Inventory of Potential Grant Funding

The Juniper Group of Prineville

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This inventory was developed with funding from the National Forest Foundation and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.
Business Development/Business Assistance Grants

USDA Forest Service Woody Biomass Utilization Grants

These grants support forest products projects that increase the use of woody biomass from or near national forest lands. This includes biomass energy facilities and associated activities. The woody biomass utilization grant program is intended to help improve forest restoration activities by using and creating markets for small-diameter material and low-valued trees removed from hazardous fuel reduction activities. These funds are targeted to help communities, entrepreneurs, and others turn residues from hazardous fuel reduction projects into marketable forest products and/or energy products. The program targets grants at areas in Fire Regime Condition Classes 3, and to a lesser extent, 2. Eligible applicants are State, local, and Tribal governments, school districts, communities, non-profit organizations, businesses, companies, corporations, or special purpose districts, e.g., public utilities districts, fire districts, conservation districts, or ports. The Forest Service awarded over $4 million in grants last year (FY06). Grants in FY07 will range from $50K - $250K each. Applicants must demonstrate at least a 20% match from non-Federal sources, which can include cash or in-kind contributions. Pre-applications in the most recent cycle were due November 3, 2006. Invited applicants are submitting full applications by February 2, 2007.

For more information:
http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-19546.htm

Healthy Forests Healthy Communities Small Grants – Woody Biomass Utilization

Sustainable Northwest’s Healthy Forests Healthy Communities Small Grants program is positioned to receive a USDA Forest Service Woody Biomass Utilization Grant which it can re-grant to community-based projects. Woody BUG grants are intended to support forest products projects that increase the use of woody biomass from or near national forest lands. The woody biomass utilization grant program is intended to help improve forest restoration activities by using and creating markets for small-diameter material and low-valued trees removed from hazardous fuel reduction activities. These funds are targeted to help communities, entrepreneurs, and others turn residues from hazardous fuel reduction projects into marketable forest products and/or energy products.

Proposed Small Grants projects should contribute to hazardous fuels reduction on forests with high fire condition classes by linking existing or planned regional hazardous fuels reduction/forest restoration projects to the manufacturing sector, forming a complementary relationship between planned restoration activities, existing and potential utilization capacity, and market opportunity. Projects might increase utilization of woody biomass, increase production of biomass-based products, develop new and innovative products and processes, or increase value of biomass-based products. Successful applicants will demonstrate increased economic feasibility of restoration and fuels reduction through improved utilization. There is significant acreage of fire regime condition class 2 in the juniper dominated rangelands surrounding Prineville. Funds can be used to directly support businesses and for infrastructure upgrades and capital investments, product development and technology transfer. Healthy Forests Healthy Communities partners are eligible to apply (COIC is a HFHC partner). Proposals for up to $50,000 will be accepted and Sustainable NW will be able to make 5 awards. A 20% non-federal match is requested, but not required. Sustainable Northwest accepted small grant proposal concepts in November 2006.

Contact: Karen Steer, Sustainable NW Program Officer, (503) 221-6911 or ksteer@sustainablenorthwest.org
**USDA Value Added Producers Grants**

This program helps independent agricultural producers (farmers, ranchers, loggers, agricultural harvesters, and fishermen) enter into value-added activities. Grants may be used for planning activities and working capital for producing and marketing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy. Grant funds may be used for either (1) planning activities needed to establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity for an agricultural product (e.g. conduct a feasibility study, develop a business plan, develop a marketing plan); or (2) acquire working capital to operate a value-added business venture that will allow producers to better compete in domestic and international markets. Independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures are eligible to apply. Importantly, grants cannot be used for production, harvesting or transport costs or for machinery and equipment besides office equipment. This program is oriented more towards planning and marketing. The maximum award per grant is $100,000 for planning grants and $300,000 for working capital grants. A 1:1 non-federal match is required for grants. In FY 2005 $14.3 million was available. Applications for 2007 will likely be due in May.

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**USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Program**

USDA Rural Development's RBEG program provides grant funds for precisely-targeted technical assistance, training, and other activities that support the development of small business enterprises in rural areas. The reviewers are looking for projects that support specifically-identified small and emerging business enterprise that will have an immediate jobs benefit for rural Oregon. Eligible activities include technical assistance (business counseling/training, market research, feasibility study, professional/technical report, product/service improvement), workforce training, and capital equipment expenditures. In FY2006, USDA's State Director discretionary points will be awarded to projects emphasizing: Value-added agriculture; Helping small business & farmers apply for USDA's §9006 Energy Efficiency Grants; Helping farmers apply for USDA's Value-Added Producer Grants; New and creative approaches to rural business development. Eligible applicants are public bodies, non-profits and tribes seeking to conduct a rural business development project. Only projects within rural communities with populations less than 50,000 will be considered. The Oregon USDA Rural Development office is encouraging proposals between $15,000-$25,000, and not more than $30,000. A minimum 1:1 non-federal match is advised to be competitive. In FY2005, Oregon received a State RBEG allocation of $281,000. Interested applicants should submit at 2-page concept paper by January 19, 2007. Invited applicants will need to complete a full application by early February.

Contact: Jeff Deiss (USDA Rural Development), Business & Co-op Program Director at jeff.deiss@or.usda.gov or 503-414-3367 phone

**OWEB Local Innovation Fund Grants**

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) has established The Local Innovation Fund to support creative initiatives that benefit and provide connections between the local watershed, economy, and community. The goal of the fund is to encourage projects that operate within the nexus between
watershed, social, and economic health. Desirable projects should address one or more of the following objectives:

- Supporting and fostering innovative business enterprises that accomplish watershed restoration over the long term
- Improving and sustaining local quality watershed restoration jobs
- Supporting economic viability for private landowners through sustainable watershed stewardship practices
- Increasing community capacity to develop and implement a sustainable vision for the community

In contrast to past OWEB granting processes, this program seeks projects that make explicit connections between environmental restoration activities and social and economic needs and does not fund projects solely for their watershed benefit. In the first funding cycle, grants were provided to support the development phase of innovative projects benefiting the watershed, economy and community. The maximum request for a grant in this cycle was $15,000. Proposals in the first cycle were due on December 1, 2005. A second cycle for larger project implementation grants ran in June 2006.

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Website: http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/Local_Innovation_Fund.shtml

Interagency National Fire Plan Community Assistance Grants

The federal multi-agency community assistance program is designed to reduce wildfire threats to communities and to support local economies. The program, managed by an Interagency Grant Team, pools Forest Service community grant funds and a Department of the Interior Wildland-Urban Interface Community Assistance Program into one application process. Each program has a different focus, but combined they increase interagency and community coordination and encourage grassroots solutions to reducing wildfire threats. Eligible projects include implementation of fuels treatments in the wildland-urban interface and small diameter and biomass utilization and marketing demonstrations. Eligible applicants include: counties, cities, state and local government agencies, federally recognized Tribes, universities, colleges, and state-chartered non-profit organizations in Oregon and Washington. For FY 2005, $4.3 million in awards were made. Applications are due for FY 2008 on February 9, 2007.

Website: http://www.nwfireplan.gov/CommunityAsst.htm
Contact: Lauren Maloney 503-808-6587, lauren_maloney@or.blm.gov

USDA Rural Cooperative Development Grant

Rural Cooperative Development grants are made for establishing and operating centers for cooperative development for the primary purpose of improving the economic condition of rural areas through the development of new cooperatives and improving operations of existing cooperatives. The USDA uses this program to facilitate the creation and retention of jobs in rural areas through the development of new rural cooperatives, value-added processing, and other rural businesses. Development activities may include, but are not limited to, technical assistance, research services, educational services, and advisory services. Operational improvement includes making the cooperative more efficient or better managed. Grant requests can range between $1,000 and $300,000, with typical requests ranging between $150,000 to $250,000. A 25% non-federal match is required – this may include in-kind contributions. Estimated total program funding for this year is $5.95 million. Eligible applicants include: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than
institutions of higher education; Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications will likely be in July 2007.

Contact: Lynn Schoessler (USDA Rural Development) at lynnschoessler@or.usda.gov or (503) 414-3300
Website: http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/USDA/RD/RBCS/RDRB-05-06-RCDG/listing.html

Employer Workforce Training Grants

Governor Kulongoski has made funds available for businesses in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties to train their workforce. The Central Oregon Workforce Response Team is interested in targeting these funds towards secondary wood products, light industrial and manufacturing, renewable energy and research and development. The purpose of these grants is to support the retention and growth of living wage jobs, a skilled workforce and competitive businesses. Awarded funding will focus primarily on training proposals that will create jobs in the traded sector. Private, for profit businesses, business consortia and industry associations residing within Crook, Deschutes or Jefferson counties for at least 120 days, with 75% of their goods or services sold outside the tri-county area are eligible to apply. Other special job creating or wage enhancing projects of regional significance may also be considered. There is no maximum or minimum grant size though typical awards range from $1,000 - $3,000 per job created. For three years, Region 10 has been allocated approx. $203,000 from the Governor each year to grant. Companies that receive grants must provide matching funds or in-kind contributions to the project that equal or exceed the amount of the grant. Grants will be awarded to applicants who meet the criteria until funds are depleted. Proposals for the last cycle were due in December 2006.

To request an application packet, contact Robin Cope at 541-617-0972 or robind@uci.net.

US Department of Energy - USDA Joint Biomass RD&D Solicitation

The U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Agriculture jointly administer a grant program which provides funding for Research, Development, and Demonstration of biomass based products, bioenergy, biofuels and related processes. The objectives of this initiative are to develop: 1) Technologies and processes necessary for abundant commercial production of biobased fuels at prices competitive with fossil fuels; 2) High-value biobased products; 3) A diversity of sustainable domestic sources of biomass for conversion to biobased fuels and biobased products. $14 million was expected to be available for 2006, with 10 to 20 awards anticipated. Letters of interest were due in November, pre-applications are required and are due in December, final applications due in Spring. This fund source rejected a full application from a local consortium working to commercialize juniper in 2005.

For more info, contact Pat Liles at pat.liles@go.doe.gov or go to: https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/C2D6EAD8316FFE5852570AD0077A88F?OpenDocument. Refer to Solicitation # DE-PS36-06GO96002P.
On-The-Ground Project Grants

USFWS Private Stewardship Grants Program

This program provides grants or other assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in private conservation efforts that benefit species listed or proposed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, candidate species, or other at-risk species on private lands within the United States. Funding can be used for on-the-ground conservation actions, such as managing non-native competitors, re-introducing imperiled species, implementing measures to minimize risk from disease, restoring streams that supported imperiled species, erecting fencing to exclude animals from sensitive habitats, or planting native vegetation to restore a rare plant community. Private landowners and private groups (for example, land conservancies, community organizations, or conservation organizations) are eligible applicants. Counties, other local governments, and state supported universities can also apply for projects where they partner with private landowners. Grants range from $1,000 to $500,000. A 10% non-federal match is required. This match may be in-kind (equipment, materials, operations, and maintenance costs). For Fiscal Year 2006, the Service awarded more than $6.9 million in Federal funding under the Private Stewardship Program. USFWS will accept grant proposals for the FY 2007 funding period until February 14, 2007.

Contact: Heather Hollis (USFWS) in Portland at (503) 231-6241 or privatestewardship@fws.gov
Website: http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/private_stewardship/index.html

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Grants

OWEB provides grants in a range of amounts for on-the-ground watershed restoration projects, assessment and/or monitoring projects, and education and outreach projects. Conversations with OWEB staff suggest that they are becoming more supportive of uplands projects and are also focusing more attention on the Crooked River watershed above Lake Billy Chinook because of anticipated future fish passage. Projects should be supported by local watershed councils and connect to existing watershed plans. There is a 25% match requirement and almost all types of organizations are eligible applicants. In the cycle that closed in October 2005 funding for monitoring/assessment and outreach/education projects was very lean. Applications for on-the-ground restoration projects will be due in April 2007. Based on last year’s time line, applications for assessment/monitoring and education/outreach projects will be due in late October 2007 and awards will be made in March 2008.

Program Contact: Rick Craiger, (541) 923-7353 or 923-7131, and sl00015@bendbroadband.com
Website: www.oweb.state.or.us/OWEB/GRANTS/index.shtml

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation General Challenge Grants

NFWF funds projects to conserve and restore fish, wildlife, and native plants through matching grant programs. The Foundation awards matching grants to projects that address priority actions promoting fish and wildlife conservation and the habitats on which they depend, work proactively to involve other conservation and community interests, leverage Foundation-provided funding, and evaluate project outcomes. Federal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations are eligible applicants. Grants typically range between $10,000 and $150,000. As a policy, the Foundation seeks a 2:1 matching contribution ($2 non-federal contribution for every $1 granted). Project proposals
are accepted on a year-round, revolving basis with two decision cycles per year. The last cycle closed on
September 15, 2005.

Contact: Krystyna Wolniakowski (NFWF) in Portland at wolniakowski@nfwf.org
Website: www.nfwf.org/guidelines.cfm

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation NRCS Partnership Grants**

The goal of this grant program is to support high quality on-the-ground projects that engage private
landowners, primarily farmers and ranchers, in the conservation and enhancement of fish and wildlife and
natural resources on their lands. A new focus added for this year’s program is on grassland birds,
particularly sage grouse, and their associated habitats. Grants to, or in partnership with, RC&Ds and local
conservation districts will be given special consideration. State and local governments, education
institutions, and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Grants typically range from $10,000 to
$150,000 with a 2:1 non-federal match required (in-kind match is acceptable). Last year $3 million was
available. We anticipate that pre-proposals will be due in May 2006.

Contact: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Office at 202-857-0166
Website: www.nfwf.org/programs/nrcsnacd.cfm

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Native Plant Conservation Initiative**

Through this initiative, grants of federal dollars will be provided to non-profit organizations and agencies
at all levels of government to promote the conservation of native plants. Historically, the NPCI has
funded education projects (from materials to demonstration sites), propagation and planting projects, and
assessments, inventories, studies, and monitoring projects. In the last cycle, the program expressed a
strong preference for "on-the-ground" projects that involved local communities and citizen volunteers in
the restoration of native plant communities. NPCI grants range from $5,000 to $40,000 with an average
grant size of $15,000. It is expected that all grant funds will be matched 1:1 by non-federal contributions
from project partners. In-kind contributions of goods or services are eligible as match for this program. In
2005 pre-proposals were requested during two cycles, in February and August

Contact: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Office at 202-857-0166
Website: www.nfwf.org/programs/npaci.cfm

**NRCS Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative – Invasive Species Program**

The Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative is a nationwide collaborative process of individuals and
organizations working to maintain and improve the management, productivity, and health of the Nation’s
privately owned grazing lands. In 2006 a new grant program was launched to encourage and support the
management and control of invasive species affecting grazing land. The NRCS was looking for
applications that approached an invasive species concern on a local, statewide, or regional basis, as
opposed to applications from individual landowners to treat only their own lands. Proposals may contain
strategies that include financial incentives/cost-share components for individual farmers or ranchers, or
groups of them. The use of Integrated Pest Management techniques and biological pest control methods
is encouraged. The announcement defines invasive species as “non-native species in an ecosystem that
cause, or are likely to cause economic or environmental hard, or harm to human health.” However, the
program officer for the grant program said that the definition is not hard and fast and that the review
committee will consider projects focused on native invasives such as juniper. The problem and impacts just need to be clearly defined.

State and local governments, non-governmental organizations, individuals, and Federally-recognized Tribes were eligible to apply. Proposals that address invasive species concerns on western range (grazing) lands were given a priority. NRCS was looking for projects that lasted between one and three years and requested between $50,000 to $500,000 (with the average grant being around $100,000). There is a 1:1 match required but half of the match (25% of the total) can be in-kind. $4,146,120 was available in 2006 and applications were due on April 3.

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National Forest Foundation

The National Forest Foundation is focused on addressing the challenges that face America’s National Forests by supporting local involvement and grassroots participation in forest stewardship. The Juniper Group has already received a Community Awards Program grant from the NFF for building organizational capacity. This is frequently a pathway to receiving larger Matching Awards Program grants from the Foundation. Matching Awards grants support non-profit organizations in completing hands-on stewardship projects on or adjacent to National Forests and Grasslands in the following activity areas: community-based forestry, watershed health and restoration, recreation, and wildlife habitat restoration. The Oregon Coast and Cascade region is currently one of four geographic areas where NFF is emphasizing granting. All MAP grants awarded by the NFF require a minimum 1:1 non-federal cash match. Matching funds must be sent to the NFF before NFF can release awarded funds. In-kind contributions may be noted to show leverage for a project, but cannot be matched by NFF funds. NFF offers two application cycles per year and the deadline for the most recent cycle was January 26, 2007. On an invitation only basis some past CAP award recipients have been invited to submit another proposal for a CAP extension grant in October 2006.

Contact: Alexandra Kenny, Grants Programs Director, 202-298-6740 x3, akenny@natlforests.org
Website: www.natlforests.org/consp_04_map.html

Deschutes-Ochoco RAC Title II Project Grants

The Deschutes-Ochoco Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) provides grants for natural resource projects on or adjacent to National Forest lands in Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Jefferson, Klamath and Wheeler Counties under Title II of P.L. 106-393. Funds may be used for projects that improve maintenance of existing infrastructure, enhance forest ecosystems, or restore and improve land health and water quality. The legislation seeks to create employment opportunities and improve cooperative relationships between people who use and care for Federal lands and the agencies that manage these lands. Projects should emphasize partnerships, on-the-ground implementation, and benefit to Forest Service lands, and seek $50,000 or less and provide match to be competitive. In 2006 $1 million was available. Funding for this program ended in 2006 but the program may be re-authorized.

Contact: Scott Aycock, COIC Program Administrator, (541) 548-9525 or scotta@coic.org

USDA NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program that provides assistance to farmers and ranchers who face threats to soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. Through EQIP, the NRCS provides assistance to agricultural producers in a manner that will promote agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals, optimize environmental benefits, and help farmers and ranchers meet environmental requirements. Priority areas for funding include:

- reduction of non-point source pollution of surface and groundwater
- conservation or ground and surface water resources
- reduction of emissions that impair air quality
- reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation
- promotion of habitat conservation for at-risk species

EQIP offers contracts with a minimum term that ends one year after the implementation of the last scheduled practices and a maximum term of ten years. These contracts provide incentive payments and cost-shares to implement conservation practices. EQIP activities are carried out according to an environmental quality incentives program plan of operations developed in conjunction with the producer that identifies the appropriate conservation practice or practices to address the resource concerns. The practices are subject to NRCS technical standards adapted for local conditions. The local conservation district approves the plan. EQIP may cost-share up to 75 percent of the costs of certain conservation practices. Incentive payments may be provided for up to three years to encourage producers to carry out management practices they may not otherwise use without the incentive. Farmers and ranchers may elect to use a certified third-party provider for technical assistance. An individual or entity may not receive, directly or indirectly, cost-share or incentive payments that, in the aggregate, exceed $450,000 for all EQIP contracts entered during the term of the Farm Bill.


**Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Access and Habitat Program**

ODFW provides incentive payments to private landowners who provide for hunting access or habitat enhancement on their lands. Locally, ODFW is willing to pay up to $60 per acre in some cases to support juniper treatments that will enhance habitat for targeted wildlife species.

Contact: Larry Pecenka, Habitat Biologist, (541) 388-6350 x35 or [Larry.L.Pecenka@state.or.us](mailto:Larry.L.Pecenka@state.or.us)
**Additional Opportunities**

**USDA NRCS Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative**

NRCS offers two types of Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative grants to support planning efforts aimed at developing partnerships to implement conservation practices at the watershed-scale. The Conservation Priorities component offers a mechanism to foster partnerships that focus technical and financial resources on conservation priorities in watersheds of special significance. The Rapid Watershed Assessment component provides funding for locally-led resource assessment and planning on an 8-digit HUC watershed basis.

The CCPI is administered in two phases. First, applicants apply through NRCS State Conservationists for planning funds. If the State Conservationist forwards the application to the national level competition it indicates that the State Conservationist intends to provide financial and technical assistance to the implementation phase after the planning phase is over. If planning funds are awarded, the implementation phase is funded by partners including NRCS who make commitments of resources during the planning stage. CCPI projects are expected to secure implementation funds from a wide range of potential partners from local, State and Federal government and non-governmental agencies that have a history of working with agricultural producers. Two of the five priorities for the Conservation Priorities component in 2006 are invasive species and terrestrial and freshwater aquatic wildlife habitat. In 2005 the Pit Resource Conservation District received a $73,000 planning award for a juniper eradication program. Applicants may request between $50,000 and $200,000 for a CCPI project and must provide a 1:1 match using non-NRCS funding. Up to 100 percent of the match may come from in-kind contributions. There was $4 million available for FY 2006, and NRCS funded approximately 20 projects. Applications were due on March 7, 2006.

Website: [http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=7582](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=7582)

**OSU Sun Grant Initiative**

The mission of the Sun Grant Initiative is to (1) enhance national energy security through development, distribution and implementation of biobased energy technologies, (2) promote diversification in and the environmental sustainability of, agricultural production in the United States through biobased energy and products technologies; (3) promote economic diversification in rural areas of the United States through biobased energy and product technologies; and (4) enhance the efficiency of bioenergy and biomass research and development programs through improved coordination and collaboration between the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Energy, and the land-grant colleges and universities. OSU serves as one of five regional Sun Grant centers in the nation. As a regional center, OSU will emphasize research, Extension, and educational programs on renewable energy technology and opportunities and promotion of the development of biobased industries locates in rural communities. Each center receives base Federal funding to establish them as leading research, extension and higher education institutions for the bio-based economy. It was unclear from the website how OSU is allocating its research, Extension, and educational programs to the communities level, but Tim Deboodt may know more about this.

Contact: Dr. Jan Auyong, Oregon State University, (541) 737-1915, [jan.auyong@oregonstate.edu](mailto:jan.auyong@oregonstate.edu)

**Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF)**
The BEF Model Watershed Grant Program supports science-based watershed restoration initiatives that demonstrate strong community engagement and strive to implement a long-term and monitoring-intensive restoration approach. For select Model Watersheds, BEF commits to provide financial and scientific support for monitoring, evaluation, and assessment over a 10-year period. BEF seeks to establish 10-year watershed restoration partnerships with community-based organizations that:

- Demonstrate extensive community support for watershed restoration;
- Establish and utilize a strong scientific basis to prioritize and guide restoration action;
- Apply a restoration approach that addresses ecological processes and the biological requirements of native fish across entire watershed ecosystems; and
- Commit to monitor and evaluate outcomes and base future restoration planning and action on measured results.

BEF has no specific matching funds requirement. However, the Foundation will establish 10-year Model Watershed partnerships only where there are opportunities to leverage substantial long-term support for restoration and monitoring. BEF does not provide support for short-term and/or project-specific watershed restoration, assessment, or monitoring projects. BEF accepts letters of inquiry on an open basis, and there is no official cycle for the review and solicitation of proposed Model Watershed Projects.

Contact: Todd Reeve, Director of Watershed Programs, toddreeve@b-e-f.org, 503-248-1905
Website: http://www.b-e-f.org/watersheds/grants.shtm

Oregon Economic and Community Development Department and Energy Trust of Oregon:

While both of these entities manage formal grant and/or loan programs related to renewable energy and business development/expansion, these are generally for industrial-scale projects associated with established businesses. However, funding can be developed for early-stage projects/businesses that have significant potential and political profile. Deliverables could include feasibility studies, project development, demonstrations, public workshops and conferences, etc. COIC's experience with these entities is that funding can be developed in the range of approximately $5,000 to approximately $25,000, sometimes requiring match, sometimes not. Obtaining this funding is more of an art than a science, and should be considered a "back pocket" opportunity to bring out after a project proposal has been fully developed.

Contact: Scott Aycock, COIC Program Administrator, about these opportunities at (541) 548-9525 or scotta@coic.org

Programs that were researched that were not a good fit for Juniper Group work

- Ford Family Foundation
Juniper Group Grant Inventory - Calendar of Deadlines

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Central Oregon Workforce Training Grants

No deadline dates available for NRCS EQIP, OSU Sun Grant Initiative, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, Oregon Economic and Community Development Department, Energy Trust of Oregon