Programs

- EQIP- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- CSP- Conservation Stewardship Program
- CIG- Conservation Innovation Grants
- RCPP- Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- Easements
  - Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)
    - Ag Land Easement (ALE)
    - Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE)
Environmental Quality Incentives Program

• Voluntary Conservation Program
• Locally Led
• National Initiatives
  • High Tunnel
  • Animal Feeding Operations
  • Organic
  • Sage Grouse
  • Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration
  • National Water Quality
  • National Air Quality
Locally Led EQIP

Interactive Map of Current Funding Opportunities

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/or/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=stelprdb1193512
EQIP Oregon Deadlines

2021 Deadline for applications is April 19, 2021

Possible Conservation Practices

• Buffer Strips
• Contour Strip Cropping
• Cover Crops
• Erosion Control
• Grazing Management
• Livestock Water Systems
• Nutrient Management
• Pollinator and wildlife habitat
Conservation Stewardship Program

CSP helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address resource concerns on the agricultural operation.
CSP Continued

- 5 year contracts with a yearly payment
- General sign up deadline April 30, 2021
Conservation Innovation Grants

Public and private grantees develop the tools, technologies, and strategies to support next-generation conservation efforts on working lands and develop market-based solutions to resource challenges. Grantees must match the CIG investment at least one to one.
Examples:

1. OSU-Integration of enhanced clover use in Pastures with conservation of bee pollinators
2. Burns Paiute Tribe-Refining the use of environmental DNA for aquatic species detection
3. Oregon Cattleman’s Association- Oregon habitat monitoring initiative is an innovative, standardized, landowner/operator based rangeland monitoring program in Oregon.
Oregon CIG proposals due May 7, 2021
Easements

1. ACEP ALE-Aglands Easement
2. ACEP WRE-Wetlands Reserve Easement
3. HFRP-Healthy Forest Reserve Program
Under the Agricultural Land Easement component, NRCS may contribute up to 50 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement. Where NRCS determines that grasslands of special environmental significance will be protected, NRCS may contribute up to 75 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement.

***Working Land Easement
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program-Wetland Reserve Easements

**Permanent Easements** – Permanent easements are conservation easements in perpetuity. NRCS pays 100 percent of the easement value for the purchase of the easement. Additionally, NRCS pays between 75 to 100 percent of the restoration costs.

**30-year Easements** – 30-year easements expire after 30 years. Under 30-year easements, NRCS pays 50 to 75 percent of the easement value for the purchase of the easement. Additionally, NRCS pays between 50 to 75 percent of the restoration costs.

**Term Easements** - Term easements are easements that are for the maximum duration allowed under applicable State laws. NRCS pays 50 to 75 percent of the easement value for the purchase of the term easement. Additionally, NRCS pays between 50 to 75 percent of the restoration costs.

**30-year Contracts** – 30-year contracts are only available to enroll acreage owned by Indian tribes, and program payment rates are commensurate with 30-year easements.
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