

*ERC: Agency Program Fund  
Pre-Proposal Summary*

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# Summary

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# Site Clean-Up, Remediation, and Redevelopment

**Title:** Oregon Priority Brownfields Initiative

**Agency:** DEQ & OHA

**Amount Requested:** \$6 million

Outcomes:

- Protects public health and the environment from toxic exposures through site characterization and cleanups.
- Alleviates the environmental and health burdens experienced by underrepresented and disproportionately impacted communities.
- Supports safe reuse of properties for community benefit, including affordable housing, greenspace, and other public and private uses.
- Supports meaningful engagement with communities and Tribes.
- Examples include: Green Lents Community Orchard, Cully Park landfill redevelopment, Willamette Cove upland, JH Baxter, Bradford Island.



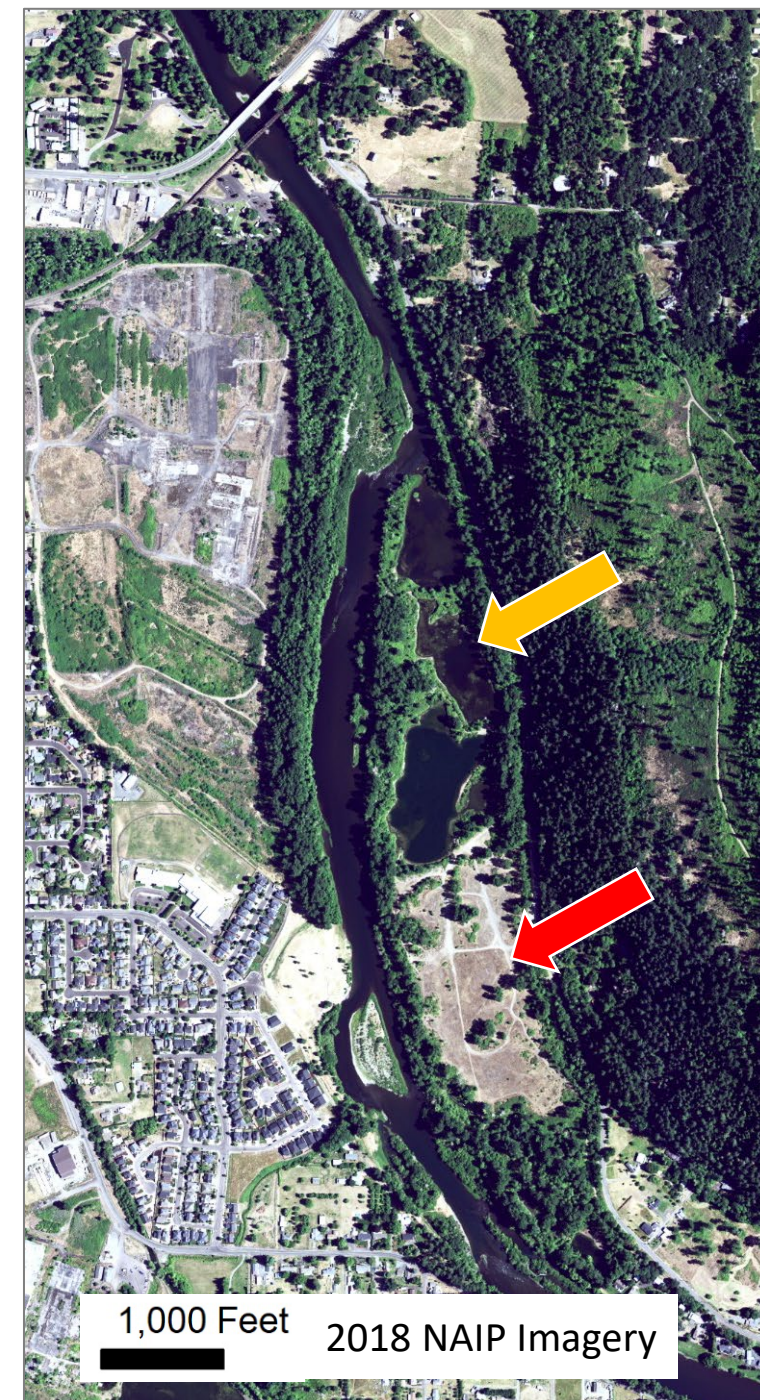
**Title:** Enhanced Reclamation of Mine Sites

**Agency:** DOGAMI

**Amount Requested:** \$1 million

Outcomes:

- Revegetation, restored riparian function, and/or restored floodplain connectivity for up to 13 closed mine sites in the Willamette Valley.
- Reduces surface runoff, creates off-channel fish habitat and fish passage, supports native vegetation planting, increases shade, enhances the mixing of groundwater and surface water cooling river temperatures, and builds resilience to drought and flooding.



1,000 Feet

2018 NAIP Imagery

Reducing Human  
(Environmental) Exposure to  
Contamination

**Title:** Address Groundwater Contamination from Failing Septic Systems

**Agency:** DEQ

**Amount Requested:** \$4 million

Outcomes:

- Provides low interest loans and grants to repair or replace failing septic systems.
- Contributes to restoration of groundwater and surface waters contaminated by failing systems.
- Funding would support ~160 septic repairs or replacements over two years (~26M gallons of improved wastewater treatment per year).
- Includes outreach and program marketing focused on low- and moderate-income households.



**Title:** Expand Science and Monitoring Activities focused on Toxics Reduction and Restoration Grant Efforts

**Agency:** DEQ

**Amount Requested:** \$2.1 million



**Outcomes:**

- Collect & analyze water column and fish/shellfish tissue samples for contaminants including PFAS and PCBs.
- Project planning and development will be coordinated in collaboration with ODFW, OHA, Tribal Nations, and other interested parties.
- Data reporting will inform OHA fish and shellfish consumption advisories, if warranted.

# Title: Healthy Fish Consumption Program Expansion

Agency: OHA

Amount Requested: \$1.4 million

Outcomes:

- Broaden geographic scope and sharpen the focus of fish tissue collection and analysis to the places and the fish species people harvest.
- Build on existing fish tissue collection, analysis and data sharing collaborations with DEQ & ODFW – go beyond existing natural resource agency cleanup and wildlife restoration
- Resource local partners for community engagement, data collection and education
- Design, install and maintain permanent educational signage.
- Prioritize subsistence fishing



**BONNEVILLE DAM FISH ADVISORY**

**EAT SALMON, SHAD, & STEELHEAD: LEAVE THE REST!**  
COMA SALMÓN, SÁBALO Y TRUCHA CABEZA DE ASERO; DEJE EL RESTO!  
ПОСОСЯ, ШЕДА И МУКЖУ ЕСТЬ МОЖНО. ОСТАЛЬНЫЕ ВИДЫ ОТПУСКАЙТЕ!  
可以食用鲑鱼、鲟鱼和硬头鲈；其他鱼请放生！  
HÌ AN CÁ HỒI, CÁ TRÍCH & CÁ HỒI ĐẦU THÈP; KHÔNG ĂN NHỮNG LOẠI CÓN LẠI!

**DO NOT EAT: RESIDENT FISH**

Fish from these waters may be harmful to eat. Children and people who are pregnant, may become pregnant, or are nursing are at higher risk.

BLUEGILL	CARP	CATFISH	CRAPPIE
CRAYFISH	LARGEMOUTH BASS	SMALLMOUTH BASS	YELLOW PERCH
NORTHERN PIKEMINNOW	STURGEON	SUCKER	WALLEYE

**HEALTHY CHOICE: MIGRATORY FISH**

SALMON	AMERICAN SHAD	STEELHEAD
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**LIMIT: LAMPREY**

Limit to 2-4 servings per month.  
Limit 2 servings per month for people who are nursing, pregnant, or may become pregnant, and children under 6 years old.

**More information:**  
healthreporting@ohwa.gov  
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**HEALTH Health**

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# Title: Statewide Backflow Prevention Education, Inspection, and Testing

Agency: OWRD

Amount Requested: \$775,000

Outcomes:

- Rules amended to address backflow requirements when surface water is the source of irrigation water.
- Roughly 1000 inspections conducted in Groundwater Management Areas and surrounding areas to decrease incidents of contamination.
- Improved water quality in both groundwater and surface water already identified as “hot spots” needing to be addressed



**Title:** Pesticide Applicator Training Modernization

**Agency:** ODA

**Amount Requested:** \$1.5 million

Outcomes –

- Modernized training and testing content across all pesticide license categories, covering current buffer zone science, ESA protections, IPM practices, and watershed-specific environmental requirements.
- Complete Spanish translation of all priority materials; multilingual platform capacity for additional languages.
- Baseline pass rates established by license category and language; measurable improvement tracked against those baselines.
- Measurable reduction in violations that have a knowledge/training nexus, tracked through existing ODA compliance monitoring systems.

# Remediation of Impaired Water Bodies

**Title:** Agricultural Water Quality Restoration Partnership

**Agency:** ODA

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

Outcomes:

- Sub-grants will be given for riparian fencing, off-channel watering, native vegetation establishment, and irrigation efficiency in at least three priority areas.
- Streams will be buffered, and acres of riparian vegetation established; these will be documented by sub-grantee.
- Landowners will be served who are in areas outside current OWEB and NRCS eligibility, particularly smaller operations.
- Irrigation districts will be engaged as sub-grant partners at scale not previously achieved.

# Habitat/Landscape Restoration

**Title:** Charting a Future for Cleaner Water:  
Contaminant Mitigation and Habitat  
Restoration in Priority Watersheds

**Agency:** ODFW

**Amount Requested:** \$4.5 million

In the Santiam and Mid Willamette Basins:

- 120-acre habitat restoration on a former brownfield near a remediated Superfund site.
- Alternatives analysis to convert a quarry into habitat and a park
- A basin-wide contaminant assessment and an analysis to reduce methylmercury impacts on amphibians.
- Implementation of additional on-the-ground projects.

In the Umpqua Basin:

- Wetland restoration on a 77-acre former brownfield.
- Cleanup on 160-acres impacted by mining & illegal cannabis.
- Restoration on a site impacted by the 2020 Archie Creek Fire.

In the Rogue Basin:

- Reconnecting a 20-acre floodplain downstream of the 2020 Almeda Fire to capture contaminants;
- Designing a floodplain enhancement project upstream of Medford's drinking water intake;
- Implementing soil-health treatment to reduce PFAS.



Photo: RDG & CWC, taken at Albany Oxbows



Photo: CWC, taken at Bowers restoration site

**Title:** From Assessment to Action: Turning the Tide on Contaminants to Restore Oregon's Aquatic Species and Habitats

**Agency:** ODFW

**Amount Requested:** \$5 million

**Outcomes:**

Leverage shared expertise at ODFW, DEQ, OHA, and other partners to address contaminant impacts on Pacific lamprey and freshwater mussels; prioritize restoration sites; inform consumption advisories; and recover species.

Support CRITFC priority lamprey and mussel recovery efforts:

- Provide Pacific lamprey passage through translocation and by implementing two passage projects.
- Improve understanding of species conditions at Willamette Falls and other key sites in Oregon.
- Evaluate contaminant impacts to determine restoration site suitability.

Investigate freshwater mussel die-offs to determine the role of contaminants.



Photo: Ben Clemens, ODFW



Photo: Freshwaters Illustrated, taken in the North Fork Umpqua.

# Improved Environmental Protection/Resource Management

**Title:** Research data and planning tools to prepare for the emerging tire contaminant 6PPD-quinone (6PPD-q).

**Agency:** ODOT

**Amount Requested:** \$1.9 million

Outcomes:

- Improved knowledge of where 6PPD-q contamination “hotspots” might be located on the state highway system.
- Improved performance evaluation of current stormwater best management to inform new BMPs without costly retrofits
- Enhanced intra-state, Tribal and federal agency collaboration, including sharing of project deliverables and benefits.

**Title:** Maintain OWEB Drinking  
Water Source Protection Program  
**Agency:** OWEB/OHA  
**Amount Requested:** \$1.2 million

Outcomes:

- Reduced exposure to contaminants through proactive drinking water protection in small rural communities.
- Grants to public water systems to protect, restore, or enhance sources of drinking water through land acquisition and conservation.
- Helps communities avoid costly water treatment, supports local economic development.
- Grants will be provided to communities to acquire land, easements or covenants from willing sellers.



# Next Steps

- Review Feedback
- Refine package for Council Consideration June 22<sup>nd</sup>