

# APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

## FISCAL YEAR 2010

- 1. Project Title:** Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 (FRIMA) P.L. 106-502
- 2. Organization Name and address:** Oregon Water Resources Congress (OWRC), 1201 Court St. NE, Suite 303, Salem, OR 97301
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- 4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):** States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana which then provide grants to local entities to install fish screens, fish passage devices and related project features at irrigation diversions.
- 5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:** The Oregon Water Resources Congress is a nonprofit trade association that represents irrigation districts, water control districts, and other water supply districts throughout the State of Oregon. We provide legislative and educational services to our members.
- 6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)** Full funding of \$25 million of the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 (FRIMA) which is the annual authorization of the Act. FRIMA is a voluntary, cost-shared program to plan, design, and construct fish screens, fish passage devices and related features to mitigate impacts to fisheries associated with irrigation diversions in portions of Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and western Montana which drain into the Pacific Ocean.
- 7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?** Yes.
- 7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.** \$1 million in FY 2007, \$1,970,575 in FY 2006, \$1,972,215 in FY 2005, \$1,987,000 in FY 2003, and \$4 million in FY 2002 were appropriated to the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Construction account for this project.
- 8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested:** US Fish and Wildlife Service, Construction account.
- 9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?** The purpose of FRIMA, as established by Congress, is to decrease fish mortality associated with the withdrawal of water for irrigation and other purposes without impairing the continued withdrawal of water for those purposes, and to decrease the incidence of juvenile and adult fish entering water supply systems. This program is cost-effective, produces substantive results, and receives compliments and support from a wide range of constituents, including local governments, environmental organizations, and the agricultural community. These projects will also create jobs in Oregon in the labor, engineering, and product supplier industries involved in the design and installation of fish screens and fish passage devices. Additionally, fish friendly water diversions help support sustainable agriculture and sustainable fisheries that have widespread economic and social benefits.

**10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?**

**If so, who?** The Oregon Water Resources Congress is submitting this same request to all members of Oregon's Congressional Delegation in recognition that this program benefits irrigation diversion throughout the state. OWRC has also asked peer organizations in Washington, Idaho, and Montana to make similar requests to their respective Delegations.

**11. Funding Details:**

**a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):** Unknown. Each project funded by the states has a different federal to local match ratio. The local match must be at least 35% but has typically significantly exceeded that amount. The FRIMA legislation requires the project dollars be divided equally among the four states. Congress authorized up to \$25 million per year for the FRIMA program, or \$6.25 million per State per year. Collectively, because of strong financial cost-sharing by local entities, the FRIMA partners are carrying out fish passage projects totaling \$19.7 million, more than double the FRIMA appropriation. Stated another way, local partners incur more than half of the costs of projects. Of the total, 42% are FRIMA federal dollars and 58% are local partner dollars. During the first three years of the program, the FRIMA appropriations averaged \$3 million. After deductions for federal administrative costs and Congressional rescissions, the remaining balance is divided equally among the four states. In 2003 the applications for FRIMA funds from Oregon totaled over \$3 million dollars in FRIMA funds, more than the total appropriation for the program. These projects offered an average of 50% local match (for total project costs of over \$6 million).

**b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:** \$25 million

**c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)** As described above, each project that is funded with FRIMA funds has its own budget and different non-federal funding support. The non-federal funding has typically far exceeded the statutorily required 35% with support coming from the sponsoring entities own resources, from state funds and from other non-federal funds.

**d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?** This request is for an annual appropriation for an on-going federal program. The projects that would be constructed using FRIMA funds are not multi-year projects.

**e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.**

**(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):** \$25 million to be split among the four states.

**f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:** FRIMA is supported by a wide variety of public and private organizations, including the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Governor. *"Irrigated agriculture is important to the economy of our region. Fish screens at water diversions are key to mitigating these diversions as a source of fish mortality in order to increase the numbers of salmon and steelhead spawning in Oregon streams. FRIMA funds have helped accomplish this."* --Ted Kulongoski, Governor, State of Oregon (June, 2005)

**g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):** As discussed above, FRIMA funding is divided equally among the four states and each project has its own budget and constraints to work within. If partial funding is awarded, fewer projects will be completed.