



Partners in Conservation Grants 2024

Info Session November 15, 2023



Getting to know EMSWCD

Our mission

*We help people care for
land and water.*

- Introduction – who we are
- Some of our programs and services



Getting to know you

- Tell us a little bit about you in the chat?
 - Name?
 - Organization?
 - Type of org?
 - Previous PIC grant (yes/no)?



2024 Partners in Conservation (PIC)

- About \$800,000 to award
- Minimum: \$5,000
- Maximum: \$70,000
- Funds available June 1, 2024



2024 Partners in Conservation (PIC)

- Up to 15% admin/indirect costs
- Grant agreement must be signed before spending grant funds
- Two years to complete



EMSWCD Grant Program Goals

Complement other EMSWCD program efforts in water quality, soil health, fish and wildlife habitat and sustainable agriculture.

Increase conservation benefits for communities and populations experiencing disparities in environmental health, environmental education, and natural amenities.

Build resilience to climate change in local communities, mitigate climate change impacts, and build momentum for climate change action.

Establish school and community gardens and support sustainable and culturally appropriate agriculture practices.

Prepare residents for careers or education in natural resources, agriculture, nature education, or other nature-related fields by supporting mentorship, youth programs, and job skill development.

Who can apply?

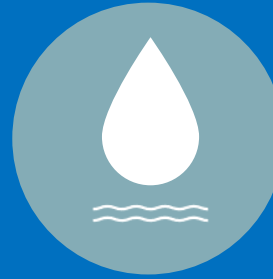
- Nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations
- Community groups with a fiscal sponsor
- Government agencies
- Schools and educational institutions
- Native American tribes



What do our grants support?



SOIL HEALTH



WATER QUALITY



REDUCE
TOXICS



FISH & WILDLIFE
HABITAT



REDUCE CLIMATE
IMPACTS



ACCESS TO
NATURE



CONSERVATION
EDUCATION

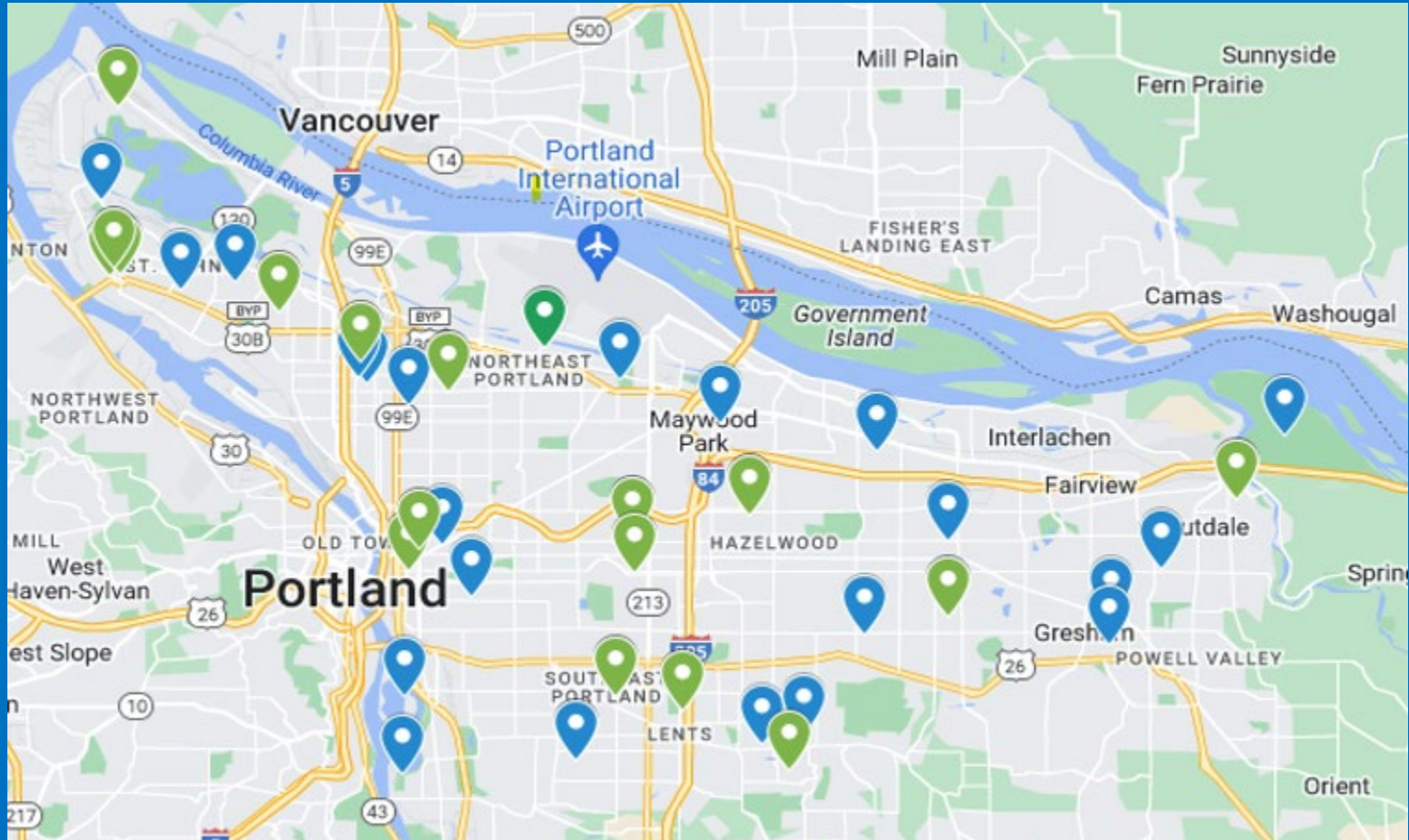


SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE



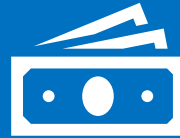
GROWING
HEALTHY FOOD

2023 PIC Grant Locations



2023 PIC - By the numbers

Requested
\$1,894,628



Awarded
\$1,050,000

42
applications
received



24
recommended for
funding

22
first-time
applicants



7
recommended for
funding

13
had open
PIC grants



11
recommended for
new grant funds

2024 PIC Timeline

October 19
Grant
Opens

December 14
Grants due at
4 PM

April 2024
Board
Approves
Awards

December 4
Board
Approves
Grant Review
Committee

March
2024
Grant
Committee
Meets

June 2024
Activities
Begin




PIC Review Process

- Staff review applications for eligibility and completeness
- Committee reviews and recommends grants to staff and board for funding
- Grant Review Committee appointed by Board of Directors
- Board has final approval

The Grant Review Committee has diverse professional backgrounds, lived experience and relevant expertise in urban conservation, community organizing, farming, social justice, formal and informal learning, and environmental and cultural programming.

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East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

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Open Programs

You must be logged in to start a new application.

2023 Partners in Conservation (PIC)
Grants Program
12/15/2022 - Organizations Only

New ZoomGrants™ Account

Email
Password
First Name
Last Name
Account Type ☒ Organization ☐ Individual

If you already have an account,
[Login Here](#) as an existing
ZoomGrants user.

<https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/EMSWCDPIC2024>

ZoomGrants!

The screenshot shows the ZoomGrants application portal. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the district logo, user status (Welcome, Heather Test), and links for HELP, RESOURCES, FULL SCREEN, and LOGOUT. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: My Account Home / My Applications > Account Profile. A search bar and a 'Refresh Page' button are also present. The main content area displays the program title '2023 Partners in Conservation (PIC)' and the deadline '12/15/2024'. A row of buttons allows users to filter the view: VIEW OPEN PROGRAMS, SHOW PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM (selected), SHOW ELIGIBILITY AND FUNDING CRITERIA, SHOW RESTRICTIONS, and SHOW LIBRARY. A 'CONTACT ADMIN' button is also available. The address '4120 NE 22nd Ave.' is listed. The application status is 'Not Submitted', with buttons for 'Submit Now' and 'Print/Preview'. A link to 'Archive this Application' is also visible. The 'USD\$ 0.00 requested' is shown. A tabbed interface at the bottom includes 'Project Summary' (active), 'Application Questions', 'Budget', 'Project Work Plan', 'Documents', and 'Activity Log'. The 'Project Summary' section includes a note that answers are saved automatically and a 'Show/Hide' toggle for the instructions.

East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District
Grants Program
2023 Partners in Conservation (PIC)
Deadline 12/15/2024

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Project Summary
(answers are saved automatically when you move to another field)
Instructions Show/Hide

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Working in ZoomGrants

- Primary applicant “controls” the grant application
 - Invites others to contribute (collaborators)
 - Submits the application
- Character limits include spaces
- ZoomGrants cannot take any formatting – cut and paste only plain text
- Auto saves your responses – look for pop up “saving”
- Help button on top of each ZoomGrants page
- Tech support at questions@zoomgrants.com

Match Funding

Match Not Required	Match Required	Match Exception/Waiver
Applications requesting \$10,000 or less.	<p>Applications requesting \$10,000 or more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants are expected to secure matching funds equal to or exceeding the amount requested from EMSWCD.• This match may include cash, in-kind contributions, funding from other sources, or a combination thereof. The grantee will be required to document match funding and track expenditures.	<p>Applications requesting \$10,000 - \$30,000, AND the applicant meets <u>one</u> of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organization has been in operation for less than three years, OR• Organization has not received a PIC grant before, OR• The organization's annual operating budget is less than \$250,000.

Insurance Coverage

- EMSWCD requires that grantees provide proof of insurance coverage for the duration of their grant-funded activities.
- If you or your fiscal sponsor do not have insurance, grant money can be used to purchase coverage and should be included in your application's proposed budget.

Grant Program Resources

- **Want help with your application?** Make an appointment to discuss your application ideas.
- **Need translation services?** Our website now has information in multiple languages. Or email heather@emswcd.org and make a request in any language.
- **Questions?** Call Grant Program Manager Heather Nelson Kent at 503-935-5370.

Grant Evaluation Questions

- Are the proposed project activities, timeline, budget and experience sufficient to create the impact the project proposes?
- Are community disparities addressed in the project, such as access to nature, environmental education, or environmental health?
- How well does this proposed project advance equity, and inclusion and create benefits for underserved communities through the project impacts, partnerships, and organizational equity practices?

Grant Evaluation Questions

- Is the project led by, or include meaningful engagement with, the communities being served or participating in the project?
- How well does this project or program build resilience to climate change impacts, mitigate climate change through carbon sequestration or reducing emissions, and/or educate the public about climate change?
- Can they do it? Has the applicant demonstrated their capacity (together with their partners) to meet proposal goals?

Questions?

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