

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title:

Willamette River Environmental Dredging

2. Organization Name and address:

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4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):

N/A

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

The City of Portland is a municipal corporation of the State of Oregon. The Port of Portland is a public agency that owns four marine terminals, Portland International Airport, three general aviation airports, and several industrial parks.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

The City of Portland and the Port of Portland are working closely with the Corps of Engineers to develop a critical project to pursue ecological restoration and contaminated sediment clean-up in the Lower Willamette River. At the City's request, the Corps has broadened its existing environmental dredging feasibility study to encompass the City's ecological restoration objectives. The City and Port are the sponsors of this broadly scoped project with considerable local investment. These funds will ultimately enable the City, the Port, and its partners to make substantial improvements in the ecological functioning of the Lower Willamette and will have enormous environmental and economic benefits for the Lower Willamette region.

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.

Energy and Water; Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations:

FY2004	\$144,275
FY2005	\$181,000
FY2006	\$159,000
FY2007	\$160,000
FY2008	\$160,000

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

Energy and Water; Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations (GI)

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?

Recovery of ESA-listed Salmon populations: By developing, analyzing and prioritizing restoration projects in the Lower Willamette River this project will help speed implementation of habitat improvements that are vital to recovering listed salmon populations in both the Willamette and Columbia rivers. Without this project, restoration planning will slow down or stop, and place an increased burden on the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Mitigation for Columbia Hydroelectric System and Willamette Flood Control System: Both the Federal Columbia River Power System and the Willamette River Flood Control System are subject to biological opinions. This project ensures that a full range of feasible mitigation measures are designed to meet federal standards and have the local support needed for implementation. Ensuring the availability of a full range of mitigation options takes pressure off the river's power generation, navigation and irrigation purposes and provides other benefits to these federal systems.

Support for Cleanup and Restoration of Portland Harbor and other sites: This would maintain the possibility of obtaining federal support for the clean-up of orphaned or unallocated contaminated sediments in the Portland Harbor, thereby reducing costs to local businesses and tax payers. This could also speed resolution of Superfund-related cost allocation and recovery activities, which translates into time and money to complete site clean-up. The planning activities involved here will further result in the creation of concepts and plans for a large number of restoration actions that will be available for parties to use in required mitigation obligations under Superfund, Clean Water Act, ESA and other programs.

Flood Management: After flooding in 1986, Congress directed the Army Corps of Engineers to consider a different way of managing floods in the Willamette Valley, such as restoring natural wetlands that might soak up future floodwaters and reduce damage to property and save lives. This project assists the Corps in responding to this request by identifying and implementing feasible floodplain restoration actions in the lower Willamette River.

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

Yes. Congressman Blumenauer, Congressman Wu, Congressman Schrader, Senator Wyden, and Senator Merkley

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):

\$4,000,000

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:

\$500,000

- c. **What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)**

City of Portland/Port of Portland: \$2,000,000

- d. **Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?**

Yes

- e. **Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010. (e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

Funds will be used to complete identification of possible restoration and contaminated sediment clean-up actions and to initiate a detailed feasibility and cost effectiveness analysis of those actions. Of the total, approximately 75% will support Corps staff time and 25% will be used for contract GIS and engineering support.

- f. **Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:**

Willamette Riverkeeper
National Marine Fisheries Service
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Lower Columbia River Estuary Program
Columbia Slough Watershed Council
Johnson Creek Watershed Council
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
City of Portland's River Renaissance Initiative (which includes a broad list of business, community and other partners)
Willamette Partnership
Institute for Tribal Government

- g. **Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):**

Yes