

# Natural & Working Lands Fund



- ❖ Created in 2023 session (HB 3409)
- ❖ \$10M to support natural climate solutions
- ❖ Four eligible agencies (OWEB, ODFW, ODA, ODF)
- ❖ Allocations by Oregon Climate Action Commission

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Cathy MacDonald, Chair, Oregon Climate Action Commission

Debbie Colbert on behalf of Governor's Natural Resources Office

# Purpose of the Funds

- ❖ Advance natural climate solutions to sequester and store carbon
- ❖ Provide incentives, technical assistance, and financial assistance
- ❖ Leverage federal investments
- ❖ Prioritize the use of existing programs
- ❖ Remove barriers for tribes, environmental justice communities, landowners and land managers



# Process & Timeline

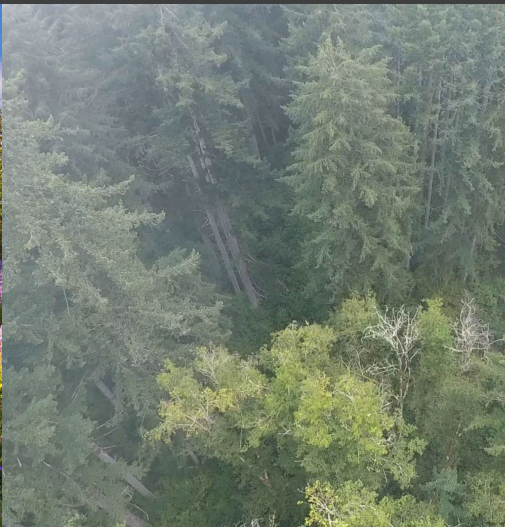
Collective proposal developed across the four eligible agencies

- Dec 11, 2023, OCAC meeting: Proposal preview
- Jan 2, 2024: Proposal submitted; posted for public comment
- Jan 26, 2024, OCAC meeting: Public comment and approval of allocations

Opportunity to adjust, if needed

# Collective Proposal

<b>OWEB</b>	\$2,500,000
<b>ODFW</b>	\$3,038,270
<b>ODF</b>	\$3,250,000
<b>ODA</b>	\$ 978,928
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$9,767,198



# Collective Proposal

- ❖ Distributes funds across natural and working lands
- ❖ Focuses on immediate actions to sequester and store carbon while supporting forward-looking needs and solutions
- ❖ Funds a combination of on-the-ground projects, technical assistance, incentives
- ❖ Largely based on existing programs
  - Not business as usual
  - Encourage new practices



# 13 Investment Areas

Agency	Area of Investment	Total
ODA	Invasive Annual Grasses	\$396,000
	OR Native Seed Strategy Implementation	\$582,928
ODF	Advance implementation of Climate-Smart Forestry as outlined in ODF's Climate Change and Carbon Plan	\$1,500,000
	Incentivize Climate-Smart Forestry Implementation in partnership with Tribal and Environmental Justice Communities	\$1,000,000
	Establishment of climate-ready seed orchards to support small, disadvantaged, and tribal forestry (at existing facility)	\$750,000
OWEB	Restoration and technical assistance grants – Open Solicitation Programs	\$1,625,000
	Conservation management planning, technical assistance, and payment-for-practices	\$875,000
ODFW	Floodplain Reforestation on North Santiam River	\$412,500
	Carbon Capture & Restoration in North-Central Oregon Rangelands	\$750,000
	Carbon Capture in Oregon Coastal Estuaries	\$1,100,000
	Carbon Sequestration & Habitat Restoration Service Provider	\$285,000
	Red Hills Conservation Area Wildfire Risk Reduction	\$170,770
	Natural Climate Solutions Lead	\$320,000



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## Spend Across Priority Areas

# Collective Proposal

Connection to EJ & Tribal Communities	11 of 13 investment areas
Natural Lands	11 of 13 investment areas
Ag & Range Lands	8 of 13 investment areas
Forest Lands	8 of 13 investment areas
Federal Fund Leverage (>\$25M estimated)	12 of 13 investment areas



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## Next Steps

- ❖ Technical adjustments submitted by agencies to CFO/LFO
- ❖ Continued coordination with partners and OCAC as we shift to implementation
- ❖ Report on use of funds to Legislature in Sept 2024

