

NRCS Easement Web Page:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/or/programs/easements/acep/?cid=stelprdb124931>

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Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)

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Next ACEP Sign-up Deadline: December 8, 2017

Landowners and entities interested in applying for a conservation easement can submit applications any time; however, NRCS announces application cut-off dates throughout the year.

The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) provides financial and technical assistance to help conserve agricultural lands and wetlands and their related benefits. The program has two components. Under the **Agricultural Land Easements (ALE)** component, NRCS helps Native American Indian tribes, state and local governments and non-governmental organizations protect working agricultural lands and limit non-agricultural uses of the land. Under the **Wetlands Reserve Easements (WRE)** component, NRCS helps to restore, protect and enhance enrolled wetlands.

Agricultural Land Easements (ALE)

Agricultural Land Easements (ALE) protect the long-term viability of the nation's food supply by preventing conversion of productive working lands to non-agricultural uses. Land protected by agricultural land easements provides additional public benefits, including environmental quality, historic preservation,

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Projects in Oregon

FY Awarded	Funding Pool	Project Name	County	Lead Partner	Federal Fund
15	State	North Willamette Upland Oak Partnership	Yamhill, Polk	Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District	2 mil
15	National	Klamath-Rogue Oak Woodland Habitat	Klamath, Jackson	Lomakatsi Resotration Project	3 mil
15	National	The Oregon Model to Protect Sage Grouse	Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, Union	Oregon Association of Conservation Districts	9 mil
15	National	Unlocking Carbon Markets for Non-Industrial Private Forest Landowners in the Pacific Northwest	Columbia, Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas	Pinchot Institute for Conservation	1 mil
15	CCA	North Slope Ochoco Holistic Restoration Project	Wheeler	Wheeler Soil and Water Conservation District	4.2 mil
16	CCA	White River Irrigation Efficiency and Stream Flow Restoration Project	Wasco	Wasco Soil and Water Conservation District	1.6 mil
16	CCA	Lower Columbia Watershed Partnership	Columbia	Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District	3 mil
16	CCA	Grande Ronde Watershed Conservation Partnership	Union	Union Soil and Water Conservation District	3.7 mil
16	National	Water Quality and Quantity in the Klamath Basin	Klamath	Trout Unlimited	7.6 mil
16	National	Southern Oregon Northeastern California Working Wet Meadows Initiative	Harney, Klamath, Lake, Malheur	Intermountain West Joint Venture	2.6 mil
16	National	Dairy McKay Degraded Riparian Ecosystems	Washington	Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District	\$936,052
16	State	Alder Slope Cooperative Partnership	Wallowa	Wallowa Soil and Water Conservation District	1.1 mil
16	National	High Desert Drought Resilient Ranching (Lead NRCS State - Idaho)	Malheur	Trout Unlimited	1.3 mil
17	CCA	Three Sisters Irrigation District Innovation	Deschutes	Three Sisters Irrigation District	\$990,600
17	National	Conservation of Soil Health in Wallowa County	Wallowa	The Nature Conservancy	3.1 mil
17	State	Blue Mountains Vegetative Health Initiative	Grant	Grant Soil and Water Conservation District	1.1 mil

Total 46.2 million

For more information about the projects:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/or/programs/farmland/rcpp/?cid=nrcseprd3606>

CCA = Critical Conservation Area

Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) Active Projects in Oregon

National CIG Projects in Oregon

Year	Name of Entity	Title	Funding	Project Area
2017	The Climate Trust	Environmental Price Assurance Facility	\$900,000.00	All US
2016	EcoTrust Forest Management	Catalyzing Public, Philanthropic and Private Capital to make Impact Investments in Forestland	\$150,000.00	OR, WA
2016	XERCES Society, Inc	Bee Better Farming: A Marketplace Incentive Program for Pollinator Conservation	\$351,028.00	OR
2015	Terra Global Capital, LLC	Creating Value for Producers and Impact Investors Through Marketable GHG/Environmental Credits on Range and Pasture Lands	\$730,647.00	CA, HI, OR, TX, WA

National CIG Search tool :

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/ciglanding/national/programs/financial/cig/cigsearch/>

State CIG Projects in Oregon

Year	Name of Entity	Title	Funding	Project Area
2015	Burns Piauete Indian Tribe	Refining the Use Environmental DNA for Aquatic Species Detection	\$67,058.00	OR
2015	South Umpqua Rural Community Partnership	On-Farm Production and Use of Biochar for Composting with Manure	\$75,000.00	OR
2016	WyEast	Advance Percission Irrigation 2.0	\$74,990.00	OR
2016	Michael Omeg	Demonstrating novel soil and plant health management regimes to protect water quality, improve soil, and increase cherry orchard productivity and disease resistance.	\$74,612.00	OR
2016	PSU	Nitrogen Management on Agricultural Lands within the Southern Willamette Valley GWMA to reducenitrous oxide emissions, ground wter nitrate contamination and fertilizer costs	\$75,000.00	OR
2017	ODF	Northeast Oregon/Blue Mountain Woodlands Outreach and Education Project	\$75,000.00	OR
2017	West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District	Forest Understory Vegetation Establishment Project	\$60,075.00	OR
2017	EcoTrust	Technology Transfer for Rapid Family Forest Assessment and Stewardship Planning	\$75,000.00	OR

Note: Funding is federal funds requested not entire project funds