

Oregon Invasive Species Council

Grant Award Decision Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2020 | Virtual Meeting

Summary of Actions

- The following grant applications were approved by the Council for funding: 2020-03, 2020-20, 2020-10, 2020-12, 2020-22, 2020-29, 2020-32, 2020-33, 2020-16, 2020-31
 - In the event that additional funding becomes available, funds will go towards the next highest ranked project (2020-18), partially or fully, up to \$100,000.
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Grant Evaluation & Review Process

Thank you to review panelists. Some are OISC members, but also include non-Council members. Per ODA guidelines (shared by OWEB), review panelists should not join in discussion, but can answer questions that come up. Voting council members that served on the review panel are not eligible to vote on the grant awards.

Council members expressed their appreciation for the review panel's work and expertise provided to the process. The review panel brings in a diversity of experience. There were 35 applications, including one that didn't meet all criteria. Each panelist was assigned applications and it took 6 hours to discuss grants. It was a thoughtful process. Projects were ranked based on criteria that included priority species, impact, probability of success, equitable distribution, and implementation of the state's strategic plan to create a final list of recommendations for awards for consideration by the full council.

Awards Decision Process

Council members were asked to declare any conflicts of interest and abstain from voting on any applications where there is a conflict of interest. Council members discussed a preference to fund projects at full rather than partial funding. Council members were allowed time to ask questions about and discuss recommended proposals resulting in general agreement that the set of recommendations were reasonable and good use of funds.

Cat de Rivera moves to vote on each project in rapid succession.

2nd: Rian Hooff

Voting on Awards

Eligible voting members in attendance (9): Rian Hooff, Peter Kenagy, Catherine de Rivera, Christine Moffitt, Glenn Dolphin, Helmuth Rogg, Rick Boatner, Jas. Adams, Dave Pranger

2020-03: Siletz Tribal Youth Employment & Education - \$8,117

2020-20: Lower Deschutes CWMA Boot Brush Kickoff - \$7,281

2020-10: Grant County Invasives Education and Empowerment - \$10,940

2020-12: Las Plantas Invasoras - \$11,302

2020-22: John Day Basin Youth Weed Awareness -\$10,943

2020-29: Sandy River Delta Youth Outreach - \$4,730

2020-32: Eastern Oregon Invasive Species Awareness Trailer - \$13,957

2020-33: Invasive Species Reporting in Northeast Oregon - \$8,962

2020-16: Lincoln County False Brome Educational Campaign - \$4,497

2020-31: Educating Stewards of the Oregon Dunes - \$19,271

Voting Results Summary:

	2020-03	2020-20	2020-10	2020-12	2020-22	2020-29	2020-32	2020-33	2020-16	2020-31
Dave Pranger	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rian Hooff	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jas. Adams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Christine Moffitt	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Glenn Dolphin	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Helmuth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Peter Kenagy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rick Boatner	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Catherine de Rivera	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Discussion on Distribution of Any Leftover Funds

In the event of an awardee not able to execute a project and there are additional funds available, council members discussed how to approach distribution of funds without the need to call another meeting.

Cat de Rivera moves to distribute any additional funding to the next highest ranked project (2020-18), partially or fully, up to \$100,000.

2nd: Dave Pranger

All approved

Next Steps

Tristen will work with Jalene on draft announcements to awardees. After talking to Helmuth before the call, we were told by ODA that we need to hold off on any grant award announcement at this time. We will include a statement about COVID-19, asking grantees if they need to make adjustments prior to agreement. The agreements are out for review. Hoping to have a finalized agreement back soon. Next steps also include a meeting in the next month or two on interim reports (November 2020) and final reports (June 2021). Hopefully we will have more information for the June meeting. We've already gotten permission from Helmuth and Tim Butler on signatory authority.

Q: Why is signing not OISC Chair's role?

A (Helmuth): Money goes through us, so we are accountable for funding. It's in our budget, so we have to do the agreement through ODA.

Meeting Participants

Council Members

Troy Abercrombie, Western Invasives Network

Jas. Adams, Member of the Public

Noel Bacheller, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Shawna Bautista, US Forest Service (Alternate Council Member)
Rick Boatner, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Sam Chan, Oregon Sea Grant
Glenn Dolphin, Oregon State Marine Board
Josh Emerson, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (Alternate Council Member)
Rian Hooff, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Peter Kenagy, Kenagy Family Farm Inc
Christine Moffitt, Friends of South Slough
Kathy Pendergrass, USDA-NRCS
Dave Pranger, Morrow County
Meg Raabe, USDA - Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service PPQ
Karen Ripley, US Forest Service
Catherine de Rivera, Portland State University
Sen. Arnie Roblan, Oregon Senate - District 5
Helmuth Rogg, Oregon Department of Agriculture
Amria Streeter, Office of Governor Kate Brown
Wyatt Williams, Oregon Department of Forestry

Council Members Excused: Nicole Brooks, Rep. David Brock Smith, Olivia Duren, Heidi McMaster, Erin McConnell, Tim Newton, Cheryl Shippentower, Alex Staunch, Brendan White

Committee Members, Coordinating Team, and Members of the Public in Attendance

Tristen Berg, Oregon Department of Agriculture
Marie Hepner, Samara Group
Jalene Littlejohn, Samara Group