

## *Coos & Coquille Small Grant Team*

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## **Grants Available to Landowners for Watershed Enhancement Projects**

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Landowners looking for financial help for watershed enhancement projects that focus on improving in-stream process and function, fish passage, wetland and riparian process and function, road impact reduction, and water quantity/irrigation efficiency should consider applying for a grant tailored for these and similar small projects.

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) Small Grant Program provides up to \$10,000 in Oregon Lottery funds for individual projects that help restore watershed elements such as creeks, rivers or wetlands. Projects must benefit aquatic species, wildlife or waterway health. At least 25 percent of the OWEB funds must be matched from other sources.

Local watershed councils, soil and water conservation districts, and tribes submit applications on behalf of landowners. Teams with representatives from councils, districts and tribes have established priorities for types of projects to be funded under this program in each of 28 areas within the state. Local evaluation committees review applications and forward recommendations for funding to OWEB.

Anyone interested in submitting a project can receive more information and application forms by contacting the Tenmile Lakes Basin Partnership, Coquille Watershed Association, Coos Soil and Water Conservation District, Coquille Indian Tribe and Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.

The application deadline for submitting an application is the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month up until June 30, 2011. The review process usually takes less than 60 days. Successful applicants have two years to complete the funded project.