for a storage project and the project:
 - a) diverts greater than 500 acre-feet of surface water,
 - b) impounds surface water on a stream, and/or
 - c) diverts water from a stream that supports endangered species, then

- The feasibility study for the proposed project must include:
 - Analysis of ecological flows;
 - Analyses of alternative means of supplying water;
 - Analyses of environmental impacts;
 - Evaluation of using stored water to augment instream flows; and
 - For municipalities, analysis of water demand and the project's relationship to water supply projects.

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- Project planning studies eligible for funding include:
 - Hydrologic refill capacity
 - Water needs
 - Hydrology
 - Engineering and financial feasibility
 - Geology

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- Water exchange
- Ecological flow impacts
- Alternative means of supplying water
- Environmental impacts from projects
- Public benefits from projects
- Fiscal impacts of projects
- Hydrological impacts of projects
- Water quality impacts

The Grant Process

Applications Submitted
July 15 – September 2, 2008



Application Summaries Posted on Web
Mid September 2008



Application Review Team
Recommendations
Late September 2008



Public Comment Period
October 1 - 30, 2008



Department Recommendation
to Commission
November 21, 2008



Commission Considers Department
Recommendation
November – December 2008

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- For more information, visit the Grant Program's website:

www.wrd.state.or.us/OWRD/LAW/conservation_reuse_storage_grant.shtml

- Overview of Grant Program
- Application Form
- Application Criteria and Evaluation Guidance
- Statute and Administrative Rule

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