



# Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC)

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# OYCC Mission and Vision



## Mission

- Empowering youth by providing outdoor work and stewardship projects throughout Oregon.

## Vision

- Oregon's at-risk youth are successful community members engaged in work, stewardship, and lifelong learning.

## Goals

Increase in education and lifelong learning

Increased work skills

Positive Youth Development

Opportunity to earn academic credit

Increased community involvement

Increased stewardship

Safely completed projects

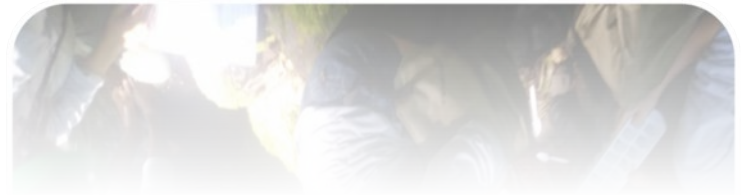
# History and Funding

Created in 1987 (ORS 418.650-418.663)

Advisory Board

No General Funds support

Primarily funded through Amusement Device Tax (ORS 320.005-320.150)



# Amusement Device Tax

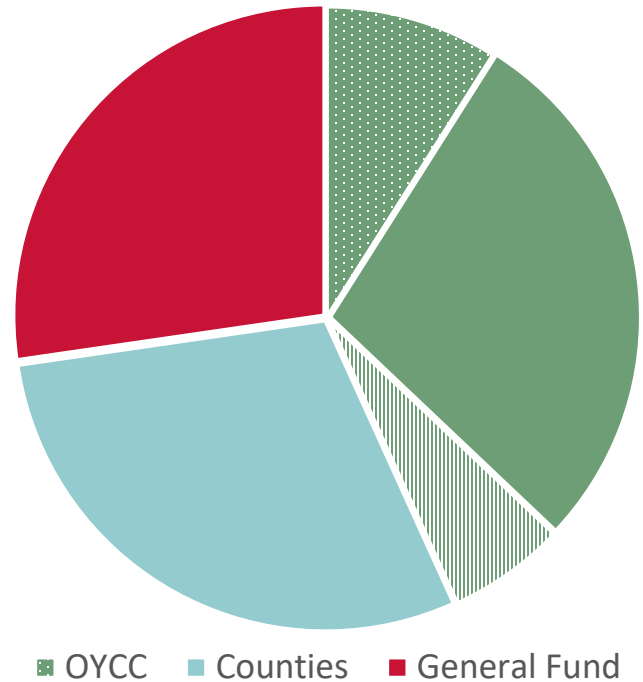
## Two Types of Taxes

\$10 to OYCC

\$125 Split:

- 25% to OYCC
- 75% split three ways
  - 47.1% to Counties
  - 43.2% to General Fund
  - 9.7% to OYCC
- Tax amount rises as revenue increases

OYCC Revenue



# Programming

Community  
Stewardship  
Corps

Summer  
Conservation  
Corps



# Oregon Youth Conservation Corps: Results

## Education/Lifelong Learning

- 86% Report they are interested in furthering their education.
- 78% Improved their grades.
- 862 Credits earned.
- 86% Report they improved taking responsibility for their actions.

## Stewardship

- 60,954 Trees and shrubs planted.
- 7,468 Pounds of produce harvested.
- 329 Miles of trail developed or maintained.
- 34 Oregon Waterways cleaned.

## Work Indicators

- 98% Reported an improvement in their good work habits (punctuality, honesty, responsibility).
- 96% Reported improvement in setting and working toward goals.
- 91% Indicated an interest in pursuing other job training as a result of this program.
- 105,686 Total hours worked.



# Strategic Plan

## Goals

- Staff a fully seated and engaged board
- Increase the number of youth served
- Create a marketing strategy
- Promote collaboration amongst grantees
- Increase voucher usage
- Meet all operational targets



# Highlighted Goals

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- Increase voucher usage
  - 11% usage rate
  - Six credit hours
  - Barriers and support
  - Support when they are in the program
  - Support includes employment

## Need

- Serve more youth
  - Amusement Device Tax is stagnant
  - On average only 58% who apply are enrolled
  - Foundations
  - Private industry
    - Gear
    - Financial/in-kind support



