



Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Revisions

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The Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund (OCRF)

The OCRF supports projects that help implement the Oregon Conservation Strategy and connect people with the outdoors.



OCRF Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Revision (OAR 635 Division 98)



Why now?

- OCRF program has matured since original OAR adoption
 - Lessons learned
 - Improved governance
 - Processes in place now that were not available in 2019
- To increase transparency for the public in:
 - How the advisory committee and ODFW make decisions
 - The application and grant agreement process
 - Grant review criteria
 - Committee appointments



Proposed Changes to OAR 635 Division 98 Rules:

- Purpose: include nature-based recreation
- Definition of terms
- Describes the Regular Grant process
- Add Urgent Grants - aligns with PFA
- Advisory Committee membership requirements
- Eligible Entities
- Applications
- Agreement Terms



OCRIF OAR Division 98 Changes; Two Funding Pathways

- Describes the competitive Regular Grant process in more detail for applicants
- Adding Urgent Grants - New funding pathway , urgency criteria



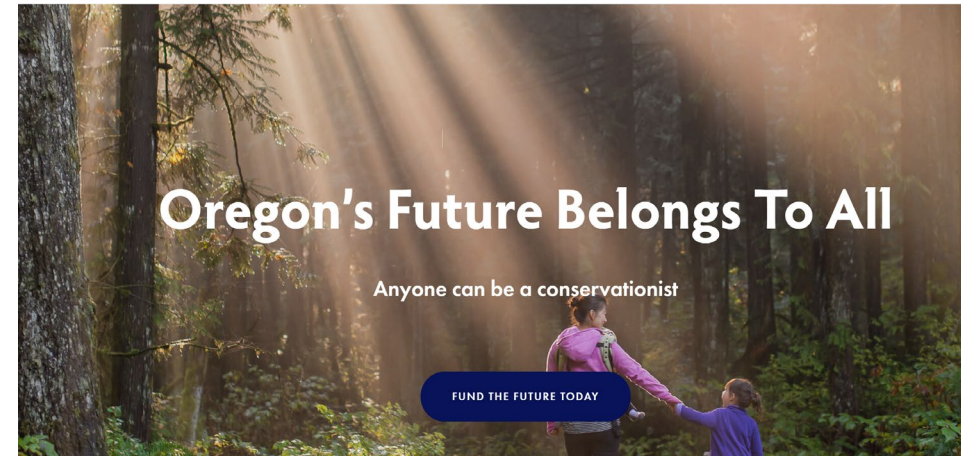
OCRf OAR Division 98 Changes; Agreements

- Add Agreement section:
 - Grant agreement clarification
 - Reimbursements
 - Advancements
 - Project Expiration date



OCRF OAR Division 98 Changes; Eligibility and Applications

- Defined eligible entities:
 - Local, state, federal agencies
 - Tribes, non-profit organizations
 - Universities
- Clarify Application process: evaluation criteria
 - Addressing well-defined, measurable goals
 - Fiscally responsible
 - Compliant with all permits, authorizations
 - Demonstrating sound biological principles



OCRF OAR Division 98 Changes; Advisory Committee Membership

If a regional seat is vacant for greater than one year, a member outside of the region with a strong knowledge of, and connection to, the region may be appointed.



Public Participation in OCRf OAR Revisions

- OCRf Advisory Committee in-depth review
- Draft OARs publicly posted on ODFW website
- Public comment in OCRf Advisory Committee meetings
- Public Hearing Notice
- Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission's public process



Draft Motion

I move to amend the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund rules in Division 098 as proposed by staff and shown in Attachment 3.

