



Marion SWCD | Partner Grants in Action

See How Grant Funding is Making a Difference

Partner Grants are helping organizations throughout Marion County restore habitat, educate communities, build organizational capacity, and implement on-the-ground conservation projects. Here are just a few examples of how grant funding is making an impact.

Funding available in the following project categories:

- **Conservation Education**
- **Outreach**
- **Project Implementation**
- **Technical Assistance**
- **Capacity Support**



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PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

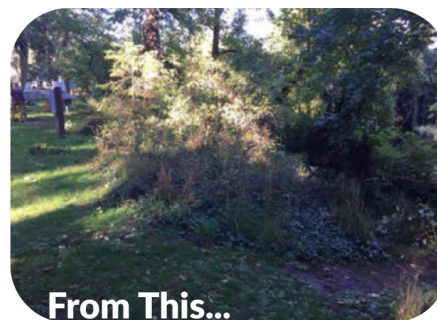
Partner Grant: 60-24-006

Applicant: Pudding River Watershed Council

PRWC Coolidge McClain Park Restoration

Project implementation funding enabled the Pudding River Watershed Council to expand riparian and forest restoration at Coolidge McClain Park by purchasing battery-powered brush cutters and supporting initial planting maintenance. These tools increased efficiency and reduced emissions, allowing the in-house crew to treat additional acres, improve forest health through ivy removal, and pilot blackberry clearing and native tree planting to enhance habitat and visitor experience.

Pudding River WC has continued to work at the park and hopes to make the site an example of successful restoration practices for the local community.



From This...



...To This!



Award Amount	In-kind funding	Total
\$8,133.27	\$28,857.50	\$36,990.77

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CONSERVATION EDUCATION & PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Partner Grant: 60-24-007

Applicant: Pringle Creek Sustainable Living Center

Pringle Creek Community (PCC) Farm Rehabilitation & Preservation

PCC Urban Farm reclaimed roughly 5,000 sq ft of overgrown land by removing deteriorated wooden raised beds and outdated irrigation systems. Landscape fabric was installed to prevent erosion and weed growth, and twenty new stock tank raised beds were added using durable, safe materials to ensure accessibility and longevity. Each bed was equipped with a water-efficient irrigation system featuring micro sprinklers and timers to reduce waste.

A pollinator-friendly hedgerow and pedestrian walkway were also installed to improve habitat and access, with educational signage highlighting the plant species and sustainable gardening practices.



**5,000 sq ft. land used to create
480 sq ft of organic growing space
AND
200 sq ft of pollinator habitat
29 volunteers dedicated
400+ volunteer hours
40 PCC Residents Actively Gardening
Fall 2024 Harvest provided food
to ~ 50 people**



Award Amount	In-kind funding	Total
\$16,208.47	\$5,440.24	\$21,648.71

Partner Grant: 60-24-001

Applicant: Institute for Applied Ecology (IAE)

Champoeg Prairie Harvest Area Enhancement

At Champoeg State Heritage Area, IAE enhanced a 3-acre tribal harvest area within the restored prairie through volunteer-led hand weeding, planting of culturally significant bulbs and roots, and installation of interpretive signage. This project strengthens both ecological health and cultural access.

- Targeted removal of invasive species reduces pressure from noxious weeds and improves growing conditions for native plants, benefiting wildlife such as the western bluebird and the threatened Fender's blue butterfly.
- Planting culturally significant bulbs and roots will enhance species diversity and create a more productive harvest site for tribal members. By engaging volunteers and installing educational signage, the project also fosters community connection to the land, increases public awareness of indigenous land management practices, and builds long-term support for prairie conservation.



Award Amount	In-kind funding	Total
\$34,455.93	\$19,200.00	\$53,655.93

Project Partners:

- Champoeg State Heritage Area
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

**3 Acres of Tribal Harvest Area Restored
116 Volunteers
10 Workshop Events**



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OUTREACH & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Partner Grant: 60-26-014
City of Keizer

Keizer Rapids Park (KRP) Interpretive Signage

Two new 24x36-inch interpretive signs will be installed in high-traffic areas to highlight the park's raingarden and riparian habitats, focusing on local ecology, stormwater benefits, and ways the public can support conservation.

The signage complements ongoing community planting events in which Marion SWCD is an ongoing partner — where volunteers have added hundreds of native plants—to expand the raingarden and enhance habitat, water quality, and erosion control. Additionally, these areas are used for Outdoor School and Mid-Willamette Outreach Group events, supporting natural resource education for local 6th grade students and the broader community.

Interpretive Signs
Funded (2025–26)



Estimated Visitors at Keizer Rapids Park:

Daily :



Summer Months:



Award Amount	In-kind funding	Total
\$6,700.00	\$5,534.08	\$12,234.08



= 1 interpretive sign = 100 people



CAPACITY

Partner Grant: 60-24-004

Applicant: North Santiam Watershed Council

North Santiam Watershed Council (WC) Capacity

The 2024 Partner Capacity Support funding strengthened the North Santiam Watershed Council's ability to engage watershed stakeholders, expand landowner outreach, coordinate planting events, and participate in education and community outreach efforts throughout Marion County.

The funding supported staff time and mileage not covered by existing project grants, enabling site visits, partnership development, and collaboration with groups such as Resilient Headwaters. Overall, it built capacity to advance shared conservation goals with partners like Marion Soil and Water Conservation District and positioned the council to secure and match future large-scale restoration funding.

Award Amount	In-kind funding	Total
\$9,990.50	\$2,500.00	\$12,490.50



Capacity Funds Enabled:

- WC Staff Site Visits
- Partnership Development
- External Collaboration
- WC to Secure & Match Future Large Scale Restoration Funding



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