

# Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP)



## <u>Purpose</u>: Develop voluntary tools to keep lands in farming and ranching to support:

- Oregon's economy;
- healthy rural communities; and
- healthy fish and wildlife and other natural resources.

#### **Commission Membership**

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Department of Land Conservation & Development	Conservation easements	Derek Johnson, Portland

Role

Recommended by

**OWEB Board** 

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**OSU Extension** 

OWEB Board *ex-officio* 

**Tribal interests** 

Natural resource



#### What is the fund request for?

#### OAHP statutorily provides funding for:

- Conservation management plans
- Working land conservation covenants and easements
- Technical assistance
- Succession planning



#### Why would a farmer participate in OAHP?

3 programs for landowners... all are voluntary

- Succession Planning
- Conservation Plans
- Working Land Covenants and Easements



### **Project Selection**

#### From Statute:

- (a) The extent to which the plan, covenant or easement would protect, maintain or enhance farming or ranching on working land;
- (b) The extent to which the plan, covenant or easement would protect, maintain or enhance fish or wildlife habitat, improve water quality or support other natural resource values;
- (c) The extent to which the plan, covenant or easement would protect agricultural outcomes, benefits or other investment gains;
- (d) The capacity of the organization that filed the application to enter into a conservation management plan, accept a working land conservation covenant or working land conservation easement, and the competence of the organization;
- (e) The extent to which the benefit to the state from the investment may be maximized, based on the ability to leverage grant moneys with other funding sources and on the duration and extent of the conservation management plan, working land conservation covenant or working land conservation easement; and
- (f) The extent and nature of plan, covenant or easement impacts on owners or operators of neighboring lands.
- (4) The criteria for ranking conservation management plans, working land conservation covenants or working land conservation easements under subsection (3) of this section may not include a consideration of the type of agricultural operation conducted on the working land.

Plan to engage neighboring about how		Pla	Plans for communicating		Covenants and Easements Evaluation Criteria				
to mitigate any		With noigh		ors			Potential viability of property for agriculture		Improves or maintains economic viability of operation
Leverages other func sources	ding		pacts of	S	Significance of the agricultural,	X	Protects, maintains, or enhances farming		Maintains or enhances ability of the land to be
Duration & extent		covenants or easement on neighboring lands		е	ecological, & social values of the		or ranching on regionally significant		in productive agricultural use after the covenant or easement
Cumulative effect of similar conservation investments in the community	or			working land			working lands		Reduces the level of risk of farmland conversion or fragmentation
Consistent with local comprehensive plans &					Sweet		Level of threat of conversion or fragmentation of the		
		Benefits to the state may be maximized			Spot: Likelihood For				Protects, maintains, or improves priority natural resource values
that will encourage more projects		1176		Success			working land		Supports implementation of
СМР				Pro	otects, maintains, or enhances		Connection to significant fish or wildlife habitat,		priorities or plans
Accreditation or sin standards & practi	ces	•	acity and etence of nization	outo	agricultural tcomes, benefits,				Measurably protects, maintains, or improves water quality/quantity
Land preservation mission, vision or o documents	in	-		C	or conservation alues important to region		water quality, or other natural resources		Protects, maintains, or improves wildlife habitat quality & connectivity
Financial capability to steward projects		Effective expertis			t, Conserve region's		Regional significance of agricultural operation associated infrastructure		Implements management plan likely to sustain ecological values



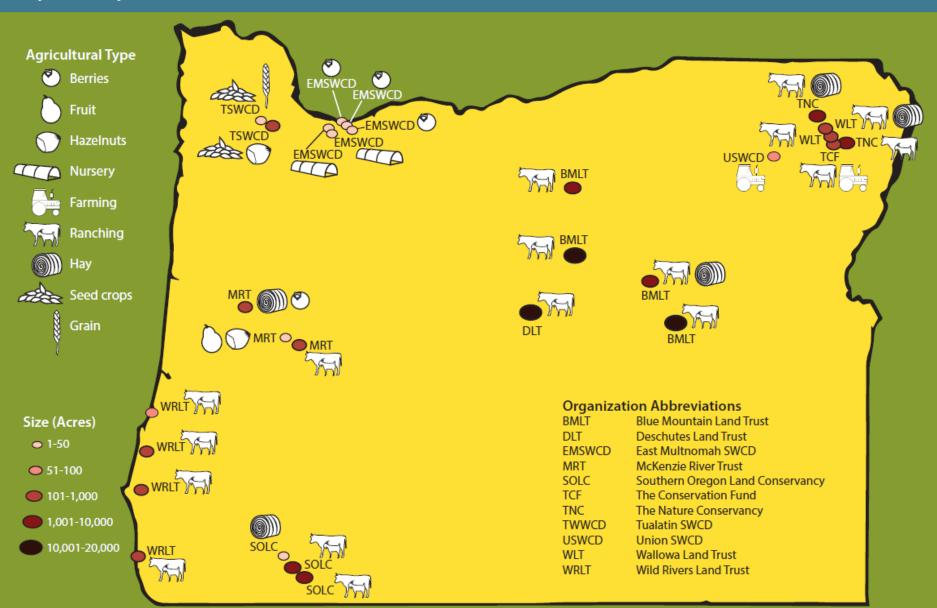
#### **Funding**

HB 2729 includes a \$10 million request

- \$9.25 million for grants
- Remainder for administration (can't exceed 12%)

#### Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program

**Proposed Projects Based on Letters of Interest** 



#### Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program Proposed Projects Based on Letters of Interest

Acres | County

Washington

Washington

Union

Wallowa

Wallowa

Coos

Curry

Curry

Coos

149

99.6

495

774

82

395

480

500

Organization

Tualatin SWCD

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Wallowa Land Trust

Wallowa Land Trust

Wild Rivers Land Trust

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Union SWCD

				(Total Project)	Request	
Blue Mountain Land Trust	3,696	Grant	Mt. Vernon	\$1,201,200	\$900,900	Ranch, hay
Blue Mountain Land Trust	8,000	Gilliam	Condon	\$2,600,000	\$1,950,000	Ranch
Blue Mountain Land Trust	12,736	Grant	Seneca	\$4,139,200	\$3,104,400	Ranch
Blue Mountain Land Trust	18,850	Wheeler	Mitchell	\$6,126,250	\$4,595,000	Ranch
Deschutes Land Trust	12,894	Crook	Post	\$2,160,000	\$1,665,000	Ranch
East Multnomah SWCD	15	Multnomah	Gresham	\$393,000	\$294,000	Nursery
East Multnomah SWCD	18.5	Multnomah	Corbett	\$350,000	\$262,500	Berries
East Multnomah SWCD	20.05	Multnomah	Corbett	\$540,000	\$405,000	Berries
East Multnomah SWCD	20.22	Multnomah	Corbett	\$327,000	\$245,250	Berries
East Multnomah SWCD	45	Multnomah	Gresham	\$480,110	\$360,082	Nursery
McKenzie River Trust	50	Lane	Pleasant Hill	\$388,000	\$291,000	Hazelnuts, fruit
McKenzie River Trust	230	Lane	Cheshire	\$90,000	\$60,000	Hay, berries, forest
McKenzie River Trust	498	Lane	Lowell	\$3,325,000	\$1,662,500	Goat ranch
Southern Oregon Land Conservancy	16	Jackson	Medford	\$499,100	\$374,250	Farm
Southern Oregon Land Conservancy	1,900	Jackson	Ashland	\$2,400,000	\$1,800,000	Ranch
Southern Oregon Land Conservancy	7,400	Jackson	-	\$18,300,000	\$13,700,000	Ranch
The Conservation Fund	150	Wallowa	Joseph	\$450,000	\$340,000	Farm
The Nature Conservancy	3,500	Wallowa	Wallowa	\$1,000,000	\$750,000	Ranch, hay, forage
The Nature Conservancy	5,000	Wallowa	Joseph	\$930,000	\$697,500	Ranch

Forest Grove

Cornelius

Enterprise

Enterprise

North Bend

Gold Beach

Port Orford

Coquille

**Totals** 

Union

Estimated

\$59,000

\$390,000

\$693,000

\$85,000

\$1,083,600

\$1,000,000

3,500,000

\$600,000

\$53,162,405

\$52,945

Nearest Town | Covenant/Easement

**Estimated OAHP** 

Request

\$75,000

\$45,000

\$38,958

\$400,000

\$541,800

\$63,750

\$750,000

\$450,000

\$2,600,000

38,421,890

Seed, grain

Farming

Ranch, hay

Ranch

Ranch

Ranch

Ranch

Ranch

Seed, hazelnuts

Agricultural Type