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Director

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Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Presentation
On Riverhealth Stewardship Grant Program

Purpose/Outcomes	Informational Item for the Commissioners on the Program
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	N/A
Funding Source	Clackamas County Service District No. 1 Operating Budget
Duration	N/A
Previous Board Action/Review	Grant program approved: Board Order 2013-92
Strategic Plan Alignment	<p>This program supports the WES Strategic Plan objective that customers will continue to benefit from a well-managed utility and properly functioning infrastructure that supports healthy streams and reduces flooding, and that 50% of District streams are healthy.</p> <p>This program supports the County's Strategic Plan objective of building a strong infrastructure that delivers services to customers.</p>
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BACKGROUND:

The Riverhealth Stewardship Program is a grant program administrated by Water Environment Services (WES) on behalf of Clackamas County Service District No. 1 (CCSD1) that awards funds to organizations that support watershed restoration, education, and stewardship activities throughout CCSD1. The grants support a variety of activities that enhance water quality, restore habitat, manage invasive species, organize volunteer events, provide watershed science education, and remove trash from waterways. The grants also support the continued stewardship of previously restored project sites, protecting District investments made in recent years. Benefiting watersheds include Rock Creek, Kellogg Creek, Mt Scott Creek, Phillips Creek, Rose Creek, Johnson Creek, and the Clackamas River. In the 2016-17 budget, WES awarded \$240,000 in grants.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is an informational item.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Geist
WES Director

Status Report to the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners: RiverHealth Stewardship Program Grants



Watershed Protection Program
October 6, 2016



What: RiverHealth Stewardship Program Grants

- » Up to \$30K per organization per year
- » Projects that protect and enhance CCSD#1 streams
- » Projects that provide watershed education & outreach



How it started:

» Established
November 2013
by Board
Resolution No.
2013-92

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the Clackamas
County Service District No. 1
Request for Authority to
Administer a Watershed Health
Grant Program

Resolution No.: 2013-92

This matter comes before the Board of County Commissioners of Clackamas County, Oregon (the "Board"), acting as the governing body of Clackamas County Service District No. 1 (the "District"), at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 14, 2013.

WHEREAS, each year the District engages with community groups to perform restoration projects that protect and enhance the health of the watersheds within District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the District historically used contracts with varying multi-year term lengths to administer these projects, but encountered issues related to contract management and accountability of vendors; and

WHEREAS, the District desires a more efficient and competitive administration system that ensures accountability; and

WHEREAS, the District determined that the most effective mechanism for ensuring an efficient, competitive and accountable administration system is to provide funds through an annual grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Board has an interest in understanding where grant funds are being invested in the community and the outcome of those grant projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to (i) provide the District with the authority to develop such a grant program and (ii) receive a report regarding the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Clackamas County Service District No. 1 authorizes the District Director, or his designee, to develop, administer and expend funds for an annual watershed health grant program, and directs that a report regarding the same be delivered to the Board annually.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2013.

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF
CLACKAMAS COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1**

Why:

- » Help meet state & federal requirements
- » Maximize resources, staff time and expertise
- » Get community involved to encourage long term stewardship, including property owners
- » Capitalize on strong community connections and reputations of grantee organizations
- » Expand what we can accomplish on our own
- » Streams need our help

Who is eligible?

- » Citizen groups
- » Businesses
- » Schools
- » Non-profits
- » Faith organizations
- » Neighborhood associations



By the numbers: grants

FY2013-2017

- » 60 grants awarded
- » 18 organizations received grants
- » \$800,000 granted



By the numbers: restoration projects

FY2013-2016

- » **102 riparian restoration sites**
- » **75 acres planted/6.5 miles of streamside enhanced**
- » **48 acres invasive plants controlled**
- » **6,400 trees and 21,000 shrubs planted**
- » **3 watershed plans/studies supported**



By the numbers: education and outreach projects



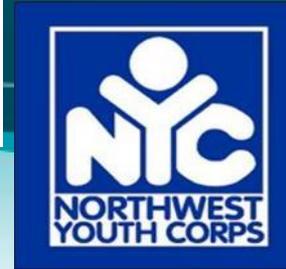
- » 21 education and outreach projects
- » Over 13,000 students and volunteers educated in watershed health and/or engaged in projects

RiverHealth grant recipients—past and present



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North Clackamas Urban
Watersheds Council



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CLASSROOMS
& OUTDOORS



Portland
State
UNIVERSITY



Clackamas
Community College



Pendarvis farm

Cascade Pacific
Resource Conservation + Development



Columbia Land Trust

Dig In Community



Questions?



2015 Rock Creek Watershed-Wide Event