



Join our Grant Review Committee!

The Partners in Conservation (PIC) Grants Program supports projects that help people grow fresh food, improve water quality and soil health, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and support strong and sustainable communities.

EMSWCD is recruiting people to review PIC 2023 Grants. Members will recommend up to \$700,000 in grants to non-profits, local governments, schools and educational institutions, and Native American tribes for projects up to two years in duration. Projects or events must show a clear public benefit and be located within the EMSWCD service area (all Multnomah County east of the Willamette River) or serve its residents.

The Board of Directors appoints the Partners in Conservation Grant Review Committee. The committee includes individuals from the community with diverse professional backgrounds, lived experience and relevant expertise. The committee reviews all PIC grant applications and makes funding recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board has final approval.

Find out [more about the grant program](#) goals, examples of eligible projects, and application details [here](#). On this page you can also find a link to the 14 grants [awarded last year](#).

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Interested in reviewing grant applications? Read on to learn more and send an email to Grant Program Manager Heather Nelson Kent before **November 15, 2022**. Heather@emswcd.org or call 503-935-5370

Grant Review Timeline and Committee Responsibilities

Grant Review Committee members each read and score approximately 20 applications between **mid-January to mid-February 2023**. Applications are shared with the Grant Review Committee via ZoomGrants, an online grant management software. If using ZoomGrants presents a barrier, review committee members can receive a PDF of the applications and a scoresheet. All committee members are also asked to attend a one-hour virtual meeting to go over the instructions about using ZoomGrants, review the scoring criteria, and ask questions.

Between **late February and early March**, each group meets to develop funding recommendations from their set of applications. The committee will help select a preferred date/time and individually discuss preference/comfort regarding meeting in-person, remote or hybrid. EMSWCD has installed new A/V technology in the meeting room at our office that makes the hybrid option a bit more interactive than a typical Zoom call.



Each reviewer is assigned only half of the applications. We estimate the time commitment to be about 20 hours total for application review, scoring and meetings. Stipends of up to \$250 are available for any review member.

Conflict of Interest

Are you or your immediate family a staff member or board member of an organization that plans to submit a 2023 PIC grant application? Grant applicants are eligible to serve on the review committee but will excuse themselves from scoring and the committee discussion of that grant application. The Grant Program Manager will work with committee members to identify and declare any other conflicts of interest in advance they may not be aware of ahead of time.

Questions?

Contact Heather Nelson Kent, Grants Program Manager

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