



Drought Relief Grants

**\$10.77 million
General Funds**

OWEB grant-making & program administration



Staff hired to design and run programs

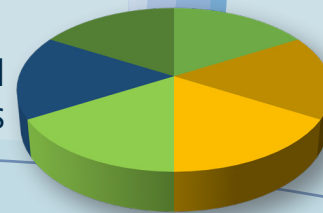


Extensive stakeholder engagement to design programs



7 new programs launched as of September 1, 2022

6 focused and statewide categories



\$1,550,752

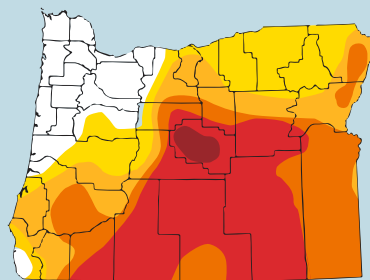
Statewide

- Match funding for irrigation modernization projects

\$730,750

Klamath County

- Technical assistance & stakeholder engagement
- On-the-ground drought resilience projects



Map: Drought.gov

2022 Drought areas in Oregon.

\$2,733,500

Klamath County

- Off-channel livestock watering wells

\$1,906,325

Jefferson County

- North Unit Irrigation District match funding for irrigation modernization

\$852,073

Jefferson County

- Technical assistance for drought resilience projects

\$3,000,000

Jefferson County

- Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District: irrigated land stewardship practices for land at risk for erosion and soil degradation



OWEB Drought Relief Grants Update

September 15, 2022

General funds allocated to OWEB support six drought relief programs. Below are status updates about each program and the total grant funding available. After the close of each grant cycle, OWEB convenes a technical review of applications and makes award decisions within approximately 4-6 weeks of the application deadline, unless specified below.

Funded

\$3,000,000 in grant funding **to the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)**

to support **stewardship practices on irrigated land** that is at high risk for erosion and soil degradation, and to **limit proliferation of noxious and invasive weeds** – OWEB staff created a grant offering for this funding and a grant agreement was executed in early July. In early September, nearly \$3 million in payments were made to the SWCD for reimbursements to 84 local producers for soil conservation work. Jefferson SWCD will submit required status reports to OWEB in the coming months.

\$2,733,500 to support grants for **livestock watering wells and construction of off-channel water facilities in Klamath County** – The first grant cycle was open May 31–June 30, 2022. Two grant applications were received, and technical review was completed, resulting in two grant awards totaling just over \$1 million. A second grant cycle closed September 1. One grant application requesting approximately \$630,000 currently is under review. A third grant cycle opens in early November 2022 and closes in late December 2022.

\$1,906,325 for matching grant funding to **North Unit Irrigation District (NUID) for investments in irrigation modernization projects** in Jefferson County. OWEB and NUID staff communicate to prioritize grant funding assistance for match funding needs. NUID revised its draft watershed plan as part of the federal PL 83-566 funding program with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – state funding serves as match to federal PL 83-566. Based on collaborative planning with NUID, OWEB ran a grant cycle that closes September 29, 2022. Following any necessary application refinements, funding will be provided to NUID via a grant agreement.

\$1,550,752 to irrigation districts for matching grants to support **statewide investments in irrigation modernization (IM) projects** – OWEB staff conducted extensive outreach to better understand match funding needs for irrigation modernization projects around the state that are shovel ready. OWEB opened a grant cycle for this Statewide IM program on August 1; the cycle closes on September 29, 2022.

\$852,073 to support **drought resilience projects in Jefferson County** – OWEB staff conducted extensive outreach with local partners in Jefferson County to better understand needs and opportunities for use of this drought resilience funding. On September 1, OWEB opened a targeted offering-titled Drought Resilience Technical Assistance Project in Jefferson County, that closes on September 30, 2022.

\$730,750 to support **drought resilience projects in Klamath County** – OWEB staff have conducted extensive outreach with local partners in Klamath County to better understand needs and opportunities for use of this drought resilience funding. OWEB opened two grant offerings for drought resilience projects in Klamath County on September 1: one will focus on Technical Assistance and Stakeholder Engagement and a second will support on-the-ground drought resilience actions. The offerings close on October 17, 2022.

Launched