

ANALYSIS

Item 63: Oregon State Marine Board Waterway Access Grants

Analyst: Tim Walker

Request: Increase Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$510,766 for Waterway Access Grants administered by the Oregon State Marine Board.

Analysis: The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) administers the Waterway Access Grants (WAG) program to improve access for nonmotorized boating. The grants are funded through revenue generated by the Waterway Access Permits purchased by nonmotorized boaters. The grants are combined with resources from local, state, and federal agencies, recognized tribal governments, and non-governmental organizations providing increased opportunities for underserved communities. The WAG program requires applicants to provide matching funds for the grants.

OSMB underestimated the amount of revenue generated by the waterway access permits, and the increase in permit revenue will allow OSMB to fund ten additional projects to complete design, engineering, archaeological surveys, installation of nonmotorized boat launching docks, sanitation, parking, and improved waterway access on the additional projects funded. The additional grants provided by the increased permit revenue will include projects in Clackamas, Coos, Douglas, Lane, Malheur, and Wasco counties. All projects that move forward are approved by a vote of the Board.

Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Emergency Board increase Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$510,766 for the Waterway Access Grants program administered by the Oregon State Marine Board.

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Request: Increase Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$510,766 in Facilities Construction and Maintenance for an increase in Waterway Access Grant funding.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) oversees the Waterway Access Grant Program (WAG), which provides grant funds to local, state, and federal agencies (including Tribal governments in Oregon) to develop or improve non-motorized boating opportunities for underserved communities. These opportunities include nonmotorized boats with a minimum length of 10-feet (kayaking, canoeing, rafting and standup paddle boarding).

OSMB underestimated the amount of waterway access permits that were to be sold. This resulted in the collection of more revenue than the agency currently has authority to spend. This increase in expenditure limitation will fund additional planning grants to execute projects related to the WAG Program to improve waterway access and accessibility.

Applicant	Project Description	WAG Requested Funds	Applicant Matching Funds	Project Total
City of Estacada	Estacada Lake new nonmotorized boating access design & engineering	\$62,100	\$144,900	\$207,000
Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife	Yellowjacket Lake Access add nonmotorized boat launching dock, angling docks, parking and accessible routes	\$118,008	\$148,470	\$266,478
Coos County	Tenmile Park replace sidewalks add curb cuts and accessible parking	\$28,843	\$69,894	\$98,737
Douglas County	Pickett Park new vault toilet, asphalt overlay parking and striping, add accessible parking and routes	\$140,660	\$46,850	\$187,510
City of West Linn	Cedaroak Park asphalt overlay parking and striping, replace curbing and install bollards	\$26,155	\$105,000	\$131,155
Lane County	Forest Glen Landing archaeological and wetland delineation reports	\$45,000	\$26,048	\$71,048
City of Maupin	Maupin City Park consultant services to replace the boat ramp, staging, and maneuver area	\$60,000	\$19,933	\$79,933
Non-governmental Organizations	Two are pending	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$50,000
Total		\$510,766	\$581,095	\$1,091,861

Legal Reference: Increase the Other Funds expenditure limitation established by chapter 428, section 1(3), Oregon Laws 2021, for the Oregon State Marine Board, Facilities Construction and Maintenance, by \$510,766 for the 2021-23 biennium.



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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) is requesting an increase of \$510,766 Other Funds expenditure limitation in the Facilities allotment. The funds are from the sale of Waterway Access Permits for nonmotorized boats a minimum of 10-feet in length.

Agency Action

OSMB administers the Waterway Access Grant Program (WAG) created SB47(2019). The WAG provides grant funds to local, state and federal agencies and Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribal Governments for development and improvement of nonmotorized boating access. Additionally, OSMB provides grant funds to non-governmental organizations to increase opportunities for underserved communities to experience kayaking, canoeing, rafting and standup paddle boarding.

In December 2021, OSMB closed Cycle 2 grant application opportunities this biennium. Cycle 2 grant applicants requested three times the amount of funding available.

OSMB underestimated the amount of waterway access permits purchased by nonmotorized boaters and have collected more revenue than we currently have authority to spend. The increase in limitation will allow OSMB to fund ten additional grant applications (listed below) to complete design, engineering, archaeological survey, install nonmotorized boat launching docks, sanitation, parking and improve waterway access and accessibility.



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Action Requested

OSMB respectfully requests a \$510,766 increase in Other Funds expenditure limitation in the Facilities allotment because of exceeding budget estimates and having grant applications from local governments and nonprofit organizations for improved waterway access and accessibility.

Legislation Affected

Oregon Law 2021, Chapter 428, Section 1 (3).

Sincerely,

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