



Partners in Conservation Grants 2025

Info Session November 20, 2024



Welcome!

- Introductions
- Review the agenda for this meeting
- Questions?



2025 Partners in Conservation (PIC)

- Funds Available TBD
- Minimum: \$5,000
- Maximum: \$70,000
- Two years to complete
- Up to 15% admin/indirect costs
- Funds available June 1, 2025



2025 PIC Timeline

October 17
Grant
Opens

December 17
Grants due at
4 PM

April 2025
Board
Approves
Awards

December 2
Board
Approves
Grant Review
Committee

March
2025
Grant
Committee
Meets

June 2025
Activities
Begin



EMSWCD Grant Program Goals

Complement other EMSWCD program efforts in water quality, soil health, fish and wildlife habitat and sustainable agriculture.

Increase conservation benefits for communities and populations experiencing disparities in environmental health, environmental education, and natural amenities.

Build resilience to climate change in local communities, mitigate climate change impacts, and build momentum for climate change action.

Establish school and community gardens and support sustainable and culturally appropriate agriculture practices.

Prepare residents for careers or education in natural resources, agriculture, nature education, or other nature-related fields by supporting mentorship, youth programs, and job skill development.

What do our grants support?

- Habitat restoration or conservation
- Sustainable agriculture or gardening
- Water quality projects
- Hands-on learning for youth and/or adults
- Expanding equitable access to projects and programs
- Improving environmental health
- Planning or designs



Equity and Impact

- **Address disparities** in environmental health, environmental education, and natural amenities
- **Build resilience** to climate change impacts – defined broadly by the community
- **Directly benefit** Black, Indigenous, or other communities of color, low-income communities, or other historically marginalized groups.



Who can apply?

- Nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations
- Community groups with a fiscal sponsor
- Government agencies
- Schools and educational institutions
- Native American tribes



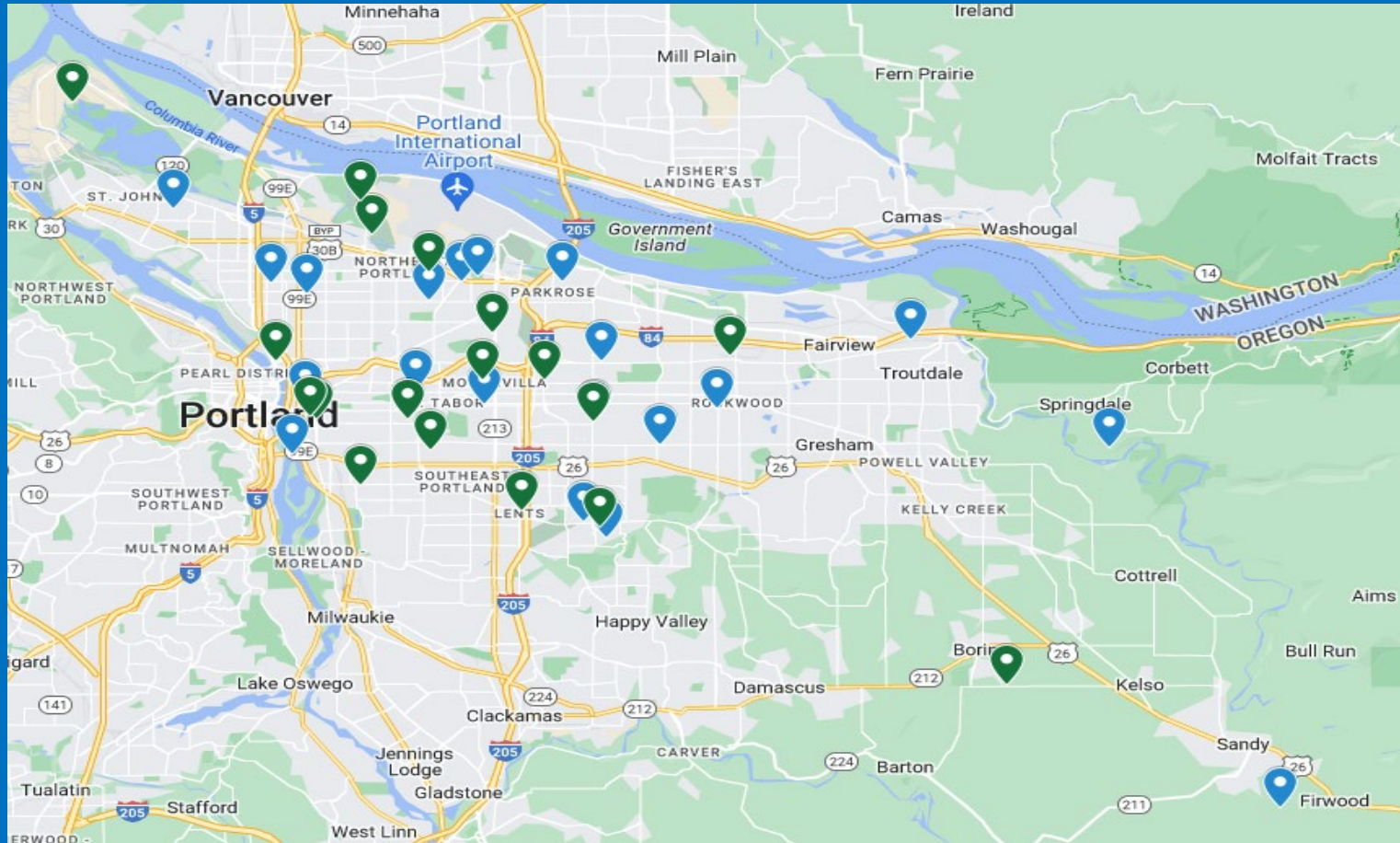
PIC Review Process

- **Grant Review Committee appointed by Board of Directors**
- **Staff review of applications for eligibility and completeness**
- **Committee reviews and recommends grants to staff and board for funding**
- **Board has final approval**

2024 PIC - by the numbers

- 48 eligible applications
- \$2,314,329 - total amount requested
- \$1,050,000 awarded to 26 applicants
- 12 first-time applicants

2024 PIC Project Locations



Blue=recommended for funding



Grant Program Resources

- **Want help with your application?** Make an appointment to discuss your application ideas.
- **Need translation services?** Our website now has information in multiple languages. Or email heather@emswcd.org and make a request in any language.
- **Questions?** Call Grant Program Manager Heather Nelson Kent at 503-935-5370.

ZoomGrants!

The screenshot shows the ZoomGrants website interface. At the top left is the logo for the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, which features a circular emblem with a green and blue wave design and the text "EAST MULTNOMAH SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT". To the right of the logo is a login section for existing users, including fields for "Email" and "Password", a "Login" button, and a link for "Forgot password?". Below the login section are links for "HELP", "RESOURCES", and a dropdown menu "A ▲ ▼". A search bar with a "Search" button is located below the navigation links. The main content area is divided into two sections. The left section, titled "East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District", contains a link for "Open Programs" and a link for "How do I do this?". The right section, titled "New ZoomGrants™ Account", contains fields for "Email", "Password", "First Name", and "Last Name", a radio button for "Account Type" (set to "Organization"), a "New Account" button, and a message: "If you already have an account, [Login Here](#) as an existing ZoomGrants user." Below the "Open Programs" link, there is a section titled "Open Programs" with a message: "You must be logged in to start a new application." Below this message, there is a section for the "2023 Partners in Conservation (PIC) Grants Program" with the date "12/15/2022 - Organizations Only" and two buttons: "Apply" and "Preview".

Existing ZoomGrants™ Users: Email
Password
☐ Stay logged in? (Admins and Reviewers only) **Login**
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Search

East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

[Open Programs](#) [How do I do this?](#)

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Grants Program
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<https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/PIC2025>

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East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District
Grants Program
2023 Partners in Conservation (PIC)
Deadline 12/15/2023

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Project Summary
(answers are saved automatically when you move to another field)

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Working in ZoomGrants

- Primary applicant “controls” the grant application
 - Invites others to contribute (collaborators)
 - Submits the application
- Character limits include spaces
- ZoomGrants cannot take any formatting – cut and paste only plain text
- Auto saves your responses – look for pop up “saving”
- Help button on top of each ZoomGrants page
- Tech support at questions@zoomgrants.com

Match Funding

Match Not Required	Match Required	Match Exception/Waiver
Applications requesting \$10,000 or less.	<p>Applications requesting \$10,000 or more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants are expected to secure matching funds equal to or exceeding the amount requested from EMSWCD.• This match may include cash, in-kind contributions, funding from other sources, or a combination thereof. The grantee will be required to document match funding and track expenditures.	<p>Applications requesting \$10,000 - \$30,000, AND the applicant meets <u>one</u> of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organization has been in operation for less than three years, OR• Organization has not received a PIC grant before, OR• The organization's annual operating budget is less than \$250,000.

Insurance Coverage

- EMSWCD requires that grantees provide proof of insurance coverage for the duration of their grant-funded activities.
- If you or your fiscal sponsor do not have insurance, grant money can be used to purchase coverage and should be included in your application's proposed budget.

Grant Evaluation Questions

- Are the proposed project activities, timeline, budget and experience sufficient to create the impact the project proposes?
- Are community disparities addressed in the project, such as access to nature, environmental education, or environmental health?
- How well does this proposed project advance equity, and inclusion and create benefits for underserved communities through the project impacts, partnerships, and organizational equity practices?

Grant Evaluation Questions

- Is the project led by, or include meaningful engagement with, the communities being served or participating in the project?
- How well does this project or program build resilience to climate change impacts, mitigate climate change through carbon sequestration or reducing emissions, and/or educate the public about climate change?
- Can they do it? Has the applicant demonstrated their capacity (together with their partners) to meet proposal goals?

Questions?

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