

**Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative**  
**Meeting Minutes of the Funding Working Group – December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

Purpose of today's meeting: determine what sources of funding we will pursue for the collaborative; match funding sources to our project needs; assign tasks to apply for funding; determine next steps/meetings for future of funding group

Is anything else missing from the list?

OHV related projects

Grant writing training and assistance – including finding sources of funding

- Jeff M, Jeff U, & Dani will look into what free resources / grant lists are available
- What would a grant-writing workshop cost?
- Does Cascade Pacific do this, or do they know someone who can?
- A workshop or presentation to the entire ODRC (and other CPRCD projects) could be useful – Jeff U will follow up with Kirk
- Jeff M will look into other grant writing training resources (and what would cost be?)

Group capacity

What are our time and skills? Are we able to pursue grants at this time?

Yes, we have some experience, and would be comfortable writing grants

We will circle back to the working groups – who else has grant writing skills/experience?

- Funding group will find sources for grants for projects, then work with other groups to apply and administer grants for specific projects
- Other working groups will need to take lead/administer grant
- For all funding requests, will try to add funds for staff/building capacity
- Jeff M will include a note about this in the announcement for the Feb. 15 meeting

Time availability for the group?

Jeff M limited to 10% of AmeriCorps hours for grant writing

- But can “research” grants / find funding and that will count as other project hours

Jeff U – could take on 3-4 big grants each year and/or several smaller ones

Mike – willing to take on 1 grant at once

Courtney – also willing to write grants but is more interested in pursuing dedicated agency / congressional funding

- Connect to Communications / Outreach group – they are also interested in putting together an ask to elected officials
- Try to have a committed ask / one-pager prepared for the next ODRC field trip

Jody – 1-2 days per month available; wants to focus on OHV-related / monitoring projects

- Could drones be used for monitoring? – hire a contractor?

Dani – from agency perspective – can edit / polish up grants that we write; can probably do 1 dune-specific grant on her own

This will allow us to pursue ~12 grants a year

Are there projects that could be done right now, under NEPA, that are not being done because of lack of funding? Especially around OHV projects.

Jody and Dani will look into if there is anything else that can be done under current EA

Larger asks will have to wait until NEPA approval

Jody – any real effective treatment of grass will need herbicide

Long term restoration will require multiple years of funding and monitoring

### Prioritizing Projects

Some projects can be funded with a single grant; others may require multiple sources of funding

We'll group projects together into focus areas and assign leads to pursue

Groups:

- Organizational needs / capacity building / grant writing assistance / staffing / travel reimbursement - \$40,000 (34K for AmeriCorps; 6K? for grant writing) - Jeff M & Mike
- Outreach & Education / various levels of need - \$15,000 – Mike w/ Dina & Andy
- Heavy equipment - to expand plover projects (under current NEPA) \$65,000 – Jeff U w/ Cindy
- Youth Employment / hand treatment – funding + tools - \$140,000 – Jeff U, Jeff M, Dani
- Monitoring - \$10,000 – Jody w/ monitoring group
- Large Federal Funding – future restoration work - \$500K annually - Courtney & Jeff U
  - Connect to Outreach efforts

These totals based on estimates each working group entered – may not be accurate totals as projects are developed; and may not include admin time/cost

### Matching projects to grant sources

Our assignments – start with our source list and review what might be available

- Connect with other working groups and ask what sources they may know about
- Add more sources to the spreadsheet as you find them

Keep Communication Open!!

- Let's all be in touch with each other before we start putting materials out there

What are sources of projects that we don't have to apply for?

Title 2 / Retain receipts

Problem – USFS can't touch some current sources of funding – they need a new charter to authorize

- Can we push USFS office and/or elected officials to get the charter authorized?
- Could the outreach group put in a letter / make a push?

Retain receipts funds are just for restoration

- Have to compete with other Forest Service projects
- \$20,000-\$50,000 could be good size ask

Title 2 – larger pool and broader range of projects – could also be used for education / outreach

### Next Steps

Tell the broader ODRC what our approach will be – Jeff M will distribute notes to all

Create basic template to show which projects are covered under which grant request – Jeff M

Match potential sources to project ideas – report back by January 20<sup>th</sup> – ALL

    Include proposal due date / funding announcement / date funds awarded – ALL

    Think about administration / tracking goals / extra costs associated – All

Present potential grants to other groups at February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting – Jeff U & Jeff M

Conference call / plan to present to ODRC – Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 9 – 11am – Jeff M setting up video call

Quarterly meetings of funding group?

Individuals / project groups can meet as needed

### Next meetings:

- January 24<sup>th</sup> – conference call
- February 15<sup>th</sup> – at ODRC meeting
- April 4<sup>th</sup> – funding group meeting 10-12
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – ODRC meeting