

2026 January Staff Report

Private Forest Accord Grant Program

Summary

The PFA Grants Program received 80 complete applications during the 2025 open solicitation. Submissions represent a broad range of project types and geographic coverage across Oregon. The largest share of proposals were implementation focused, with several applications proposing combined planning and implementation scopes. Application submissions were strongest in [Review Region 3 \(Central Coast\) and Region 5 \(Eastern Oregon\) review areas](#).

This report is in three primary sections:

- Section 1: Review Cycle Update
- Section 2: 2025 Submission Recap – *See attached project list. Keep internal.*
- Section 3: 2023 to 2025 Year Over Year Submission Trends

Section1: Review Cycle Update

PFA Grants Program staff have coordinated with regional, state, and federal partners to prepare for the 2025, 2026 review cycle. Regional review teams have been formed, with ODFW staff leading the review process in each region. Regional team meetings will be held as needed

Preliminary review schedule follows. Dates are subject to change.

- **Regional Review Teams Review Timeline:** January 12, 2026 through February 20, 2026
 - *All regional reviews due to PFA Grant Coordinator: February 20, 2026*
- **Regional review presentations due:** March 6.
 - *Committee will get regional review presentations by March 6. These are the presentations the PFA Stream Bio's will present at the March in-person meeting.*
- **Advisory Committee review window:** February 10 through March 23.
 - *Committee will get Technical Review Team comments/Reviews no sooner than Feb 20*
- **In person Advisory Committee meeting:** March 30 & 31 in Salem @ ODFW HQ
 - *Tiffany should have been in contact with you by now. If not, please reach out to Tiffany.S.CALDWELL@odfw.oregon.gov*
- **Commission Meeting Approval:** April 24, 2026

Section 2: 2025 Submission Recap – See attached project list in email. Keep internal.

Key metrics from the 2025 open solicitation are summarized below:

Total submissions	80
Total funding requested	\$39,511,120.15
Total match reported	\$36,952,354.87
Average funding request	\$493,889.00
Largest funding request	\$3,105,865.00
Smallest funding request	\$40,260.00

Project types reported by applicants are summarized below:

Project type category	Count
Implementation	41
Planning	11
Research & Monitoring	6
Multi category	22 (1 includes a Water Transaction project)

Regional distribution of submissions and requested funds is summarized below:

Region	Submissions	Funding requested	Match reported	Counties
Region 1	11	\$4,941,532.56	\$4,548,153.03	Tillamook, Columbia, Clatsop, & Washington
Region 2	12	\$7,149,494.09	\$2,174,525.41	Lane, Lincoln, & Polk
Region 3	28	\$11,925,318.48	\$7,659,486.90	Douglas, Coos, Jackson, Josephine, & Curry

Region 4	7	\$2,504,187.87	\$1,280,437.20	Clackamas, Multnomah, & Marion
Region 5 North	12	\$6,481,509.80	\$6,764,364.00	Wallowa, Union, Grant, Wheeler, Benton, Hood River & Wasco
Region 5 South	10	\$6,509,077.35	\$14,525,388.33	Crook, Harney, Klamath, Lake, & Deschutes
Region 5 Total	22	\$12,990,587.15	\$21,289,752.33	

Grant Submissions by Applying Organization Type

The 2025 solicitation continues to be driven primarily by No-profit and Watershed-based organizations, with additional participation from Conservation Districts, Tribal governments, and public agencies.

Non-profit 501c3

- 33 submissions
- Total funding requested, \$15.94 million
- Average request, approximately \$483,000

Watershed Councils

- 19 submissions
- Total funding requested, \$11.22 million
- Average request, approximately \$590,000

Soil and Water Conservation Districts

- 11 submissions
- Total funding requested, \$3.13 million
- Average request, approximately \$285,000

Tribal Governments

- 3 submissions
- Total funding requested, \$2.83 million
- Average request, approximately \$942,000

Special Districts

- 3 submissions

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- Total funding requested, \$3.01 million
 - Average request, approximately \$1.00 million

State Agencies

- 4 submissions
- Total funding requested, \$1.06 million
- Average request, approximately \$264,000

Private and Other Applicants

- Private companies, 3 submissions, \$1.24 million total requested
 - Federal agencies, 2 submissions, \$540,000 total requested
 - Corporations and local governments each submitted 1 application
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Section 3: 2023 to 2025 Year Over Year Submission Trends

This section provides a high-level comparison of application trends across 2023, 2024, and 2025 open solicitations. This summary includes all submission proposals to the PFA Grant Program.

Submission Volume and Funding Requested

Overall, 2025 had the highest submissions across the last three solicitations. Total funding requested was highest in 2023, dropped in 2024, and increased again in 2025. Average request size has trended down over time. It appears that the recent growth is being driven more by an increase in mid sized requests, rather than a shift toward higher average project asks.

Summary metrics by year:

- **2023:** 74 submissions, \$43.32 million requested, average request \$585,000
- **2024:** 63 submissions, \$34.17 million requested, average request \$542,000,
- **2025:** 80 submissions, \$39.51 million requested, average request \$494,000

Match Trends

Match reported by applicants increased substantially in 2025.

Total reported match:

- **2023:** \$22.92 million,
- **2024:** \$21.29 million,
- **2025:** \$36.95 million

Applicant Mix

Across all three years, the submission pool continues to be led by Non-profit and Watershed council applicants. 2025 shows increased participation from Conservation Districts and Special Districts, and a higher share of total dollars requested by Non-profits and Watershed councils.

High level applicant trends:

- **2023:** Non-profits and Watershed councils were the largest applicant groups by submission count
- **2024:** Non-profits led submissions, while federal and tribal applicants represented a larger share of dollars requested
- **2025:** Non-profits led both submissions and dollars requested, Watershed councils remained the second largest group, and Conservation Districts increased in participation

Project Type Mix

Implementation continues to be the dominant project type year over year. Multi category proposals remain common, which is consistent with applicants bundling planning and implementation, or implementation and monitoring. Water transactions appear in the 2025 as a single project submission.

Geographic Patterns

Geographic distribution remains broad, with Douglas and Coos consistently among the highest volume counties across the last three years.

Top counties by submission count:

- **2023:** Douglas 8, Coos 5, Josephine 4, Lake 4
- **2024:** Tillamook 5, Douglas 5, Lincoln 4, Lane 4, Lake 4, Coos 4
- **2025:** Douglas 11, Coos 8, Lane 7, Tillamook 5, Jackson 4, Lincoln 4

Referenced Attachment: 2025 Submissions_AC.xlsx in email