

# Welcome

**Our meeting will begin shortly**

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# Grant Cycle in Review

- 2023 v 2024 RFP Snapshots
- 2024 Recap
  - What worked, what didn't, and what to improve
    - Solicitation window
    - Application questions
    - Review period
    - Review process
- Committee Discussion & Rec's



# Grant Cycle in Review - Recap

## 2023 RFP

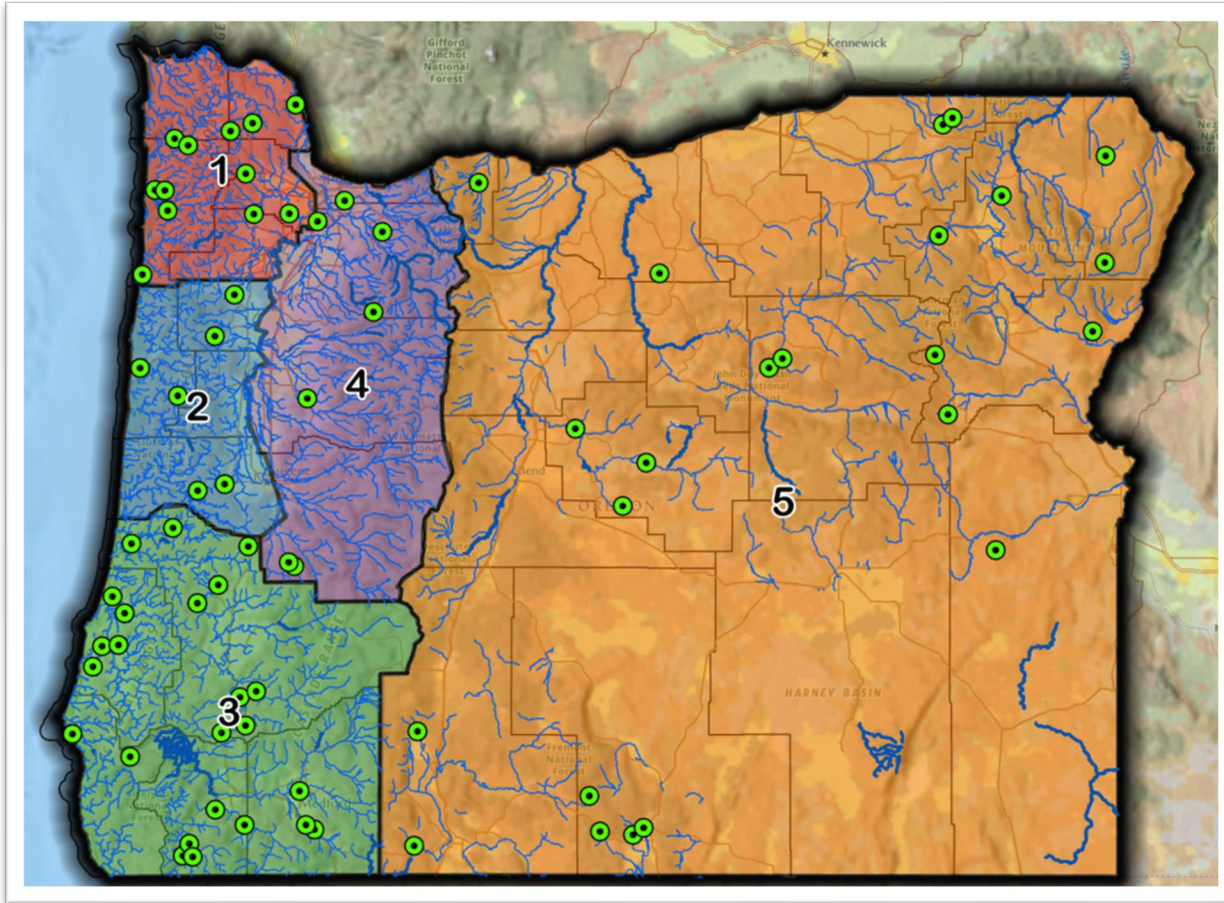
- **74** Submissions
- **\$43+ Million** Requested
  - \$10 million available
    - \$10 awarded
  - 23 projects funded
- Solicitation Open: Nov.
- Solicitation Closed: Dec.
- Awards: April

## 2024 RFP

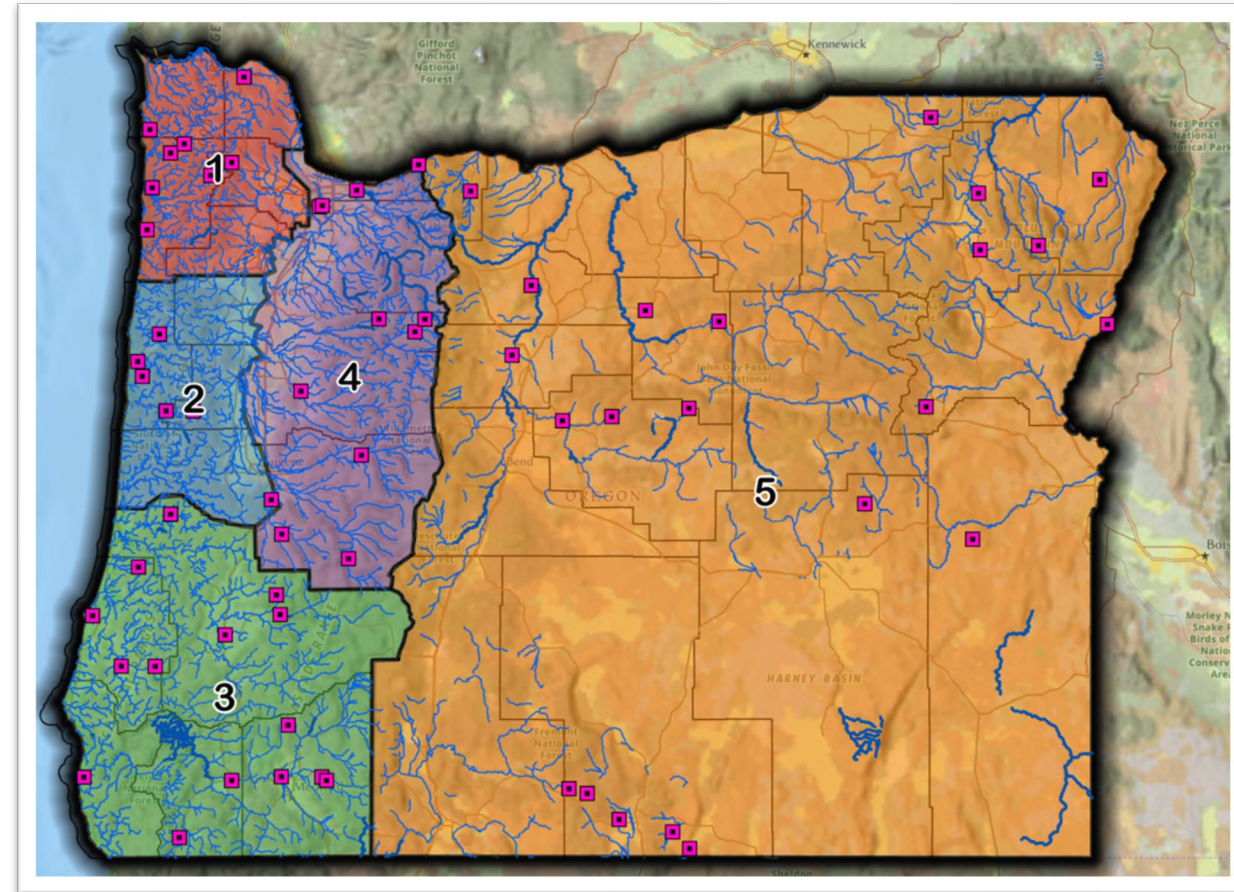
- **63** Submissions
- **\$34+ Million** Requested
  - \$10 million available
    - \$10.3 awarded
  - 23 projects funded
- Solicitation Open: Sept.
- Solicitation Closed: Dec.
- Awards: April

# Grant Cycle in Review - Submissions

**2023 Submissions**

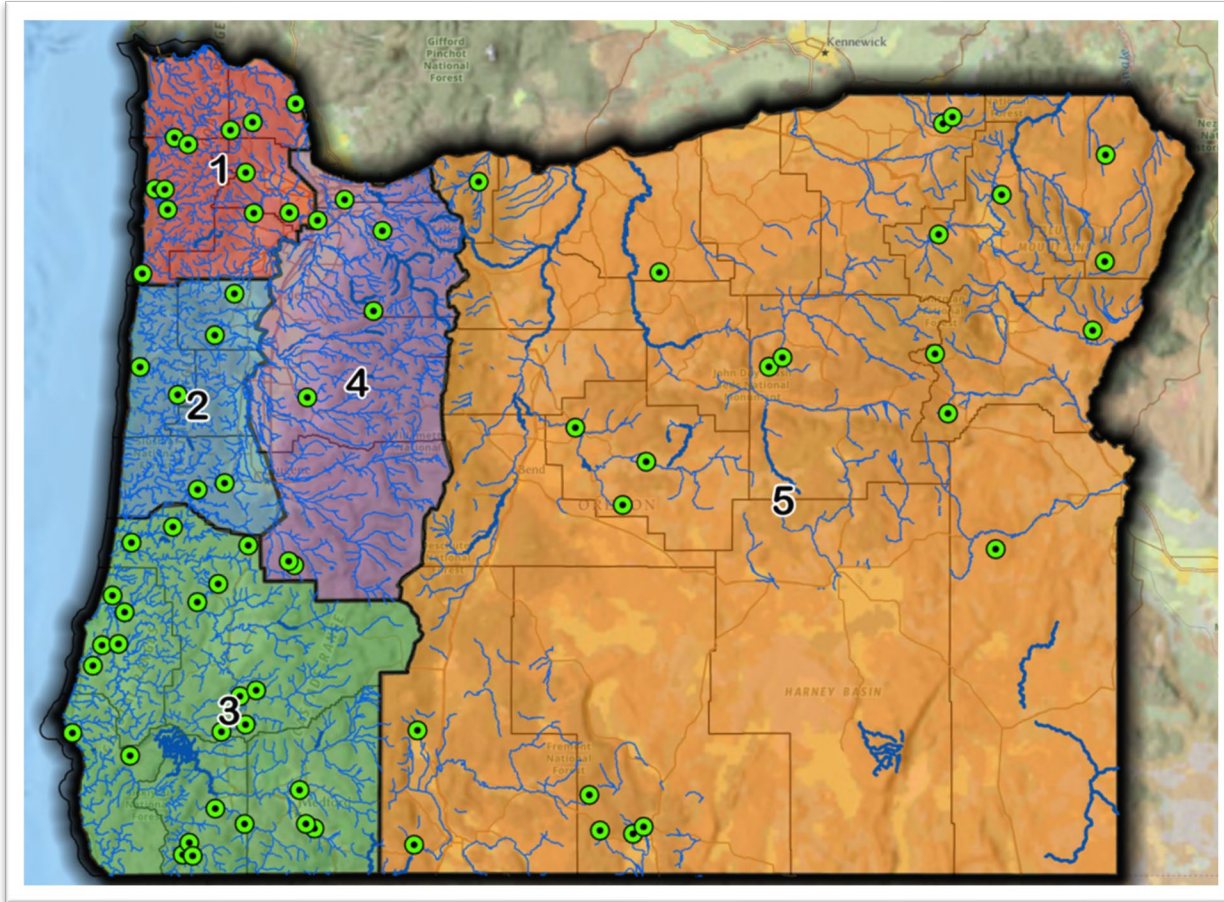


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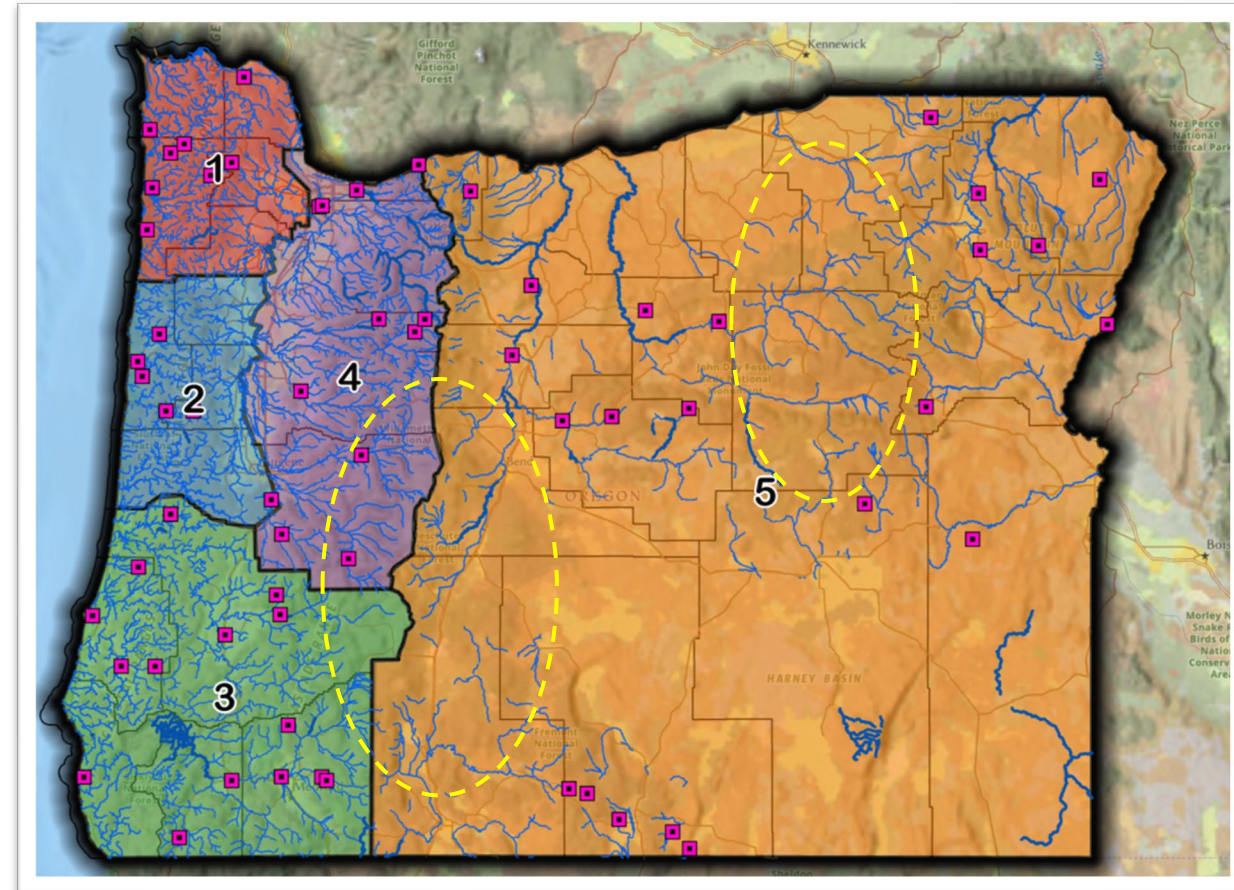


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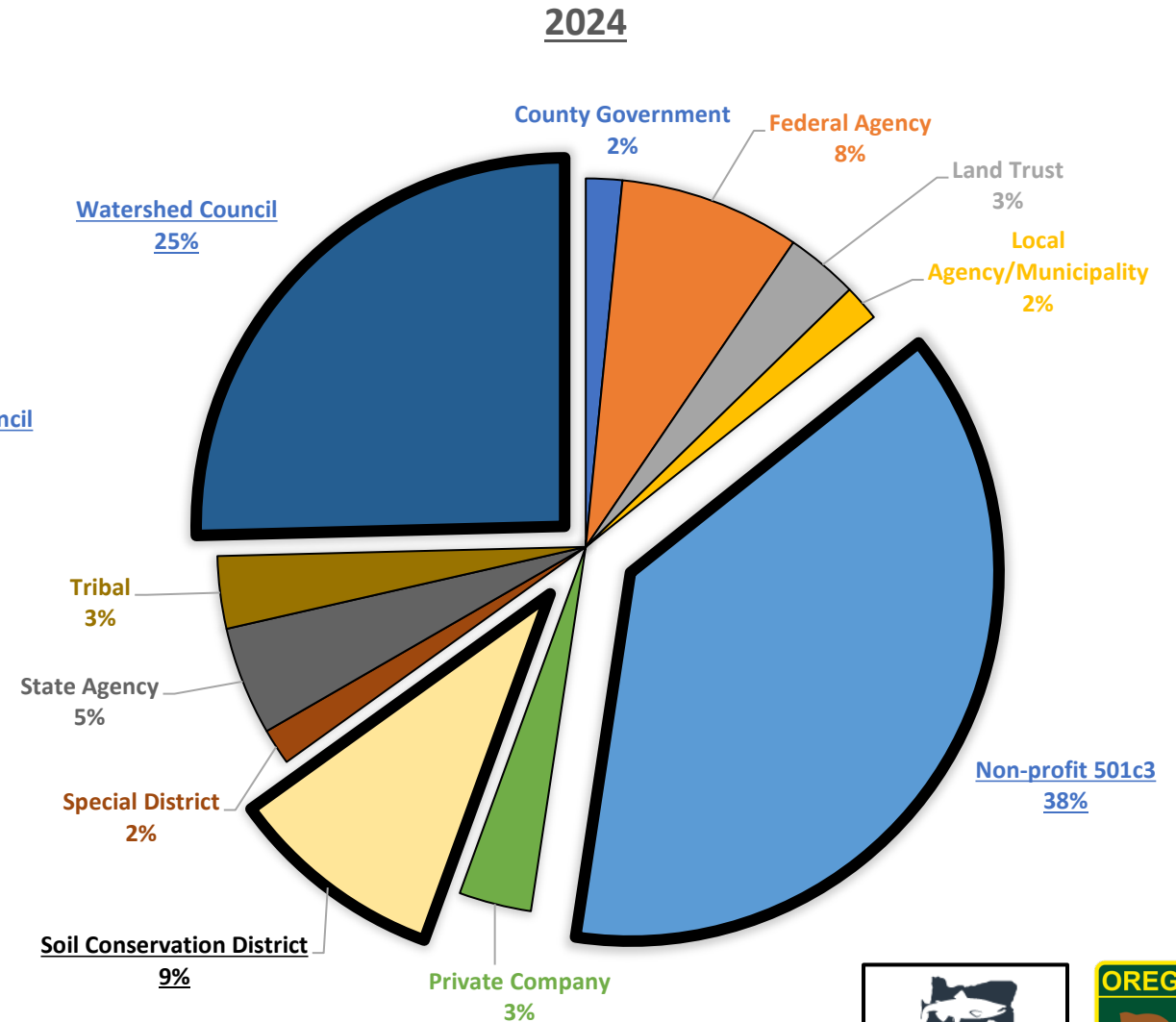
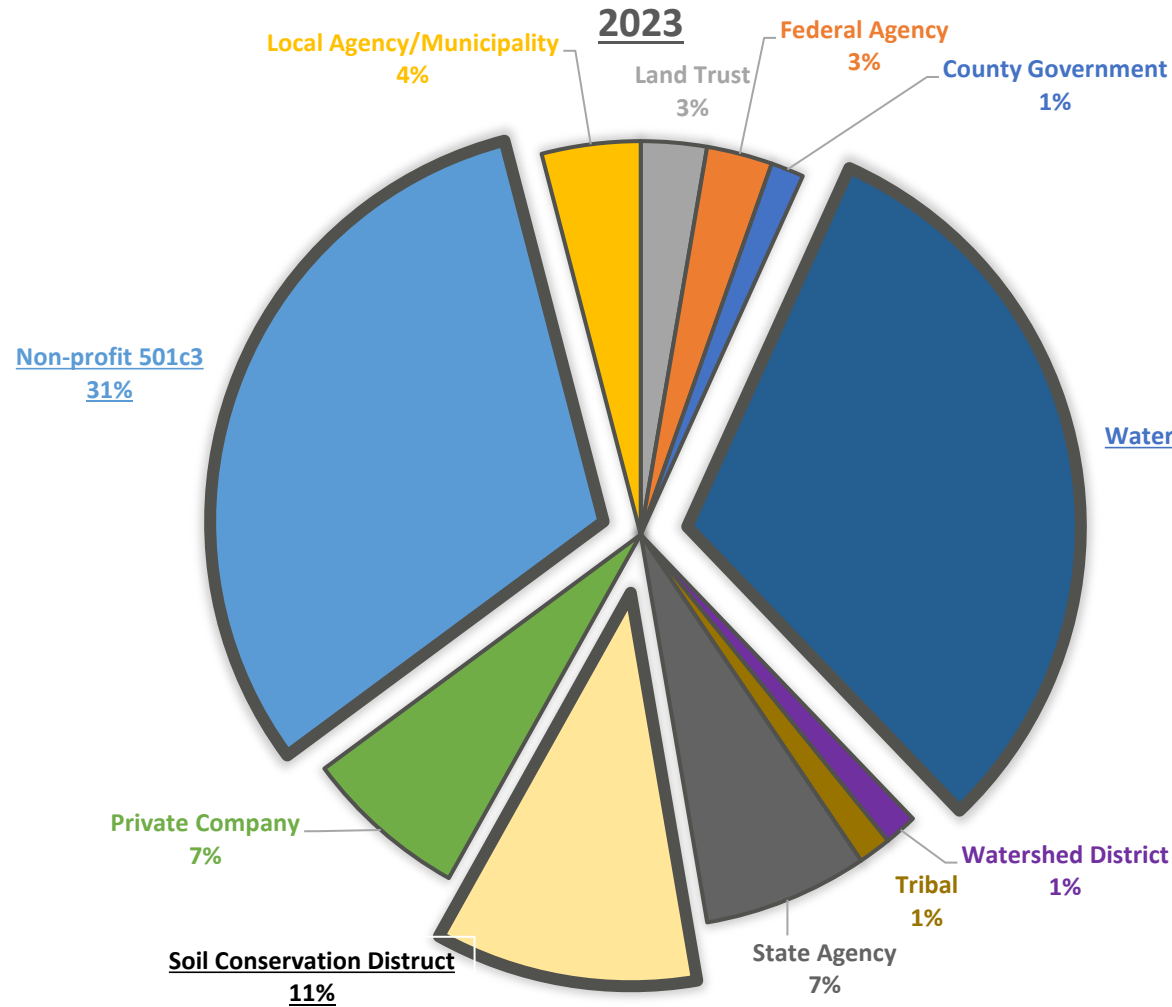
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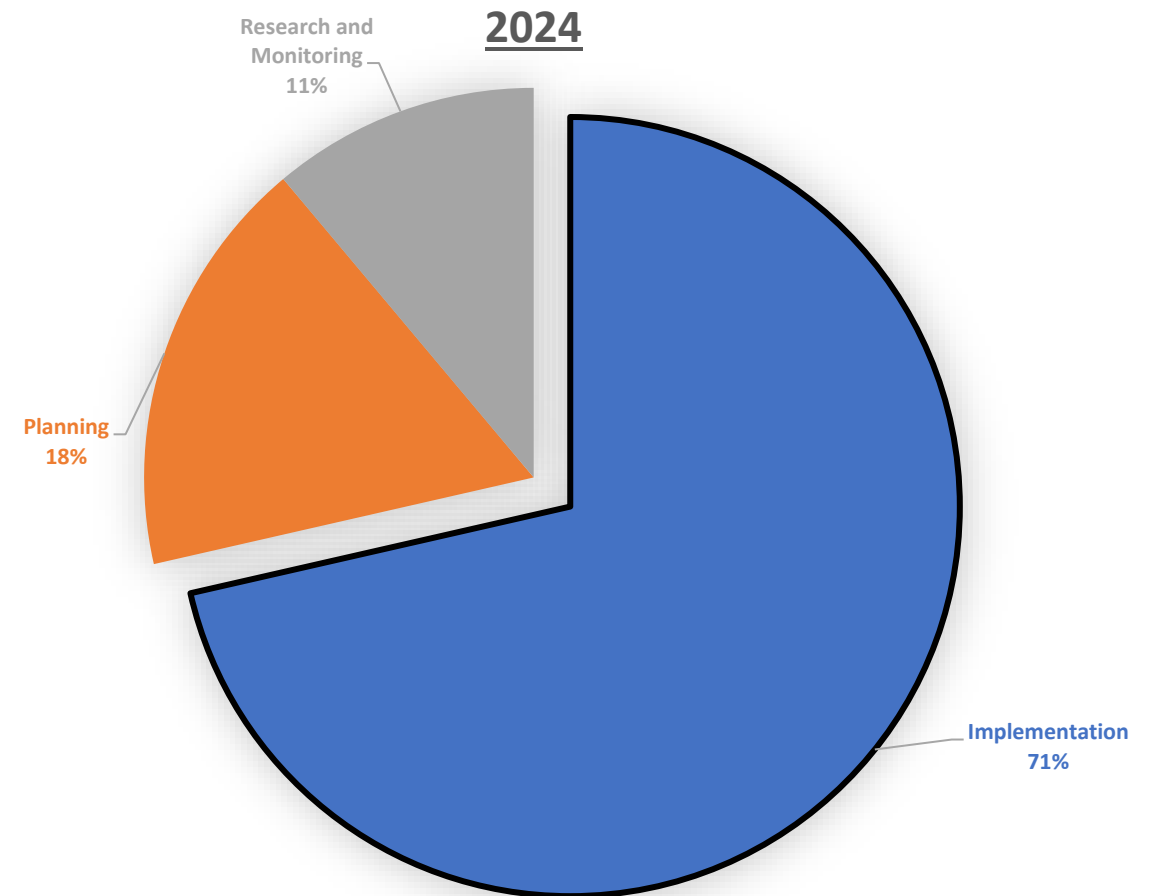
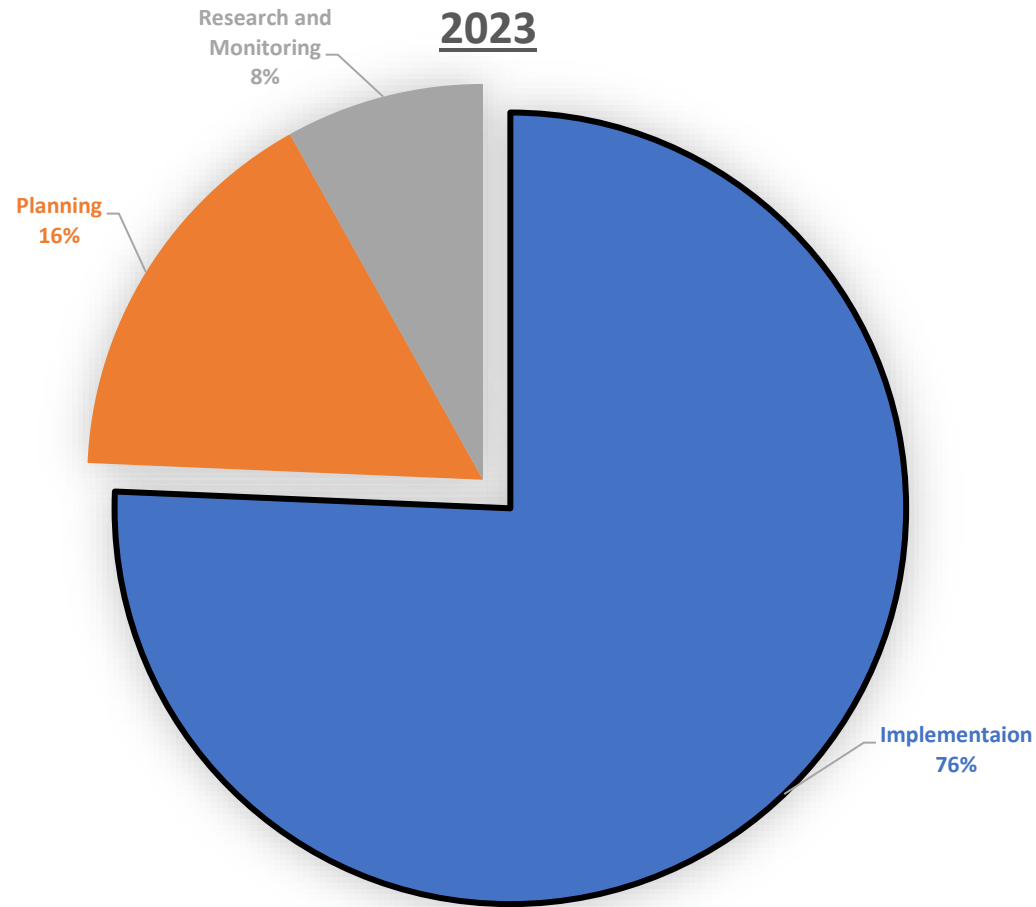
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# Grant Cycle in Review – *Lead Applicant*



# 2024 Open Solicitation – *Project Type*



# Grant Cycle in Review - 2024 Feedback

- **31 Applicants submitted feedback**

- 90% agreed the application instructions provided sufficient information and guidance
- 90% agreed the application process was clear and easy to follow
- 74% would recommend this grant program, 19% maybe
- 87% agreed the program effectively communicated
- General Feedback
  - Application length is long
  - Redundancy in questions
  - GMS interface glitchy

# Grant Cycle in Review - *2024 Review Cycle*

- **What worked**

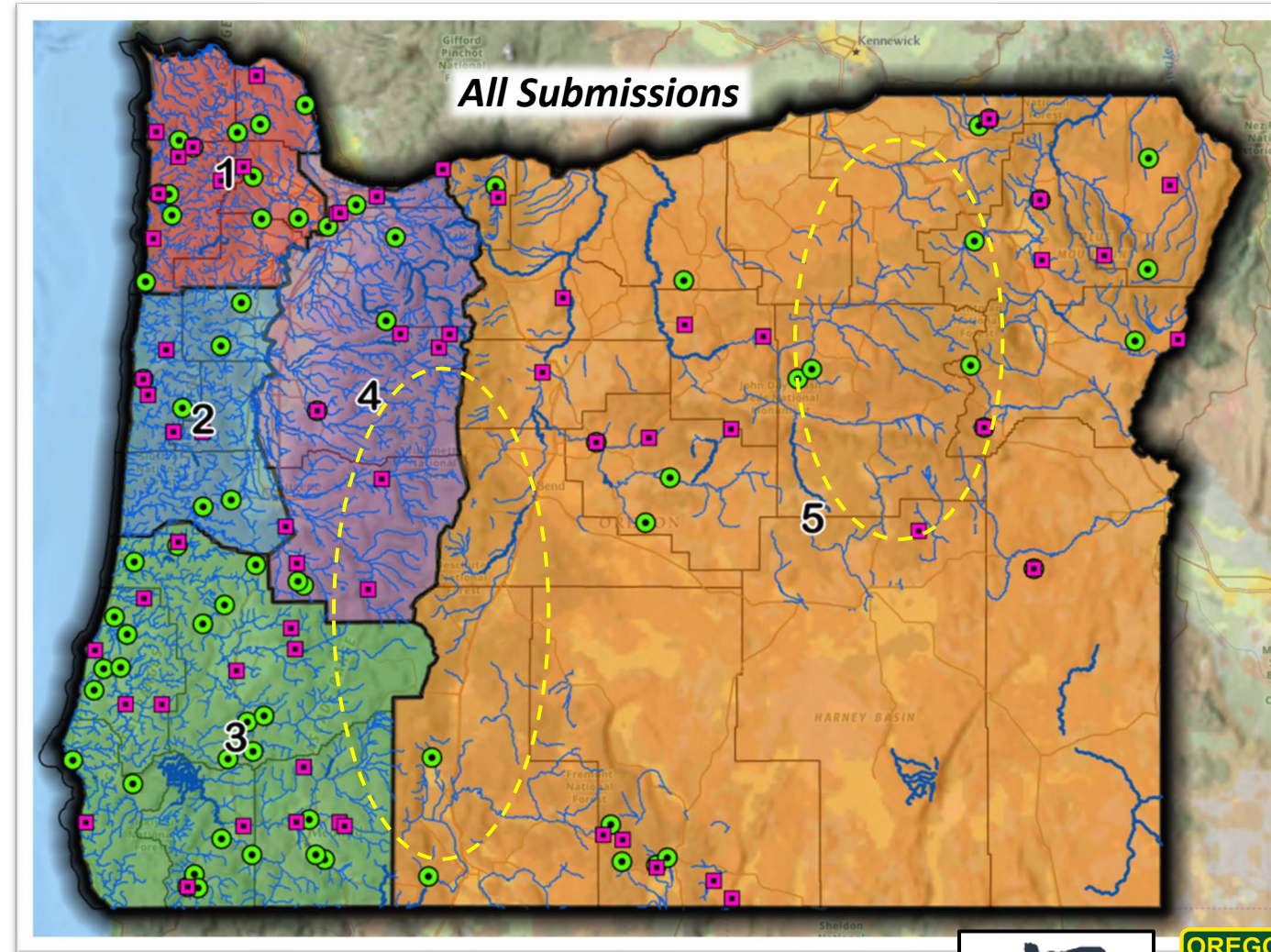
- Strong outreach or communication efforts (e.g., higher engagement, new applicants)
- Clarity of application guidance and eligibility
- Review process efficiencies (scoring rubric, review team coordination)
- Timely award announcements

- **Opportunities for Improvement** - *Open Committee Discussion*

- *What resonated?*
- *What should we explore further?*
- *What else should we be doing to improve the RFP cycles?*

# Program Engagement – Focus Areas

- Framing Questions
  - Where gaps currently exist?
  - Opportunities for growth?
  - Ways to strengthen applicant diversity and project alignment?
- Proposed Actions
  - Local partnerships & info. sharing
  - Increased info sessions (in-person/virtual)
  - Inc. application accessibility
  - Increased adverts. in region
  - Showcase projects in regions



# Baldwin Creek Fish Passage | Hood River Watershed Group

