

ecosystem functions to improve water quality or stream flows;

(b) To develop, implement or update regional or local strategies or plans that are consistent with state strategies or plans described in paragraph (a) of this subsection;

(c) To develop, implement or update state strategies or plans to prevent, detect, control or eradicate invasive species that threaten native fish or wildlife habitats or that impair water quality;

(d) To support local delivery, including but not limited to delivery by watershed councils, soil and water conservation districts and other community-based organizations, of watershed education activities and other programs or projects that protect or restore native fish or wildlife habitats, watersheds or ecosystems;

(e) To pay the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board costs of administering the Watershed Conservation Grant Fund;

(f) To enforce fish and wildlife laws and regulations and fish and wildlife habitat protection laws and regulations; and

(g) To reimburse the Secretary of State as described in ORS 297.230 for the costs of audits performed by the Secretary of State under section 4c, Article XV of the Oregon Constitution.

(2) Interest accruing to the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund shall be credited to the fund. Watershed Conservation Operating Fund moneys appropriated and not expended by the completion of a biennium shall remain in the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund.

(3) Any public or private source may make gifts or grants to the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund. [2011 c.643 §16]

Note: 541.945 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 541 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

Note: Sections 1 to 4, chapter 586, Oregon Laws 2017, provide:

Sec. 1. Of the moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund established under ORS 541.945, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board shall allocate \$7,921,492 to the Department of State Police for fish and wildlife activities to implement Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution. [2017 c.586 §1]

Sec. 2. Of the moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund established under ORS 541.945, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board shall allocate \$5,379,892 to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife for activities and projects to implement Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution. [2017 c.586 §2]

Sec. 3. Of the moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund established under ORS 541.945, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board shall allocate \$8,335,362 to the State Department of Agricul-

ture for activities and projects to implement Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution. [2017 c.586 §3]

Sec. 4. Of the moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund established under ORS 541.945, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board shall allocate \$4,687,925 to the Department of Environmental Quality for activities and projects to implement Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution. [2017 c.586 §4]

Note: Section 142, chapter 702, Oregon Laws 2017, provides:

Sec. 142. (1) The allocation to the Department of State Police of moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund by section 1, chapter 586, Oregon Laws 2017, for fish and wildlife activities to implement Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution, is decreased by \$250,765.

(2) The allocation to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife of moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund by section 2, chapter 586, Oregon Laws 2017, for activities and projects to implement Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution, is decreased by \$167,378.

(3) The allocation to the State Department of Agriculture of moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund by section 3, chapter 586, Oregon Laws 2017, for activities and projects to implement Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution, is decreased by \$231,617.

(4) The allocation to the Department of Environmental Quality of moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund by section 4, chapter 586, Oregon Laws 2017, for activities and projects to implement Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution, is decreased by \$77,348. [2017 c.702 §142]

541.947 Watershed Conservation Grant Fund. (1) The Watershed Conservation Grant Fund is established separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Watershed Conservation Grant Fund shall consist of all moneys placed in the fund as provided by law. All moneys in the Watershed Conservation Grant Fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for grants to fund projects described in ORS 541.958 that use grant moneys as provided under ORS 541.956. Interest accruing to the Watershed Conservation Grant Fund shall be credited to the fund. Watershed Conservation Grant Fund moneys appropriated and not expended by the completion of a biennium shall remain in the Watershed Conservation Grant Fund.

(2) The board also may accept gifts and grants from any public or private source for the purpose of providing the grants described in this section. [2011 c.643 §12]

Note: See note under 541.890.

541.949 Authority of board to accept moneys; disposition. (1) The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board may accept moneys from any public or private source, including the federal government, made available for the purpose of encouraging, promoting and securing watershed enhancement or to facilitate and assist in carrying out the functions of the board, including administrative expenses, as provided by law.