

Beginning Farmer & Rancher Subgroup Meeting (2025/2026 Running agendas and notes)

Farming for the Future Working Group

May 21, 2026 10am-11:30am

In attendance:

- Merek Strand - Tualatin SWCD
- Andrew - OCFSN
- Teagan Moran, OSU
- Andrea Krahmer - OAT
- Heidi Noordijk - OSU
- Nikita Vincent - Cultural Harvest
- Sara Miller - NEODD
- Carly - AFT
- Rebekah Gaxiola - CSWCD

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Agenda

1. **10:00am** - Introductions in the chat
2. **10:05am** - Working group and OCFSN updates
 - Do we want to change the day and time for these meetings? Have had that request
 - Strategic Planning
 - Working Group convening planning
 - Doing more regional convenings?
 - Maybe doing first week of December
 - Sponsor for location costs
 - SOREC
 - Maybe central Oregon
 - Central Oregon Extension
 - There are the issues with travel in Dec
3. **10:15am** - What are folks planning for BFRDP and LAMP applications?
 - Transitioning Oregon Farmland project
 - Friends of Family Farmers, Oregon Ag Trust, Oregon Farm Corps working on a project
 - OSU Small Farms
 - Not leading a BFRDP, but willing to be partners on one
 - Happy to do letters of support, other ways to support, or getting written in

- AFT
 - Not applying for BFRDP
 - Available and helpful to sign on if needed
- Cultural Harvest Collective
 - Nikita spoke with the president at clackamas community college. Partnering with folks in the network to create a program, farm incubator at clackamas community college, create a pathway for students for land access, capital access
 - Got the go ahead from the college to use 10 acres to farm, and there are some processing infrastructure, vegetable production
 - Is fiscally sponsored, so having difficulty accessing these larger grants through that process
 - Do folks have to be enrolled in the college to be a part of the program? Not right now
 - Also working with CSWCD and Cathy there
- OSU extension agent in Columbia county and SWCD are considering doing a RFSP in the future
- TSWCD - have multiple grant programs
 - <https://tualatinswcd.org/programs/grants-funding/>
- Feedom Freedom Foundation
 - <https://www.feedemfreedom.org/copy-of-black-regional-food-hub#BlackFoodAssetMap>
 - Purchased a 5-acre site in Gresham and will be running a Black Community Food Hub and Food Forest
 - OSU received funding from Multnomah County for one year (June 25-July 26) to support FFF as they develop the ag plan for the site
 - They are putting in proposals for all sorts of funding - Heidi will connect with Shantae on Saturday to learn more.
- OFC
 - Applying for PCEF for business development work for Portland farmers
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4. 10:45am - Discussion of new USDA Terms and Conditions

- [FEDERAL CONTRACTORS' GUIDE TO NAVIGATING NEW DEI-RELATED PROHIBITIONS IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 14398 AND FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION 52.222-90](#)
- [New DEI-Focused Executive Order Implements Expansive Audit Authority and Imposes DEI Certification Obligations on All Federal Contractors, Subcontractors](#)
- <https://farmcommons.org/resources/downloads/usdas-updated-grant-terms-decision-toolkit/>
- This is an active discussion at OFC and FoFF
- Is there legal expertise that could be accessed to help inform this
 - Maybe we could reach out to Farm Commons
 - Attorney General Dan Rayfield could be reached out to

- Doing a collective request - how does this connect to other issues the state is working on
- USDA doing DEI audits for organizations - causing a lot of fear and people are being careful around this
- Andrew to talk to OCFSN leadership team on how to maybe help with this outreach to State and Federal reps/program people to get impacts impact
- 5. 11am** - Programming and Funding Updates - member program updates
 - Folks going to National Farm Viability Conference
 - Andrea is a maybe depending on session acceptance
 - Silvia and crew also submitted and are waiting
 - Thinking of leasing out your farmland? Jefferson Oregon
<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/mid-willamette/events/thinking-leasing-out-your-farmland>
 - June 2nd
 - New episodes of For the Love of Farming Podcast just released:
<https://beav.es/fPZ>
 - OSU Small Farms Program Farm Tours in June - Linn, Lane and Benton Counties <https://mailchi.mp/oregonstate/may2026-10613282>
 - Soil workshop (Good for the Soil is Good for Business)
 - Certifications and marketing
 - Automation Irrigation and Soil Moisture Sensors
 - Been focusing on soil moisture sensors
 - Field day 3rd week in August
 - Dry Farming Institute
 - Water Resilience Toolkit is in development
 - Working on grant to fund cohorts of producers and TA providers on water resilience
 - Join Oregon Farm Corps as we welcome staff from the Dry Farming Institute for a virtual workshop on Thriving With Less Water.
 - Tuesday May 26, 6:30-7:45pm
 - FREE - Registration required
 - To register please visit: <https://bit.ly/OFC-TWLW>
 - Capital Campaign for Land Acquisitions
 - Get link
 - Farmer Market Season launch
 - Carly wrote a blog post about cover cropping in an arid climate at Sungrounded Farm in Terrebonne, OR.
<https://farmland.org/blog/cover-cropping-in-the-high-desert-an-oregon-learning-circle-at-sungrounded-farm>
- 6. 11:30am** - Next meeting August 20th 10am

February 19th, 2026 10am-11:30am

In attendance:

Nick Rossi - NSAC
Lourdes Herencia - Adelante Mujeres
Amy Gilroy - ODA
Heidi Noordijk - OSU Extension
Matt Gordon - OFC
Merek Strand - TSWCD
Nicole Ruggiero TWSCD
Sachin Bangalore - Rhythm Seed Farm
Sophie Else - OrCAN
Teagan Moran - OSU Extension

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- [Recording](#)
- [Nick's Slides](#)
- [FY27 Sustainable Ag Funding Priorities One-pager](#)

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- **10:00am** - Introductions in the chat
- **10:05am - Nick Rossi of the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition**
 - Nick works on their appropriations portfolio which includes programs like SARE, BFRDP, etc.
 - Senator Merkley has been supportive and there are opportunities to advocate for appropriations with all Oregon congress folks
 - Also this is an election year and there may be opportunities with congress doing more than usual
 - Maybe we will see open applications for BFRDP and 2501 in mid spring of 2026. NIFA administers both
 - The application windows will likely be short, so plan ahead and coordinate with folks in the network. Reach out to Andrew if you have questions or would like to learn what others in Oregon are planning for these programs.
 - NIFA may continue to do grant terminations
 - FY 25 did accept awards 2501. Process was very opaque, NSAC has done a FOYA request to learn how funding decisions were made

- Urban Ag - no plans at USDA to hire on more staff
 - Opportunities to reach out to our representatives to have them talk to USDA to get better intel - this has been successful in other places
- USDA Reorganization Plan - NSAC tracking this, it looks like this will be happening in summer 2026
- [New Producer Economic Security Act](#) - check this out
- NIFA grant review - this has changed, there is now a level of a political review
 - When applying to NIFA be precise with language
- LAMP grants awards for 2025 have not been announced yet
- Universal Terms - at its best it can make applications easier to apply for at worse could be significant barrier to access funding
- Contact Nick if you have specific questions - nrossi@sustainableagriculture.net
- **10:35am** - Programming and Funding Updates - member program updates
 - TSWCD - introduce Merek who will be supporting BFR in Washington County
 - Oregon Farm Corps
 - Educational Event series and apprentice programs open currently
 - Applications close March 15
 - Farm Funding panel March 18
 - OSU Small Farms Program
 - Wed Sept 16, 2026 - Small Farm School
 - Call for sessions or session ideas
- **11:30am** - Next meeting May 21st 10am

November 20, 2025 10am-11:30am

In attendance: Sara Cross, Penny Feltner, Heidi Noordijk, Sage Fairman, Alex, Rich Schwartz, Holly Hutchanson, Andrew C-A, Phoebe Audry, Sam Butler, Sara Miller

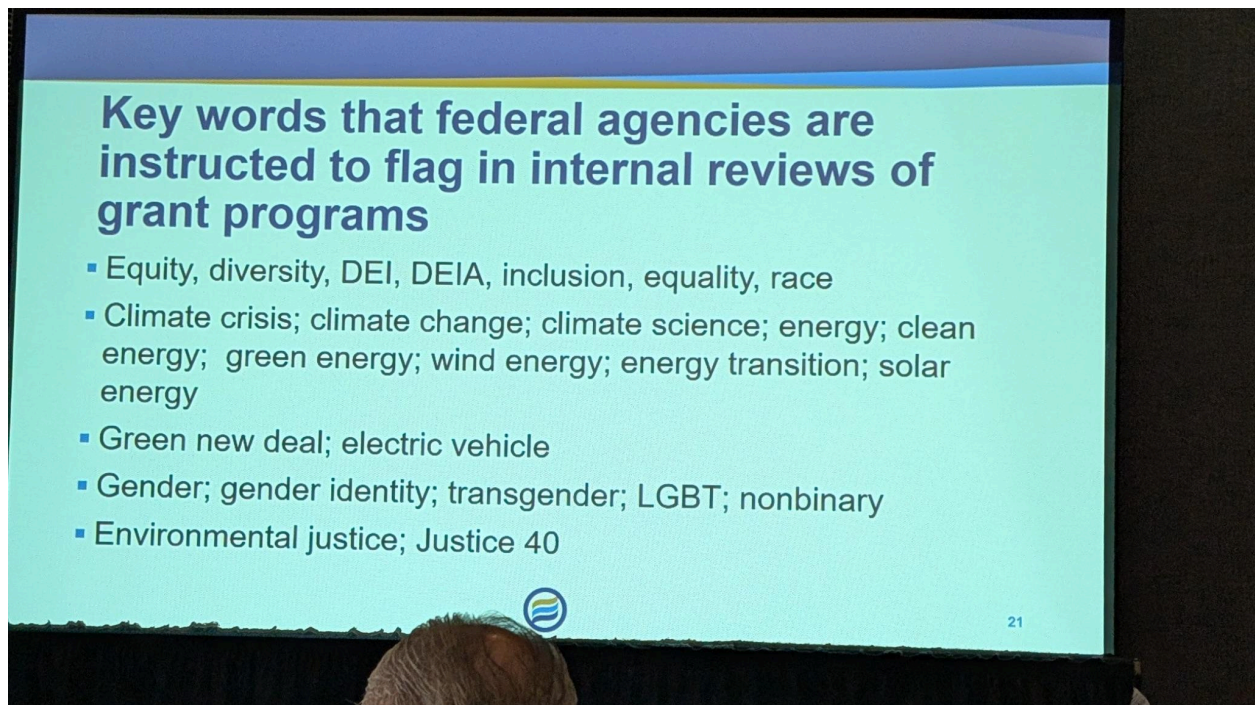
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- **10:00am** - Introductions in the chat
- **10:05am - Updates on OCFSN and Working Group and Convening**
 - Take aways from convening and working group break out survey
 - Talking about working group purpose
 - Need an info graphic of the structures for the network and working group
 - Use the story map as a guide
 - Communications
 - Bringing people up to speed
 - Orgs as foundational but people within orgs may not be more

- Support for new members, or new representatives with standard orientation materials, infographics, etc. could help.
 - Need to optimize and formalize communications and
 - Groups can be dynamic and responsive
 - Being consistent with communications and how we talk about this work
 - What is the why for folks being here?
 - How do people plug in, what is the responsibility
 - Asking folks about why they are here
- How the focus and structure of working groups have changed over time
 - Valuable to know that orgs exist and be in conversation with individuals who are part of orgs which can improve connections and provide referrals to folks they are serving
 - Seeing where there are missing resources or opportunities to collaborate
 - Shared priorities emerge
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- **10:35am** - Programming and Funding Updates - member program updates
 - Federal Funding - continuing resolution and farm bill
 - Where do folks go to get reliable updates on these changes
 - NSAC
 - AFT - Business Technical Assistance coalition
 - Farm Commons
 - NRCS Statewide staff
 - Learning spending priorities happening now
 - State conservationist and regional conservationist
 - Other national coalitions
 - LFPA
 - Food banking coalitions
 - [National Healthy Soils Policy Network](#)
 - National Food System Leadership Network
 - Tracking how folks are impacted and where they are impacted
 - Penny - NRCS RCPP Contracts cancelled and rescinded waiting to hear more about resuming NRCS GLCI, how funds are being reallocated and prioritized for 2026
 - Working on a proposal to OWEB for Stakeholder Engagement (to fill holes left by the RCPP) to offer workshops and assistance for farm managers stewarding oak habitats and grazing on their farms
 - LFPA is going away - some Food Bank funding
 - Need to send resources to farmers that are not continuing to get LFPA funding
 - How to share assets with producers? What is there to offer
 - LAMP
 - How much is the gov going to allocate?

- What are folks going to apply for in 2026
- What does the continuing resolution mean?
- Realistically what do these numbers and what these numbers mean?
- Getting tips for getting applications awarded in this new landscape?
- How to navigate these new changes
- Getting someone knowledgeable about these changes and updates to present on these new funding opportunities
 - Someone who can get into the details
- Rural Development and VAPG
 - Lots of changes in the staff and no guidance from USDA central
 - No official updates
 - Staff would like to help but also aren't getting info or resources from agency
- SARE
 - Western SARE team has been helpful
 - No list of terms given to avoid
 - SARE review teams aren't looking for terms
 - USDA and NIFA will likely review applications for terms



Risk Management for these issues

Orgs will be facing new risks and risk management and collective risk management will be an important thing to address/discuss

We, too, have experienced challenges with the USDA not only with changing guidance, but with staff turnover, and positions being vacant slowing down processes.

Other Grants:

- Breaking vegetable market boundaries. We are growing trials of these at NWREC. This project aims to create new market opportunities and improve environmental resilience. The team blends rigorous breeding with nutrition and flavor research, on-farm trials, and real-world tastings to bring more diversity and better flavor to meet the demands of today's consumers.
- Soil moisture sensor and automated irrigation scheduling. Developing soil moisture thresholds for crops in Oregon to help inform irrigation scheduling. We are hoping to receive additional funding to bring the trials on-farm in 2026.

Applied for: AFRI grant: Advancing Irrigation Knowledge and Sensor Based Skills for Water-Efficient Small and Medium Sized Farms

Dry Farm Institute - will be creating a Water Resilience Toolkit

OSU - Might apply for EMSWCD PIC - around heavy metal soil testing for urban farmers

Drought tolerance and flavor vegetable breeding

- Succession work with AFT in Eastern Oregon (learning circle) - need to postpone a series, will reschedule for next year of wildfire and ranching series - Baker County (big impact from recent fire), using Farm Commons resources
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- **11:30am** - Next meeting Feb

August 21, 2025 10am-11:30am

In attendance: Heidi, Teagan, Matt, Tara, Riley, Patrick, Henry, Penny, Sara, Andrew, Lourdes, Holly, Phoebe, Sam

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- **10:00am** - Introductions in the chat

- **10:05am - Updates on OCFSN and Working Group**
 - Farm Viability Subgroup
 - The new plan!
 - [BFR Story Map](#) ready to go live!
 - Disaster Resilience grants
- **10:15am - Planning for BFR work at Nov. 5-7 OCFSN Network Convening**
 - Matt: liked the idea to focus on collaborations - idea, open space format - have specific areas in the room for discussions on specific topics
 - Tara: a place to share big ideas, interest from others in the network to launch new projects
 - Teagan: Look at the map and realize there are places in the state that don't have as much support - how do we take it on the road with support - this group could be a group to support and share
 - What are the core cross overs / touch points that all organizations are engaged in
 - That can be where we build collaborative projects
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- **10:35am - Programming and Funding Updates - member program updates**
 - Pathways to Farming Oregon Food Bank Program updates
 - Program is changing, not
 - Plan for Small Farms Conference - Teagan
 - Scheduled for Sat. Feb 21
 - Opening up a request for presentations/session on Sept 1st - online submission, closes Oct. 15
 - Question: Will you be interested in collaborating on this idea there
 - Small Farms Team then creates agenda - Nov 1 is when submitters will be notified if they are given a space
 - BFRDP RFA updates and what folks are planning to apply for
 - Still has not been released -
 - Small Farms Team is putting an application to AFRI - this has a strong research component
 - Focused on irrigation efficiency and water - research on thresholds for various crops
 - Can't be awarded both so will be working on both and see what comes out
 - They will have a train the trainer component that will include stipends for member organizations and to support farmers to use these tools -
 - Will be looking for letters of support
 - Important topic also because of the new domestic well exemption water law
 - For others writing grants and doing projects - Nate Stacey Small Farms Program, is happy to write letters of support to help your work
 - Oregon Farm to School Network

- Farm to School conference in Jan 29-30 2026 -
<https://oregonfarmtoschool.org/conference/>
- A program or series that focused on producers to help them access farm to school sales and other institutional sales
- Some overlap with school buyers and help them understand how farms work
- Oregon Ag Trust -
 - Going on the road with business plans and financial workshops
 - <https://www.oregonagtrust.org/events>
- Food Roots - developing a contract to help simplify food sales to institutions
 - Folks will connect with Patrick
- Business Impact NW -
 - Business coaching - getting the word out about their lending side and access to capital
 - Connected with RFBC - Doing a farm lending workshop/loan readiness training in early September in partnership with with the right size investing (Sept 8 or 9)
- Small Farm School - Sept 10
 - <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/metro/small-farm-school>
 - 2/3rds full on reg
 - Contact Heidi with questions or if you need support
 - Heidi will send outreach materials
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- PNWCSA - RFBC contract with taste the local difference
 - 2-3 spot available to help farmer with ecommerce/email marketing
 - Don't have to go through reimbursement process
 - \$2k sponsorship, but need to be done by Sept 15
 - Contact Holly
- Rogue Farm Corps
 - Quickbooks training? - won't be launching until the winter
 - Probably a webinar
 - Introductory training - a feeder for TA with geoffrey - understanding how to use it on a basic record keeping level
 - More research needed to see what SBDC's offer
 - Applications soon for Farm Launch - around early September
 - Online for 15 prelaunched or recently launched farm businesses
 - Farm apprenticeship programming - applications for host farms open in the fall
 - Looking to connect with more BIPOC led host farms, and more farms in southern oregon

- Working closely with Friends of Family Farmers to apply to next BFRDP to continue land access and capital access work
- Friends of Family Farmers
 - Teaching a leasing session at small farms school
 - Back up to capacity for navigator program
 - Uptick in applications! Mostly coming from the Willamette Valley
- **11:30am** - Next meeting Nov 5-7, 2025, Network Convening
 - Plan for November working group meeting?
 - Nov 20th
 - Small Farms Team would like a few minutes to share on upcoming resources
 - Opportunity to discuss things we always

May 15, 2025 10am-11:30am

In attendance: 18 subgroup members

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- **10:00am** - Introductions in the chat
- **10:05am** - Disaster Resilience Grant Program Presentation
 - Outcomes from past 2 years
 - What we learned from BFRs during this process
- **10:15am** - Working Group Projects Discussion
 - Farm Viability Subgroup
 - Still on hold - need to find a subgroup chair to help Andrew plan and implement subgroup
 - Review of draft updated [BFR Story Map](#)
 - Edits and/or suggestions
 - Liked statewide vs region setup
 - Who is the target audience? How to make this better for farmers
 - How many clicks for them to get to where they need to be
 - What organizations should be on here? Questions about the skill level questions
 - The intention was to show the network of orgs that provide this work and how they are connected
 - Why or when should a farmer reach out to this organization? -Add that question
 - When we supply a link should it go to?

- Should the link go directly to a home page or more programmatic
- Andrew to add links to programs in the program description
 - Also make sure program description states who we serve and why
- Seconding Teagan, I like that prompt. We could update that response on a shared google sheet and bypass the survey to make it easier for Andrew
- Review the IDA program - <https://oregonidainitiative.org/> Javier shared to see how they structure their resource
- Make sure to complete the form to get your updated info into the materials: <https://forms.gle/GeefkJwKMZSMdubb7>
- **10:35am** - Programming and Funding Updates - member program updates
 - Examples to share:
 - Grants unfrozen
 - Plans for new funding? Foundation funding?
 - Programming Updates
 - Updates from form to track impacts to farmers
 - RFC -
 - Still has their 2501 grant on pause
 - Been communication with folks who are in the same boat
 - 2025 BFRDP RFA still unknown
 - Extension risk management and education award was paused but now unpaused and working on getting subaward
 - Collaborative Farming TA opportunity
 - If there are farmers you work with that want to explore collaborative models, RFC will be launching Collaborative Farmer TA resources
 - Developing new workshop - quickbooks 101
 - Farm loan program - not a lot has changed
 - Reach out to Derek and he may be able to help connect folks - will help folks get connected to the right resource
 - BFR is codified in law
 - DEI changes at administration has impacts but BFR structure is still there
 - Amanda Welker in North Willamette Valley has moved on, can contact Derek
 - Teagan -
 - Increase education on soil moisture sensors and readers
 - Partnering with SWCDs to get these resources out
 - Partnering on a water resources toolkit
 - Gathering data and testimony on how these are used
 - Can have significant impact
 - Alice -

- BFR and agritourism - Alice is on a rulemaking advisory council talking about farm stand rules
 - Details on rules around farm stands and the difference than other agritourism uses
 - Reach out to Alice to talk about specifics
 - Here is an Adding Agritourism 101 class offered in Dallas OR on May 22nd <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/events/adding-agritourism-101>
 - There is an OSU farmer to farmer listserv Agritourism listserv
 - Send farmers to Teagan to get added to this list
- Penny - Working Lands hosting grazing site tours
 - Farmer ran trials and there will be some tours how the outcomes can be used and how it can be used when working with NRCS
- Andy - BFR has evolved into more of a marketing training and curriculum to support the cohort with farm marketing (this component of the BFRDP has evolved)
 - Will start in Oct and application in August
- Sara - KIVA loans have been successful in their region, more attention is happening and it is working
 - AFT two conference sessions at International Association for Society and Natural Resources on pastoral and grazing landscapes and climate emotions - Sara has been involved in the climate emotions and stress
- Heidi - Small Farms School - Sept 10th at Clackamas Community College
- Tara - workshops for beginning farm financials
 - Lots of great feedback, doing several on the north coast coming up
 - Business planning etc and then how to use those documents with guest speakers
 - Could something like this come to the northeast?
 - Tess Baker, works close with Andrea - working on workshops in Enterprise and Klamath
- Sara - runs LFPA for Oregon
 - Program is going away - working on how to support the 60 + farmers and other orgs she works with.
 - Sara would like to make sure connect these folks on these resources
 - LFPA in Oregon - has been supporting these farms ongoing
 - Native fishers grant is open
- *Reconnect from last meeting on* - "Can the Network be a place to strategize the communication and strategy for how to build our unified voice - telling the stories, stakeholders, and consistent messaging"
- What do we need now from these ideas below?
 - Finding and compiling resources - sharing facts
 - Having more regular meetings
 - Gathering stories and impacts
 - Setting up a call in line for them to leave stories
 - Setting up voicemail inbox

- Andrew to look into setting that up - did not do this
- A central place for farmer stories is needed
 - This form has been created and is being hosted by OrCAN
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 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdL6LRJsGFxfh0bk420k9jckhI9Y5gCgdQYKCJOq0-FRjuKrg/viewform>
- Sharing OSU farmer mental health resources
 - Climate grief and more
- Planning for how to coordinate that
- Planning for a network convening to discuss this
- How to support each other in this moment
- Look at more traditional media outlets
 - Look at community radio
- Looking at asset protection strategies
 - How to support folks with this - Sara has a contact for those resources
- Get those practical resources out to folks
- **11:30am** - Next meeting August 21, 2025, 10am (same time, same place)

February 20, 2025 10am-11:30am

In attendance:

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- **10:00am** - Introductions/icebreaker
 - Ways that you are connecting with your community?
- **10:10am** - OCFSN Updates
 - Farmer & Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Program
 - Had over 200 eligible applications asking for \$3 million of \$900,000 available
 - Food Hub Grant now accepting applications
- **10:15am** - Working Group Projects Discussion
 - Farm Viability Subgroup, thinking about what is next without Tanya
 - Plan for BFR story map and brochure
 - Questionnaire for you all to complete to get your updated info into new map and brochure - please complete in the next two weeks
 - <https://forms.gle/GeefkJwKMZSMdubb7>
 - Any changes needed to the form?

- **10:20am** - What are folks learning about the federal funding freeze, how are your programs impacted, what are the farmers you are working with impacted? What are you hearing from private funders?
 - Examples to discuss:
 - Next round of applications for BFRDP not announced yet
 - Are RFSP payments happening?
 - What are farmers hearing from NRCS?
 - Any inflation reduction act funding is stalled
 - OAT has heard that they were characterized as an IRA org so contracts have been paused
 - Purge of Federal workforce - 30-40%
 - Land trust alliance is talking about how to get stories to congressional delegation
 - OAT is a part of two BFRDPs
 - TOF contractor and Building Ag Futures
 - Hoping RFP is coming out soon
 - Building Ag Futures
 - Farmer training, registered apprenticeship, BOLI certification
 - A new org and volunteer leadership
 - Chemeketa and OAT are related training provider
 - Bringing in farm labor unions to be on advisory board
 - Training plan needs to be created and approved by Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training Council...
 - Connecting to workforce development boards
 - <https://www.bafpnw.org/>
 - OSU BFRDP
 - Still in a holding partner meetings
 - Moving forward as planned, still unclear with where the funding is at now
 - Keep getting updates on federal funding impacts to the university
 - Wanting to be highly collaborative with the group to think about the next BFRDP
 - Working Lands has Grazing Lands Cooperative Agreement
 - Agreement was last fall - so assuming its still going, doing billing with partners monthly
 - Diversifying funding with state and local grants
 - Had Q1 meeting with farmer advisory team
 - Wanting information up front as to where the funding is coming from - wanting an understanding of the risks
 - Federal Readiness and Leverage Fund
 - Interested in a call from Oregon Community Foundation
 - Call to action around folks Donor Advised Funds and what they can do to step up in this moment
 - Zenger Farm
 - 3 grants - FMPP grant, specific language in it that allows - need to add the other two

- FMPP grant agreement explicitly allows termination if USDA determines to no longer aligns with program goals/agency priorities
 - Shifts in USDA strategies - FMPP programs under review
- Farm to School - grant agreement states that awards are subject to availability of federal funds and alignment with USDA priorities
- 2501 - grant cannot be terminated solely due to shifting priorities unless linked to noncompliance or “harm to federal interests”
 - Termination will require congressional action or funding rescission affecting 2501
 - Congress does only approve these grants through appropriation annually (next time would be in October 2025) - they could take action to stop funding at that point
- Zenger seeing a squeeze on foundation funding and business
 - 2501 feels more stable
- Sachin - copy-pasting email we got from Nonprofit Association of Oregon: *Thank you for joining us last Friday to discuss legal perspectives for nonprofits navigating the recent changes at the Federal level. We appreciate the questions we received during the webinar and continue to receive now. We know this is a developing situation and that this uncertainty is shared by so many in our nonprofit community. Below you will find some materials that we shared during the webinar plus some other items:*

1. **Slide Deck & Resources:** [2025.02.14 Legal Perspectives EO Webinar](#)
 1. This folder includes the PPT deck (with embedded hyperlinks to items mentioned during the presentation) as well as links to other resources. Email us at training@nonprofitoregon.org if anything appears missing.
2. **General/Ongoing Updates (NAO):** [Impact of Executive Orders](#)
3. **Compilation of Frequently Asked Questions:** [FAQ: Impact of Executive Orders](#)
 - Note: We will continue to update this page and incorporate new questions and information as it is available, in particular after new EOs are announced and reviewed. We want to ensure that the information we provide is as accurate and current as possible. Thank you for your patience.
 - If you still have questions after reviewing the FAQ, you can pose them to us via [this form](#)
4. **Upcoming Webinar (free to attend):** We are hosting a webinar this Friday, February 21, at 11:30 a.m. (Pacific Time) titled "**Executive Orders & Actions: Nonprofit Funder Perspectives.**" This session will feature a panel of funder representatives to talk about their respective responses to changes at the federal level. Panelists include representatives from The Collins Foundation, Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation, and the Federal Readiness & Leverage Fund.
 - [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

We know there are many questions that remain, and we will continue to engage with experts on a variety of topics to ensure we can get your nonprofits the information you need to continue providing services in communities across Oregon. We will continue exploring topics and speakers for follow-up calls as soon as more information is available.

In the meantime, the best ways to remain engaged with NAO are to [become a member](#) if you aren't already, and to [sign up for our newsletter](#). We will work to keep you informed as the situation continues to evolve. Thank you for continuing your important work.

- RFC
 - Trying to get clarity on 2501 grant
 - Staff has been having trouble with their payment systems - focused on socially disadvantaged farmers, so seems likely that it will be paused/cut
 - Not getting a response when reaching out
 - Been part of the working land conservation corps
 - Climate corps program is ending - TBD on impact
 - A few resources sent to the FIELD network email list this morning:
<https://landandliberation.my.canva.site/2025-federal-funding-resources>
<https://landandliberation.my.canva.site/wtfederalfunding>
 - Current BFRDP seems to be functioning as normal
 - Heard at Small Farms Conference
 - Lots of FSA employees and loan officers took a buy out potentially
 - FSA did not show at recent farm funding panel
 - NRCS was there
 - Also we were awarded a USDA Extension risk Management Education grant for our collaborative farming work last week - it does say "pending any forthcoming funding restrictions" and I'm trying to get clarity on what means
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- CALF Grant - FoFF
 - Submitted a payment request through January
 - Got an email asking to resubmit and only include for payment to JAn 19th
 - Need to think about how to move forward with this new info
- SWCDs
 - Heidi met with CSWCD - county tax district, but OWEB, NRCS will have questions
 - Tualatin SWCD, is washington county is tax based, similar to Clackamas
 - Upper Willamette - there is safer local funding sources from the county tax
- Umatilla reservation - in partnership with Go Seed in Salem - are a partnership for climate smart commodities - was told that the payment portal was shut down
 - Plan was for tribes to grow the cover crop seed, there are crops in the field that were planted last fall

- Go Seed will likely to take the harvest and got some good soil recovery over the two years
 - InterTribal Ag Council - is a federal contractor - not much to say
- HDEFA -
 - Are able to access the BFRDP and GUSNIP portals
 - Have a few foundation grants out there
 - Trying to diversify but this takes time
 - Advisory Committee meeting coming up and and CALF Focus Group
- NEOEDD
 - Funding frozen for Rangeland planning initiatives - management plans and TA for incentive funding - secured by partner Wallowa Resources
 - Have clients who have family being impacted
 - Counties have high voltage transmission lines - impacted communities can be reimbursement - community working where those benefits get invests - asked to scrub language on that process - asked to scrub DEI
 - New FSA staff in region were fired
- Seeing lots of farmers stressed and wary
 - EQUIP is a reimbursement
 - Farm labor issues are stressful for farmers
 - Know your rights for farm owners/businesses
 - Below is the link to a resource sheet that is being developed out of Lincoln County with assistance from a local attorney. Feel free to share widely. There is a QR code at the bottom that brings people to this page.
 - **Know Your Rights, Immigration Law, Family Plan Public Resources**
<https://tinyurl.com/KYRlincolncounty>
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- RFC - apprenticeship applications are open
 - Heard from host farmer that they can't commit the hours with the uncertainty - funding comes 2501
- Can the Network be a place to strategize the communication and strategy for how to build our unified voice - telling the stories, stakeholders, and consistent messaging
 - Finding and compiling resources - sharing facts
 - Having more regular meetings
 - Gathering stories and impacts
 - Setting up a call in line for them to leave stories
 - Setting up voicemail inbox
 - Andrew to look into setting that up
 - A central place for farmer stories is needed
 - Sharing OSU farmer mental health resources
 - Climate grief and more
 - Planning for how to coordinate that
 - Planning for a network convening to discuss this
 - How to support each other in this moment
 - Look at more traditional media outlets

- Look at community radio
 - Looking at asset protection strategies
 - How to support folks with this - Sara has a contact for those resources
 - Get those practical resources out to folks
 - Andrew to out together plan for how OCFSN can convening, gather resources and gather farmer stories
- **11:15am** - Other program updates (upcoming events, grant applications, challenges)
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- **11:30am** - Next meeting May 15, 2025, 10am (same time, same place)

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