

ANALYSIS

Item 53: Department of Land Conservation and Development Collins Creek

Analyst: Haylee Morse-Miller

Request: Increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Land Conservation and Development by \$4,500,000 to expend grant funds awarded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the Collins Creek land acquisition partnership.

Analysis: The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) seeks increased Federal Funds expenditure limitation of \$4.5 million to expend grant funding awarded through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection and Restoration Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant program. Funding will be passed on to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians to purchase 42 acres of undeveloped land in Lincoln County through the “Conservation of Collins Creek Confluence and Ocean Shoreline” acquisition project. The land will remain undeveloped and be managed in perpetuity for its habitat, cultural, and climate resilience values. The acquisition is being completed with project partners that include Lincoln County, and the land will be placed in a conservation status with property taxes paid based on this status. DLCD expects that closing for the property acquisition will happen in early 2025.

DLCD will use a small portion of the grant funds, under \$75,000, to coordinate due diligence work. The Department’s ongoing monitoring to ensure that the property is held in a conservation status will be covered through existing funding from NOAA.

Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Emergency Board increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Land Conservation and Development by \$4,500,000 to expend grant funds awarded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the Collins Creek land acquisition partnership.

Request: Increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$4.5 million for the Conservation of Collins Creek Confluence and Ocean Shoreline acquisition project.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: This request to increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation corresponds to a grant award made through a funding opportunity by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) through the Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection Restoration Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) received approval to apply for the grant from the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means in November 2023. The grant application was submitted in January 2024. The award performance period is August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2027.

DLCD is the lead agency partnering with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI) on the Oregon Coastal Management Program and will subaward the funding to the CTSI to acquire the 42-acre Collins Creek Confluence property. The property has historical importance as a place heavily settled by the Alsea band and contains diverse native habitats without significant prior habitat disturbance such as timber harvest or land development. No state matching funds are required and DLCD does not need additional position authority.

Legal Reference: Increase the Federal Funds expenditure limitation established by chapter 455, section 3, Oregon Laws 2023, for the Department of Land and Conservation Development, Operations by \$4,500,000 for the 2023-25 biennium.



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The Honorable Senator Rob Wagner, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Julie Fahey, Co-Chair
State Emergency Board
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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) requests \$4.5 million federal funds expenditure limitation to expend grant funds awarded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) through the Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection and Restoration Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity.

Background

As the lead agency for Oregon Coastal Management Program (OCMP), DLCD partnered with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI), McKenzie River Trust (MRT) and Lincoln County to request funding for the 'Conservation of Collins Creek Confluence and Ocean Shoreline' acquisition project located along the central coast of Oregon. DLCD will subaward funding to CTSI to acquire the 42-acre Collins Creek Confluence property. This property is located within an area that before European contact was historically heavily settled by the Alsea band, with villages and homes located across the region. The property contains a diverse portfolio of native habitats including upland spruce, dominated rainforest, freshwater streams and Sitka spruce wetlands, shoreline pine forest, sandy shoreline, and rocky intertidal with no prior significant habitat disturbance such as timber harvest or land development.

No state matching funds are required for this grant funding and DLCD does not need additional position authority.

Agency Action

DLCD received approval from the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means in November 2023 to apply for this competitive funding opportunity, and submitted the grant application to NOAA in January 2024. The award performance period is three years, from August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2027. DLCD anticipates closing for the property acquisition to occur early in 2025.

Action Requested

DLCD requests \$4.5 million federal funds expenditure limitation be added to the department's 2023-25 biennium budget.

Legislation Affected

Oregon Laws 2023, Chapter 455, Section 3.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda D Bateman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brenda Bateman, Ph.D., Director
Department of Land Conservation and Development