

Senate Bill 762 Landscape Resiliency Program

Instructions

Overview

The Oregon Dept. of Forestry (ODF) is implementing an investment program to reduce wildfire risk on public and private forestlands and rangelands, within communities, and near homes and critical infrastructure with a focus on forest and rangeland restoration and landscape resiliency treatments.

The State Legislature has allocated funding to work collaboratively across boundaries to continue Oregon's Shared Stewardship approach for implementing land management activities that improve community resilience to wildfire and restore or maintain resilient landscapes **across all land ownerships**.

Funds will be allocated for work performed in the 2023-2025 biennium (running July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025). At this time (subject to change), **PROJECT WORK MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 15, 2025**, not just obligated in contracts or agreements. Any work completed after June 15, 2025, will NOT be reimbursed even if the initial project budget has not been expended in full. However, invoicing and reimbursements requests may occur up to 15 days after June 15, 2025, for completed work.

Submit Project Proposals via application link (below) by 5 pm PST on Friday, July 21st, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Jenna.a.trentadue@odf.oregon.gov.

****Due to timing of this grant application and legislative session, some changes may be asked to be made to the application after the close of the biennium June 30th, 2023 before final scoring****

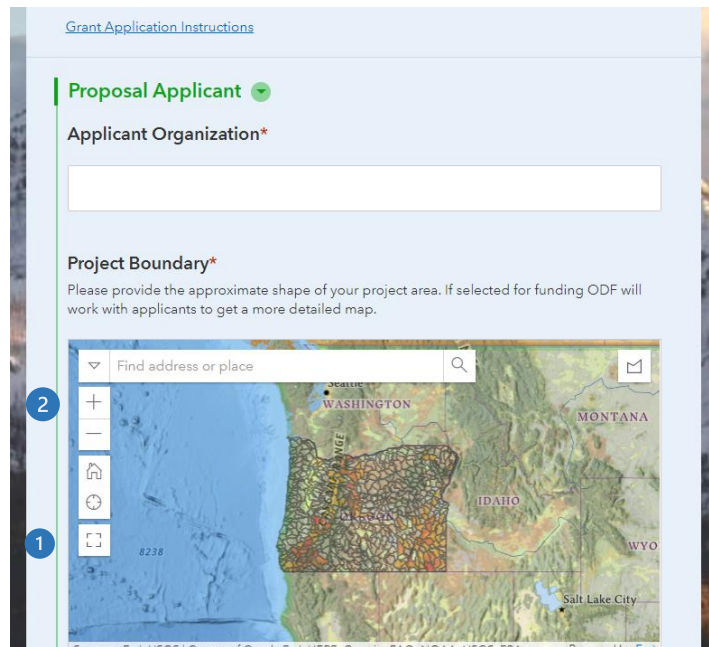
To apply go to this link: <https://arcg.is/1jzfWW0>


****A fillable pdf version of the application can be made available if needed. The application may also be available in other languages upon request.****

Instructions for online Application

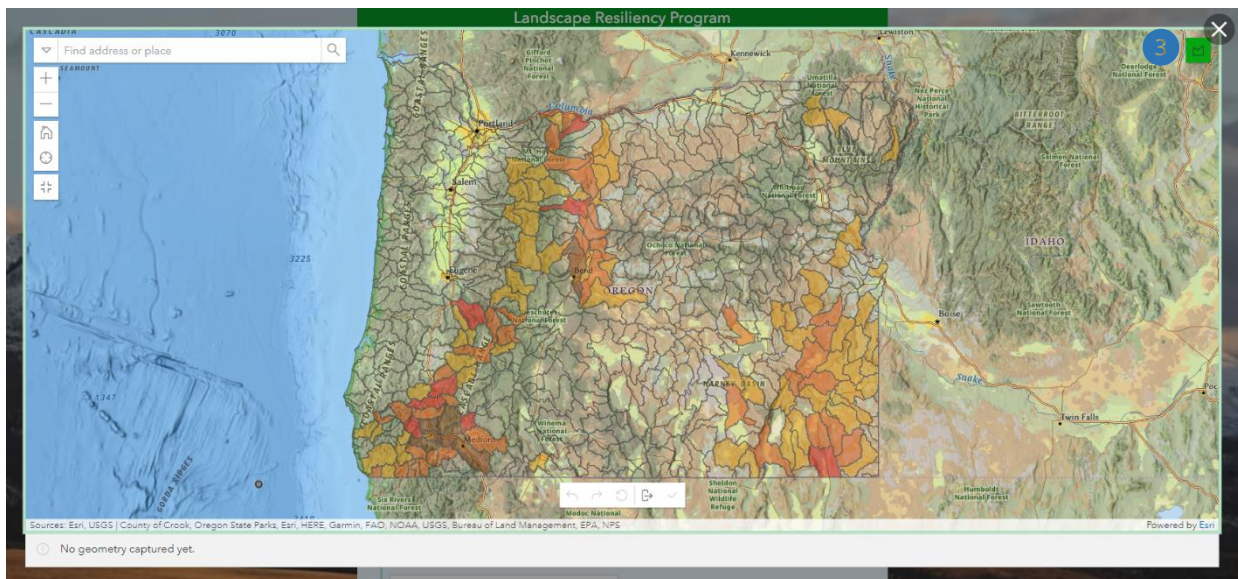
- **Project Boundary:**


Please input here the boundary of your project that includes all areas that work will be administered. Hover over symbols on map to identify their function. The Base map that is utilized shows the HUC 10 boundaries with the four highest Expected Net Value Change classes identified in the 2018 Pacific Northwest Quantitative Wildfire Risk Assessment being colored in. Projects within these colored areas will have higher priority in scoring than other areas. Projects outside these colored areas will still be eligible.

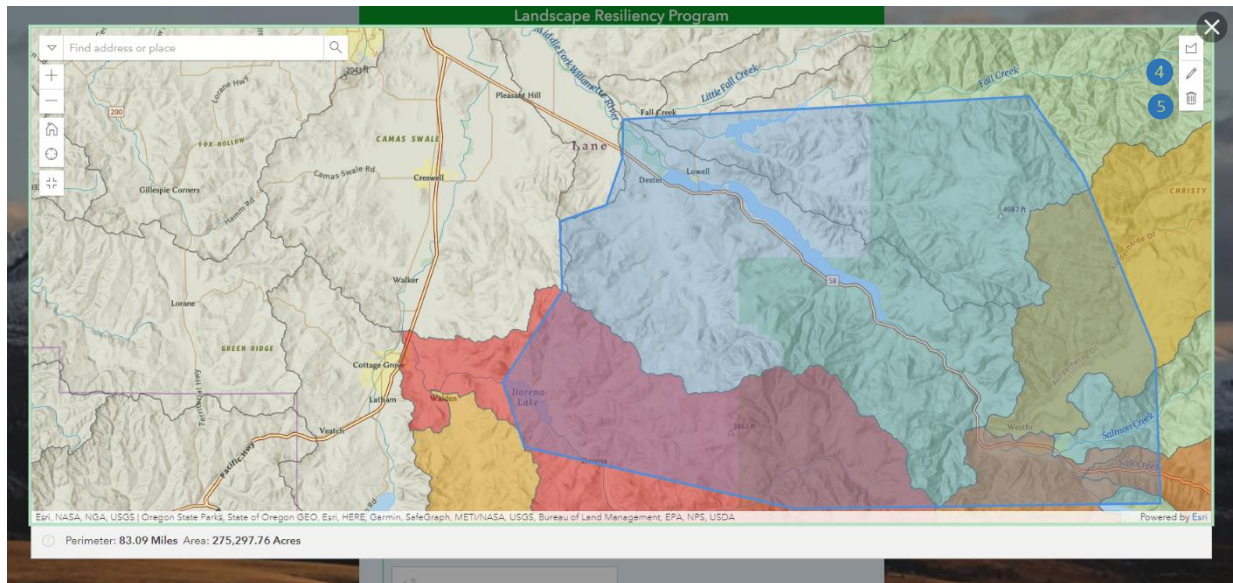




1: Select the “Large Map” button  to enlarge the map to full screen to make it easier to draw boundary.

2: You can also zoom in on the map by using the scroll wheel on your mouse or clicking on the + symbol in the upper left corner.



3: After you select the “Area” button  in the top right corner you will then be able to add the project boundary by clicking on the map to drop points for the project boundary. To finish drawing the “Area” double click to finalize the shape.



4 + 5: You can edit the shape by selecting the “Edit” button  or the “Delete”  button and start again if you do not like your first boundary. Once you are satisfied with the project boundary you can select the X in the top right corner to return to the rest of the application.

- **Proposal Applicant**

- Applicant Organization: Please identify what organization or entity that is submitting the project proposal.
- Contact person: This person will be responsible for all communications related to the grant. A backup or alternate person can be additionally provided if grant funding is awarded.
- Email: Enter email for Contact Person.
- Phone Number: Enter the phone number for the Contact Person.
- Address: Enter mailing address of the Applicant Organization.

- **Project Information:**

- Project name: Identify a project name that will be tied indefinitely to the grant.
- Is this an expansion of a prior Landscape Resiliency Program Project? Please select yes or no. *This will NOT be part of the scoring component, but will provide context of building a larger landscape impact for areas already treated with this funding.*
- Community name(s): List any community or communities, in alignment with the 20 year Landscape Resiliency Strategy, identified as High Risk in the [2018 Pacific Northwest Quantitative Wildfire Risk Assessment](#) or identified within a local [CWPP \(Community Wildfire Protection Plan\)](#).

- **Applicant Budget**

- Please specify grant request amounts for Personnel/Labor, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Contractual, Indirect Costs, and Other. The Grant Funds Requested Total box will automatically sum all the fields for this section. (Do not enter dollar signs, only numbers can be entered)

- **Applicant Match**

- Please specify any/all applicant match amounts for Personnel/Labor, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Contractual, Indirect Costs, and Other for the applying organization. Applications that include a match will be prioritized. Match can include cash and/or “in-kind” contributions. (Do not enter dollar signs, only numbers can be entered)
- **Partner Match**
 - Please specify any/all partner match amounts for Personnel/Labor, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Contractual, Indirect Costs, and Other for any partner organizations participating in the grant. Match can include cash and/or “in-kind” contributions. (Do not enter dollar signs, only numbers can be entered)
- **Total Match**
 - Each application is **strongly** encouraged to meet a 75% grant fund/ 25% matching fund ratio. The matching fund is a combination of applicant and partner match and is auto-summed in the Total Match box.
- **Budget and Match Narrative Box:**
 - The budget and match narrative must describe how the grant funds will be spent. Give specific details for each grant expenditure item (i.e., personnel/labor, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual, other, and indirect costs). Explain exactly how grant dollars will be spent and how these expenditures tie directly to the project goals and objectives.
 - Include any match description in this box and what deliverables will be associated/completed with those match amounts. Match is defined here as additional resources to be expended to further the grant objectives. Match cannot be claimed for one grant and then used again for another. Match may include personnel hours valued at a reasonable rate, donated labor/equipment, actual dollars spent within the specified scope of work, etc. Indirect costs must be tied to an established rate and that source described. Waived indirect costs are an acceptable source of match.
- **Project Area Description and Challenges Box:**
 - Describe the project area and challenges. Describe the relationship between project components: implementation, planning and evaluation. Applicants must give an overview of the project area, identify the hazards that exist and clearly show the need for work in this area. Be specific when describing challenges or obstacles that will need to be addressed for the project to be successful. When describing the implementation component of the project, describe the fuel and /or vegetation types. When describing the planning and/or project treatment effectiveness monitoring components, be clear on how these will help develop and report on forest or rangeland projects that meet program criteria.

It is important to define the problems and challenges so when you get to the Proposed Activities box, you are clearly stating how the funding will be used, in action, to address the challenges in this box.
- **Relation to Forest Action Plan and CWPP Box:**
 - Describe the relationship to the [Forest Action Plan](#) and to a local [CWPP](#). Must clearly describe how the project fits into the broad goals of a Forest Action Plan (Enhancing, Protecting and or Conserving) and its connection to a CWPP goals and objectives. List out the goals of these documents that fit the project and then tie in how the project accomplishes/meets the listed goals of these planning documents.
- **Proposed activities Box:**
 - Clearly describe each proposed activity and include where and what will be occurring (i.e., fuel break along the fence line, prescribed fire activity, tree crown spacing, reestablishing native fire adapted species, etc.). The description must include measurables and how the project will be

accomplished. Grant funds should be tied to the activities. Unlike the overview, this will provide the specific details of the project using measurable units where applicable. Treatment prescriptions and measures of success should be clearly stated. For planning, treatment evaluation and sustainability activities; the audience, methods, deliverables and measures of success should be clearly stated. Any climate-smart practices being utilized should be included here as well (refer to ODF's [Climate Change and Carbon Plan](#) if needed).

- **Cross Boundary Opportunities Box:**

- Describe the cross-boundary landscape this project influences. Show how the project will have an impact beyond individual treatments and improve forest and/or rangeland restoration and resiliency on a landscape scale. For example, a project around a community may compliment a Forest Service project or vice versa. Give specifics on how this project will tie into the larger picture of the Landscape Resiliency Program. For a planning component, explain how your project compliments or enhances those by other partners and/or ties into a greater goal (listing location and acreage of these other projects is helpful). Explain, the who, what, when, where, why, and how of its anticipated impacts.

- **Project Collaboration Box:**

- Describe the contributions each partner makes to the project by stating the collaborating partners and how they are contributing to the project's scope of work.

- **Project Timeline Box:**

- The Project Timeline must include begin/end dates, milestones, quarterly or seasonal targets, etc. (It is expected that projects could tentatively start with grant funding in fall 2023)

- **Diversity Equity and Inclusion Box:**

- Describe the earnest effort to seek innovative approaches and opportunities to commit resources to landscape scale projects that include traditionally underserved, socially vulnerable or historically marginalized communities. Please articulate how the project accomplishes and evaluates this effort. Examples: project design, mitigates impacts to said communities, and project location. Additionally, include here if your organization traditionally serves underserved communities or has a DEI component plan.

Grant Scoring:

- All grants will be scored based on the following criteria: applicants must ensure that all boxes are filled in and the application is complete (**the highest possible score is 50**):

- **Project Boundary- Does the application have a clear project boundary, and does it relate to lands in the four highest eNVC risk classes identified in the United States Forest Service report titled "Pacific Northwest Quantitative Wildfire Risk Assessment: Methods and Results" dated April 9, 2018?**
Range: Clearly defined = 5 to Not defined = 0
- **Does the application clearly show how the budget will be spent by line item and are expenditures applicable and relevant to the goals and objectives of the project? If Match is offered, does this have clear amounts and deliverables associated?**
Range: Clearly defined = 5 to Not defined = 0
- **Describe the Project- Does the application clearly describe the challenges and**

issues that articulate why the project is important? Range: Clearly defined = 5
to Not defined = 0

- **Planning Linkages- Does the application clearly link or tie the project to an existing Community Wildfire Protection Plan goals and is the project consistent with the state Forest Action Plan(s) goals (Enhancing, Protecting and or Conserving)?**
Range: Clearly defined = 5 to Not defined = 0
- **Project Activities- Does the application clearly define what the project is and what the project proposes to do? Does the application clearly define how the project will be accomplished, including identifying measurable outcomes and practices? (Are the proposed activities clear and achievable, goals defined, outcomes measurable, # of acres treated, # of education/outreach programs, planning, evaluation, and sustainability efforts clearly described etc.) Has the application included any climate-smart practices being utilized if applicable?**
Range: Clearly defined = 10 to Not defined = 0
- **Cross Boundary Opportunities- Does the application clearly define the scale of the project including relationships with past, present, or future projects that, when combined, offer more benefits than when taken individually? Is the landscape that the project influences clearly described?** Clearly defined = 5 Not defined = 0
- **Collaboration- Does the application clearly define collaborative elements including multiple partners, agencies, landowners, communities? Are the collective efforts of collaborators well described?**
Range: Clearly defined = 5 to Not defined = 0
- **Project Timeline- Does the application clearly describe the timeline to implement the project? Does the timeline include milestones, seasonal influences, and/ or ways to measure progress?**
Range: Clearly defined = 5 to Not defined = 0
- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) – Does the project describe the earnest effort to seek innovative approaches and opportunities to commit resources to projects that include underserved, socially vulnerable or historically marginalized communities? Does the project clearly articulate how the project may accomplish and evaluate this effort and/ or ways to measure progress. Applicants can additionally provide information here on if they also traditionally serve underserved communities or have a DEI component plan.**
Range: Clearly defined = 5 to Not defined = 0

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