

# OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD



## 2018 USFWS NATIONAL COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION GRANT LETTER OF INTEREST SOLICITATION

OWEB is requesting letters of interest (LOI) from eligible entities interested in pursuing a 2018 National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant (NCWCG). NCWCGs are awarded annually with funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire, restore, and enhance wetlands in coastal states. The LOI initiates a dialogue between you and OWEB, determines baseline project eligibility, and develops a strategy for the submission of state and federal grant applications.

**NEW PROCESS & TIMELINE THIS YEAR!** The process and timeline of grant application submittals for 2018 National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grants have changed. These changes are outlined in the Grant Program Administrative Timeline Document on the next page.

Letters of Interest should be emailed directly to [jillian.mccarthy@oregon.gov](mailto:jillian.mccarthy@oregon.gov) by the deadlines listed on the next page. Please include the following information:

- Entity and point of contact for the proposed project;
- Direct project partners, if applicable;
- Location of the proposed project, including a basic project map;
- A list of project elements including whether the proposed project includes:
  1. Acquisition of a real property interest (e.g., conservation easement of fee title) in coastal lands or waters (coastal wetland ecosystems) from willing sellers or partners for long-term conservation.
  2. Restoration, enhancement, or management of coastal wetlands ecosystems; or
  3. A combination of acquisition, restoration, and management
- An estimated budget, including all proposed funding sources;
- Concise narrative description of the project;
- A brief discussion of the project's known timeline, ripeness, and/or project planning aspects that are still in development; and
- Other information you deem appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact Jillian McCarthy, Partnerships Coordinator at [jillian.mccarthy@oregon.gov](mailto:jillian.mccarthy@oregon.gov) or at (503) 986-0033.

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## 2018 USFWS NATIONAL COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE TIMELINE

**DEADLINE** **Oct 19, 2017 or Nov 6, 2017:** Local implementer submits Letter of Interest to OWEB with acquisition or technical assistance and/or restoration applications.

**DEADLINE** **Oct 19, 2017:** Local implementer submits acquisition application to OWEB state match funding.

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**Nov 6, 2017:** Local implementer submits technical assistance, and/or restoration application to OWEB for state match funding.

**Dec 2017 – Feb 2018:** Acquisition and /or Regional Review Teams review OWEB grant applications, conduct site tours, and make funding recommendations.

**Jan 2018:** USFWS announces NCWCG offering.

**Mar 2018:** OWEB Management determines funding lines for all OWEB grant applications with consideration of Review Teams' funding recommendations and available funding.

**Apr 2018:** OWEB Board makes funding decision on OWEB grant application and decision to submit NCWCG application at Board meeting.

**DEADLINE** **May 21, 2018:** Local implementer submits Draft NCWCG application to OWEB.

**May 2018:** OWEB submits Draft NCWCG application to USFWS for review.

**May 2018:** USFWS provides comments on Draft NCWCG application to OWEB.

**May – Jun 2018:** OWEB seeks legislative approval to submit NCWCG application.

**DEADLINE** **Jun 18, 2018:** Local implementer submits Final NCWCG application to OWEB.

**Jun 29, 2018:** OWEB submits Final NCWCG application to USFWS.

**Dec 2018 – Feb 2019:** USFWS NCWCG awards are announced.