The OSU Small Farm Program presents:

Grant Opportunities for Growers

**Individual Development Accounts- Mercy Corp**

This program fosters asset accumulation by providing training and individualized technical assistance for disadvantaged entrepreneurs in conjunction with a matched savings strategy. [https://www.mercycorpsnw.org/mercy/corps/info/idaprogram/](https://www.mercycorpsnw.org/mercy/corps/info/idaprogram/)

**Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Grants**

[SARE](http://www.sare.org/grants/index.htm)

SARE offers a variety of grants in sustainable agriculture, some are listed below. The organization is divided into region and not all regions offer the same grants. Oregon is in the Western region. See [http://wsare.usu.edu/grants/](http://wsare.usu.edu/grants/) for current grants available in Oregon.

- **Producer Grants**: Producers apply for grants that typically run between $1,000 and $15,000 to conduct research, marketing and demonstration projects and share the results with other farmers and ranchers.
- **On Farm Research/Partnership**: Supports on-farm research by Extension, NRCS, and/or nonprofit organizations. Northeast, Southern and Western regions.
- **Sustainable Community Innovation**: Forges connections between sustainable agriculture and rural community development. [Northeast and Southern regions](http://wsare.usu.edu/grants/).
- **Graduate Fellow Grants in Sustainable Agriculture**: These grants are funded up to $25,000 to assist graduate students in pursuing their advanced degrees.
USDA - Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) Grants

- **Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA)** - Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) provides cost share assistance to agricultural producers to voluntarily address issues such as water management, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into their farming operations. Available in 15 states: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming. [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/AMA/index.html](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/AMA/index.html)

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP)** - a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land. 5% of the available funds is set aside for beginning farmers and 5% is set aside for socially disadvantaged farmers. [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/PROGRAMS/EQIP/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/PROGRAMS/EQIP/)


- **Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)** - a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land. WHIP provides both technical assistance and up to 75 percent cost-share assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/)

- **Conservation Security Program (CSP)** - a voluntary conservation program that encourages producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by undertaking additional conservation activities and improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities. [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/)

- **Wetland Reserve Program** - program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property. [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/)

- **Healthy Forest Reserve Program** - established for the purpose of restoring and enhancing forest ecosystems to: 1) promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species, 2) improve biodiversity; and 3) enhance carbon sequestration. [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/HFRP/ProgInfo/Index.html](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/HFRP/ProgInfo/Index.html)

- **Grassland Reserve Program** - helps landowners restore and protect grassland, rangeland, pastureland, shrubland and certain other lands and provides assistance for rehabilitating grasslands. The program will conserve vulnerable grasslands
from conversion to cropland or other uses and conserve valuable grasslands by helping maintain viable ranching operations.  
http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/GRP/

- **Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP)**- provides matching funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farm and ranchland in agricultural uses. [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp/)

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**USDA- Rural Development Business and Cooperative Programs**

![USDA Rural Development](image)

**Oregon webpage**- [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/rbs.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/rbs.htm) Very well done website with great general information of who can assist you with business questions in Oregon.  
[http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/biz/matrix.pdf](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/biz/matrix.pdf)- a matrix with details on each grant

- **Value Added Producer Grant**- provides 50%-matching grants to farmers, ranchers, foresters, and fishermen for either planning or working capital purposes to implement value-added ventures. [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/vapg.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/vapg.htm)

- **REAP Renewable Energy Grants and Energy Efficiency Grants**- grants and/or loan guarantees for the purchase and installation of renewable energy generating systems and for energy efficiency improvements. Assistance is limited to small businesses and farmers & ranchers. Projects must be located in a rural area. REAP grants and guarantees may be used individually or in combination. Together they may finance up to 75% of a project's cost. Grants can finance up to 25% of project cost, not to exceed $500,000 for renewables, $250,000 for efficiency.

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**Farm Aid**
[http://www.farmaid.org/site/c.qllI5lhNVJSe/b.2723745/k.9953/Grant_Guidelines.htm](http://www.farmaid.org/site/c.qllI5lhNVJSe/b.2723745/k.9953/Grant_Guidelines.htm)

- **Growing the Good Food Movement Grants**- fund organizations or projects that seek to strengthen what Farm Aid calls the Good Food Movement, the growing number of Americans reaching for and demanding family farm-identified, local, organic or humanely-raised food. These grants build connections between farmers and consumers, creating new markets for family farmers.

- **Helping Farmers Thrive Grants**- fund organizations or projects that assist farmers transitioning to more sustainable and profitable farming practices, find alternative markets, or start a new farming operation as well as provide support services to farm families in crisis. These organizations are the core of the Farmer Resource Network which responds to individual farmers as well as regional events such as natural disasters.
Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD)
http://www.oacd.org/districts.html- this website leads you to your county’s SWCD. Some SWCDs have technical and financial assistance for their counties land owners dealing with natural resource concerns.

- Jackson SWCD – http://www.jswcd.org/
- Josephine SWCD – http://www.oacd.org/districts.html#JOSEPHINE
- Illinois Valley SWCD – http://www.oacd.org/districts.html

Oregon Water Enhancement Board (OWEB)

http://www.oweb.state.or.us/OWEB/GRANTS/smgrant_main.shtml

Small Grant Program- The Small Grant Program enables landowners across the state to contribute to the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds by committing “small acts of kindness” on their properties for the benefit of water quality, water quantity, and fish and wildlife. From planting native plants along stream sides to reducing sedimentation and erosion from upland farms and ranches, citizens everywhere can make a difference.

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/grants.shtml

The ODA has grants available to promote renewable energy, natural resource conservation, specialty crops, and value-added products. The above websites list a whole spectrum of grants some of which the OCA administers along with other organizations listed above. This website also has general information on how to write a grant.