



**DAN JOHNSON**  
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BUILDING  
150 BEAVERCREEK ROAD OREGON CITY, OR 97045

May 7, 2020

Board of Commissioners  
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Approval to apply for a BUILD Discretionary Transportation Grant  
to replace the bridge across the Bull Run River

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| <b>Purpose/ Outcomes</b>               | Approval to apply for a BUILD Discretionary Transportation Grant to replace the bridge across the Bull Run River on Bull Run Road.  |
| <b>Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact</b> | \$8.9 million in grant funds will be requested. Matching funds in the amount of \$2.25 million (20%) will be provided from Road Use Funds.  |
| <b>Funding Source</b>                  | Federal Highway Administration and Clackamas County Road Use Funds. Weyerhaeuser will contribute \$10,000. No county general funds will be involved.  |
| <b>Duration</b>                        | Grant award would occur no later than December 2020. Project would begin in 2020 and be complete no later than September 2025.  |
| <b>Previous Board Action</b>           | The Board previous approved a similar grant application for funding from the same federal program last year in a Business Session on July 11, 2019.   |
| <b>Strategic Plan Alignment</b>        | 1. This project supports the DTD Strategic Focus on Safe Roads and Strategic Result of "Travelers on Clackamas County roads will experience roads in good condition"<br>2. This item aligns with "Build a Strong Infrastructure" by requesting grant funds to replace a bridge located in the rural area. |
| <b>Counsel Review</b>                  | This items does not require Counsel Review. Finance has reviewed the lifecycle form.  |
| <b>Procurement Review</b>              | 1. Was this item processed through Procurement? <b>NO</b><br>2. If no, provide brief explanation: <b>item is a grant</b>  |
| <b>Contact Person</b>                  | Stephen Williams, Principal Transportation Planner - 742-4696   |

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 2009, the US Department of Transportation, has annually offered discretionary grants for vital transportation improvements, previously known as TIGER Grants, but now known as the BUILD Grant program. The emphasis for the program is on smaller grants (less than \$25 million) for transportation infrastructure with emphasis on rural areas. Full replacement of the bridge over the Bull Run River on Bull Run Road is a strong candidate for BUILD funding. The bridge is over 127 years old and has a sufficiency rating of 25 (out of 100). This bridge is the only connection to Bull Run area of northeast Clackamas County with a population of 360 for emergency response and access to services in Sandy. It is also a critical connection for the Portland Water Bureau to access the Bull Run Reservoir, which is the primary water source for over 1,000,000 people in the Portland area and is very important to the timber industry. Applications are due on May 18, 2020.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully recommends approval to apply for the BUILD grant in the amount of \$8.8 million and submit the attached Letter of Support.

Respectfully submitted,

*Steve Williams*

Stephen Williams- Principal Transportation Planner

# Grant Application Lifecycle Form

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## \*\* CONCEPTION \*\*

*Note: The processes outlined in this form are not applicable to disaster recovery grants.*

### Section I: Funding Opportunity Information - To be completed by Requester

Lead Department:  Application for:  Subrecipient funds  Direct Grant  
Grant Renewal?  Yes  No  
**If renewal, complete sections 1, 2, & 4 only**

Name of Funding Opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Funding Source:  Federal  State  Local: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requestor Information (Name of staff person initiating form): \_\_\_\_\_  
Requestor Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Fiscal Representative: \_\_\_\_\_  
Program Name or Number (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief Description of Project:

Name of Funding (Granting) Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency's Web Address for Grant Guidelines and Contact Information:

**OR**

Application Packet Attached:  Yes  No

Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## \*\* NOW READY FOR SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT FISCAL REPRESENTATIVE \*\*

### Section II: Funding Opportunity Information - To be completed by Department Fiscal Rep

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| Competitive Grant                       | Non-Competing Grant | Other | Funding Agency Award Notification Date: _____              |
| CFDA(s), if applicable: _____           |                     |       | Announcement/Opportunity #: _____                          |
| Announcement Date: _____                |                     |       | Max Award Value: _____                                     |
| Grant Category/Title: _____             |                     |       | Match Requirement: _____                                   |
| Allows Indirect/Rate: _____             |                     |       | Other Deadlines: _____                                     |
| Application Deadline: _____             |                     |       | Other Deadline Description: _____                          |
| Grant Start Date: _____                 |                     |       | <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></div> |
| Grant End Date: _____                   |                     |       | Program Income Requirement: _____                          |
| Completed By: _____                     |                     |       |  |
| Pre-Application Meeting Schedule: _____ |                     |       |  |

**Section III: Funding Opportunity Information - To be completed at Pre-Application Meeting by Dept Program and Fiscal Staff**

**Mission/Purpose:**

1. How does the grant support the Department and/or Division's Mission/Purpose/Goals?

2. What, if any, are the community partners who might be better suited to perform this work?

3. What are the objectives of this grant? How will we meet these objectives?

4. Does the grant proposal fund an existing program? If yes, which program? If no, what is the purpose of the program?

**Organizational Capacity:**

1. Does the organization have adequate and qualified staff? If no, can staff be hired within the grant timeframe?

2. Are there partnership efforts required? If yes, who are we partnering with and what are their roles and responsibilities?

3. If this is a pilot project, what is the plan for sunsetting the project and/or staff if it does not continue (e.g. making staff positions temporary or limited duration, etc.)?

4. If funded, this grant would create a new program, does the department intend for the program to continue after initial funding is exhausted? If yes, how will the department ensure funding (e.g. request new funding during the budget process, supplanted by a different program, etc.)?

**Collaboration**

1. List County departments that will collaborate on this award, if any.

**Reporting Requirements**

1. What are the program reporting requirements for this grant?

2. How will grant performance be evaluated? Are we using existing data sources? If yes, what are they and where are they housed? If not, is it feasible to develop a data source within the grant timeframe?

3. What are the fiscal reporting requirements for this grant?

**Fiscal**

1. Will we realize more benefit than this grant will cost to administer?

2. Are other revenue sources required? Have they already been secured?


3. For applications with a match requirement, how much is required (in dollars) and what type of funding will be used to meet it (CGF, In-kind, Local Grant, etc.)?


4. Does this grant cover indirect costs? If yes, is there a rate cap? If no, can additional funds be obtained to support indirect expenses and what are they?

Program Approval:

| Name (Typed/Printed)  | Date | Signature |
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| <b>** NOW READY FOR PROGRAM MANAGER SUBMISSION TO DIVISION DIRECTOR **</b>                              |      |           |
| <b>**ATTACH ANY CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE FUNDING AGENCY. COUNTY FINANCE OR ADMIN WILL SIGN.**</b> |      |           |

**Section IV: Approvals**

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| DIVISION DIRECTOR (or designee, if applicable) |      |   |
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| Name (Typed/Printed)                           | Date | Signature   |

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| DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR or ELECTED OFFICIAL (or designee, if applicable) |      |   |
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| Name (Typed/Printed)   | Date | Signature   |

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| FINANCE GRANT MANAGER (or designee, if applicable; FOR FEDERALLY-FUNDED APPLICATIONS ONLY) |      |           |
|  |      |           |
| Name (Typed/Printed)   | Date | Signature |

**Section V: Board of County Commissioners/County Administration**

*(Required for all grant applications. If your grant is awarded, all grant **awards** must be approved by the Board on their weekly consent agenda regardless of amount per local budget law 294.338.)*

**For applications less than \$150,000:**

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| COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR | Approved: <input type="checkbox"/> | Denied: <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Name (Typed/Printed) | Date                               | Signature                        |

**For applications greater than \$150,000 or which otherwise require BCC approval:**

BCC Agenda item #:  Date:

OR

Policy Session Date:

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County Administration Attestation

**County Administration: re-route to department contact when fully approved.  
Department: keep original with your grant file.**

May 7, 2020

Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: 2019 BUILD Application for Replacement of the Bull Run Bridge in Clackamas County, Oregon**

Dear BUILD Application Review Committee:

The Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners wishes to express their strong support for the 2020 BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant to replace the Bull Run Bridge in Clackamas County, Oregon. At our May 7, 2020 Business Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved the BUILD grant application submission. Through this approval we also authorized the use of county road funds to provide the required \$2.2 million match. We are pleased to note that the project is a Public Private Partnership project which includes a contribution of \$10,000 by Weyerhaeuser Corporation in support of the project.

The 127 year old Bull Run Bridge is a vital facility for the residents of the Bull Run watershed, the economy of Clackamas County and the Portland region that may need to be closed to traffic in the next 5 to 10 years due to structural deterioration and must be replaced as soon as possible. Residents of this area of Clackamas County experience an enviable quality of life in a rural upland location with access to Sandy, Oregon, a very attractive community, just 10 to 15 minutes away. But, if the Bull Run Bridge is not replaced and is taken out of service, the quality of life of local residents will be seriously impacted. Closure of the bridge will add at least 1½ hours to each round trip to Sandy, Oregon by area residents to access all types of places of work, businesses, services, schools and medical facilities. The longer trip required to meet all of life's needs would not only cost time, but also money. At the current price of gas in Clackamas County (\$2.89), each family would experience an increase in their annual fuel costs of over \$5,100.

The Bull Run Bridge is also the only route available for use by logging trucks and equipment into the Bull Run watershed. The timber industry is one of the most important employers in the area, but if the Bull Run Bridge is closed, access to the area for timber harvest will be lost resulting in the loss of many jobs in the area.

Further, the Bull Run Bridge is also the main access route for the Bull Run River Reservoirs #1 and #2, the water source for Portland and the surrounding cities, and if the bridge is closed, it would impede maintenance and operations at the reservoirs.

The Bull Run Bridge is vital to the health, safety and welfare of residents of the upland area of Clackamas County and the Portland area. Replacement of the bridge is the only way to avoid closure of this important access route, possible within the next 5 to 10 years. We urge that the Bull Run Bridge replacement project be selected for funding through the US DOT BUILD program.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this project proposal.

Sincerely

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Jim Bernard, Chair  
On Behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners



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Board of Commissioners  
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

**Approval to Partner with Molalla River Watch in Applying for an Oregon  
Watershed Enhancement Board Grant for the Replacement of the  
Woodcock Creek (Grimm Rd) Bridge #06267**

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| <b>Purpose/<br/>Outcomes</b>               | Approval to partner on an application for an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Restoration Grant, approval of the grant lifecycle form, and sign the attached grant support letter.   |
| <b>Dollar Amount<br/>and Fiscal Impact</b> | Total estimated construction cost: \$660,000   |
| <b>Funding Source</b>                      | OWEB Grant: \$330,000<br>Road Fund Match: \$330,000  |
| <b>Duration</b>                            | It is expected the grant duration will end October of 2022.  |
| <b>Previous Board<br/>Action</b>           | None   |
| <b>Strategic Plan<br/>Alignment</b>        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The grant will fund part of the construction to replace an existing bridge that will safely and efficiently connect with goods, services, employment and people.</li> <li>2. The grant will allow for securing adequate funding to replace the existing bridge on Grimm Road over Woodcock Creek.</li> </ol> |
| <b>Counsel Review</b>                      | This items does not require Counsel Review. Finance has reviewed the lifecycle form.   |
| <b>Procurement<br/>Review</b>              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Was this item processed through Procurement? <b>NO</b></li> <li>2. If no, provide brief explanation: <b>item is a grant</b></li> </ol>   |
| <b>Contact Person</b>                      | Devin Patterson, Project Manager 503-742-4666  |

**BACKGROUND:**

Inspections of the existing Grimm Road Bridge over Woodcock Creek have indicated significant scour and undermining of the existing four-sided box bridge. The bridge is located approximately 1200 feet south of the intersection of Grimm Road and Munson Road in southern Clackamas County. The existing bridge is approximately 50-years old and 28 feet long by 30 feet wide, and is a complete barrier to passage of endangered species throughout much of the year. After discussions with regulatory agency personnel from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Transportation and Development (DTD) staff have selected the construction of a modular bridge as the most appropriate and cost-effective alternative for the replacement. The estimated construction cost of the project is \$660,000.



The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) has a restoration grant funding opportunity and the funding priorities include the removal or remediation of structures such as roads, culverts, and channels to improve water quality and/or fish habitat of which this project fits appropriately. The OWEB grant requires the application to come from the local watershed council and Molalla River Watch (MRW) is the local council. The project fits MRW's priorities and MRW is willing to submit the application in partnership with the County. The grant requires a minimum 25 percent match, however, MRW and DTD staff believe the grant application will be more competitive with a 50 percent match. Therefore, DTD staff are proposing a funding request of \$330,000 with a similar County Road Fund match.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully requests approval to partner with Molalla River Watch in applying for an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant, approval of the grant lifecycle form, and the Board of County Commissioner's Chair signature on the attached letter of support.

Respectfully submitted,

*Devin Patterson*

Devin Patterson, Project Manager  
Department of Transportation and Development

Attachments: Grant lifecycle form  
BCC Letter of Support

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**\*\* CONCEPTION \*\***

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## Section I: Funding Opportunity Information - To be completed by Requester

Lead Department: DTD Application for:  Subrecipient funds  Direct Grant  
Grant Renewal?  Yes  No

Name of Funding Opportunity: OWEB In-Stream Habitat Restoration Grant  
Funding Source:  Federal  State  Local: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requestor Information (Name of staff person initiating form): Devin Patterson  
Requestor Contact Information: [devinpat@clackamas.us](mailto:devinpat@clackamas.us) (503-742-4666)  
Department Fiscal Representative: Diedre Landon  
Program Name or Number (please specify): Transportation Engineering & Construction  
Brief Description of Project: Replacement of a 10-foot box culvert with an open-bottom modular bridge

The Department of Transportation and Development intends to assist the Molalla River Watch in applying for an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) grant to replace the Woodcock Creek (Grimm Rd) Bridge #06267. The four-sided box bridge is located approximately 1200 feet south of the intersection of Grimm Road and Munson Road in southern Clackamas County. The existing bridge is approximately 50-years old and 28 feet long by 30.20 feet wide. The wing walls at the upstream ends are experiencing significant scour and undermined. The Woodcock Creek channel at the bridge is constricted due to the a large amount of sediment aggradation and the channel at the bridge is not passable to aquatic species throughout most of the year. Based on discussions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Marine Fisheries Service, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, replacing the existing structure with a new structure designed to meet State and Federal fish-passage requirements is the most reasonable and permissible option.

Name of Funding (Granting) Agency: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)

Agency's Web Address for Grant Guidelines and Contact Information:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/grants/Pages/restoration.aspx>

**OR**

Application Packet Attached:  Yes  No

Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* NOW READY FOR SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT FISCAL REPRESENTATIVE \*\***

## Section II: Funding Opportunity Information - To be completed by Department Fiscal Rep

Competitive Grant  Non-Competing Grant/Renewal  Other Notification Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
CFDA(s), if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_  
Announcement Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Announcement/Opportunity #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grant Category/Title: OWEB Restoration Max Award Value: \$330,000 (Total project estimate = \$660,000)  
Allows Indirect/Rate: Yes Match Requirement: 25% (50% is proposed)  
Application Deadline: 05/11/2020 Other Deadlines: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grant Start Date: 01/01/2021 Other Deadline Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grant End Date: 10/01/2022  
Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pre-Application Meeting Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_ n/a

## Section III: Funding Opportunity Information - To be completed at Pre-Application Meeting by Dept Program and Fiscal Staff

### Mission/Purpose:

1. How does the grant support the Department's Mission/Purpose/Goals?

The County's Strategic Plan includes "Build a Strong Infrastructure". DTD's Mission statement includes "to provide transportation maintenance and construction services... to residents, property owners, businesses and the traveling public so they and future generations can experience and invest in a safe, well-designed and livable community".

2. How does the grant support the Division's Mission/Purpose/Goals? (If applicable)

The purpose of the Transportation Engineering & Construction Line of Businesses is to provide design, construction and project management services to users of the transportation system so they can experience well-managed projects and connect with goods, services and people, now and in the future.

3. What, if any, are the community partners who might be better suited to perform this work?

The County is best suited to perform this work, as the project will upgrade a County asset. Molalla River Watch is a partner in this grant application, but they do not have the expertise to manage this type of work.

**4. What are the objectives of this grant? How will we meet these objectives?**

The objective(s) of the grant are to help protect and restore healthy watersheds and natural habitats that support thriving communities and strong economies. Replacing the existing four-sided box bridge will allow restoration of the stream channel to a natural condition.

**5. Does the grant proposal fund an existing program? If yes, which program? If no, what should the program be called and what is its purpose?**

The grant will not fund an existing program; but the grant from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board will fund an existing Capital Improvement Project.

**Organizational Capacity:**

**1. Does the organization have adequate and qualified staff? If yes, what types of staff are required?**

*If no, can staff be hired within the grant timeframe?*

Yes, DTD has adequate and qualified staff. Staff requirements include qualified and experienced Project Manager's, Inspectors, Right-of-Way staff and management who have previously managed the design and construction of bridges.

**2. Is there partnership efforts required? If yes, who are we partnering with, what are their roles and responsibilities, and are they committed to the same goals?**

Yes, partnership efforts are required. Our intent is to partner with Molalla River Watch as well as the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). The official grant Applicant will be Molalla River Watch (Asako Yamamuro), the local watershed council, which is required by the granting agency. Molalla River Watch, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created in 1992 by a group of local concerned citizens for the purpose of protecting, preserving and restoring the flora, fauna and water quality of the Molalla River and its tributaries. The Lower Molalla River and Milk Creek Watershed Assessment, funded by Molalla River Watch and the Willamette Basin Conservation and Recovery Plan (ODFW, NOAA 2011) identified habitat degradation and fish passage barriers in the Molalla Watershed as key limiting factors for anadromous fish population recovery.

**3. If this is a pilot project, what is the plan for sunseting the program or staff if it does not continue (e.g. making staff positions temporary or limited duration, etc.)?**

This is not a pilot project.

**4. If funding creates a new program, does the department intend that the program continue after initial funding is exhausted? If so, how will the department ensure funding (e.g. request new funding during the budget process, discontinue or supplant a different program, etc.)?**

This is not a new program.

**Collaboration**

**1. List County departments that will collaborate on this award, if any.**

This would be a DTD project. Engagement of other departments is not anticipated.

**Reporting Requirements**

**1. What are the program reporting requirements for this grant?**

The reporting requirements are expected to include annual or quarterly Progress Reports, a Project Completion Report, and a Post-Implementation Status Report.

**2. What is the plan to evaluate grant performance? Are we using existing data sources? If yes, what are they and where are they housed? If not, is it feasible to develop a data source within the grant timeframe?**

Performance would be evaluated within the Transportation Engineering & Construction Line of Businesses performance measures.

**3. What are the fiscal reporting requirements for this grant?**

It is likely an annual project status report will be required until project completion.

**Fiscal**

**1. Will we realize more benefit than this grant will cost to administer?**

Yes, the OWEB grant will pay up to 50% of the total project cost of approximately \$606,000.

**2. What other revenue sources are required? Have they already been secured?**

County Road fund would expect to pay the remaining portion of the grant.

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3. Is there a match requirement? If yes, how much and what type of funding (CGF, Inkind, Local Grant, etc.)?

Yes, a 25% minimum match is required. County Road fund will pay for the match in addition to in-kind services provided by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and Molalla River Watch. To be competitive with other grant applications, a 50% match is proposed. The total project cost is estimated at \$606,000 requiring a match of approximately \$303,000 from the County Road Fund.

4. Is this continuous or one-time funding? If one-time funding, how will program funding be sustained?

County Road fund is a continuous source of funding.


5. Does this grant cover indirect costs? If yes, is there a rate cap? If no, can additional funds be obtained to support indirect expenses and what are they?


Yes, the grant covers DTD's audited indirect costs.

Program Approval:

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| Joel Howie   | 04/06/2020 | Signature |
| Name (Typed/Printed)   | Date       | Signature |
| <b>** NOW READY FOR PROGRAM MANAGER SUBMISSION TO DIVISION DIRECTOR **</b> |            |           |

**Section IV: Approvals**

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| DIVISION DIRECTOR OR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (or designee, if applicable) |            |   |
| Mike Bezner  | 04/13/2020 |  |
| Name (Typed/Printed)   | Date       | Signature   |

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|----------------------|------------|--|
| DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR  |            |  |
| Dan Johnson          | 04/13/2020 |  |
| Name (Typed/Printed) | Date       | Signature  |

**IF APPLICATION IS FOR FEDERAL FUNDS, PLEASE SEND COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BY EMAIL TO FINANCE (FinanceGrants@clackamas.us). ROUTE ORIGINAL OR SCANNED VERSION TO COUNTY ADMIN.**

**Section V: Board of County Commissioners/County Administration**  
*(Required for all grant applications. All grant awards must be approved by the Board on their weekly consent agenda regardless of amount per local budget law 294.338.)*

**For applications less than \$150,000:**

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| COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR | Approved: <input type="checkbox"/> | Denied: <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Name (Typed/Printed) | Date                               | Signature                        |

**For applications greater than \$150,000 or which otherwise require BCC approval:**

BCC Agenda item #:  Date:

OR

Policy Session Date:

County Administration Attestation

County Administration: re-route to department contact when fully approved.  
Department: keep original with your grant file.



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May 7, 2020

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board  
775 Summer Street NE, Suite 360  
Salem, Oregon 97301-1290

**RE: Support of the OWEB Restoration Grant Application for Woodcock Creek at Grimm Road Fish Passage Improvement Project Submitted by the Molalla River Watch (MRW)**

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in strong support of MRW's grant proposal to improve fish passage through an undersized four-sided box bridge on Woodcock Creek at Grimm Road. On behalf of Clackamas County and as a partner with long-term interest in the restoration and protection of our local natural resources, the County lends our support and interest in working with the MRW on this project.

This project will develop a long-term solution related to a fish-passage barrier on Woodcock Creek and would provide approximately 11 additional miles of upstream habitat to aquatic species. The existing County-maintained box bridge is undersized for purposes of water conveyance and has a concrete bottom which is perched approximately sixteen inches on the outfall, making it a barrier to most or all aquatic species including ESA-listed Coho, Chinook and Winter Steelhead.

Clackamas County has a long-term, invested interest in the restoration and protection of our local natural resources, and we continue our commitment to the enhancement and recovery of ESA-listed species County-wide, including those within the Molalla River Basin. Therefore, we encourage OWEB and its reviewers to favorably consider the grant application for this project proposed for Woodcock Creek at Grimm Road.

Sincerely,

Jim Bernard  
Chair, Board of County Commissioners