

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board 2017-2019 Council Capacity Grant Evaluation for March 6, 2017 Applications

Application No.: 218-037 Project Type: Operating Capacity Project Name: Tualatin River Watershed Council Applicant: Tualatin River Watershed Council

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Tualatin River Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

REVIEW PROCESS Evaluation

Merit Criterion #1: Effective Governance

OWEB staff found the council to demonstrate effective governance. Evidence is demonstrated through the council having effective bylaws or charter and policies and procedures, and following them. The council includes a balance of interested and affected persons from the watershed on its governing body, meets at least four times a year and takes action to improve its organization including operations and policies.

Merit Criterion #2: Effective Management

OWEB staff found the council to demonstrate effective management. Evidence is demonstrated through the council

having and following council governing body and officer roles and responsibilities. The council having on file a position description for the council's coordinator and having and following personnel policies.

Merit Criterion #3: Progress in Planning

OWEB staff found the council to demonstrate progress in planning. Evidence is demonstrated through the council using its planning documents, such as the action plan, strategic plan, and other relevant documents, to identify and implement on-the-ground watershed restoration and community engagement projects. The council regularly evaluates its work plan, action plan, and/or strategic plan and makes adjustments to respond to challenges and opportunities.

Merit Criterion #4: Progress in On-the-Ground Watershed Restoration

OWEB staff found the council to demonstrate progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration. Evidence of progress is demonstrated through the council's work plans demonstrating its actions result in progress in completing priority on-the-ground watershed restoration work tied to council-identified watershed limiting factors.

Merit Criterion #5: Progress in Community Engagement for Watershed Restoration Purposes

OWEB staff found the council to demonstrate progress in community engagement for watershed restoration purposes. Evidence demonstrated through the council's work plans demonstrating its actions result in progress in completing specific community engagement objectives that address limiting factors

identified in the 2-year work plan.

Initial Merit Evaluation Panel Recommendation

Meets all merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest funding level.

Secondary Review Panel Recommendation

Not applicable

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$118,425.00