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Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Program - FY2011 awards in Oregon

In **FY2011**, USDA Rural Development-Oregon delivered **32 RBEG grants totaling \$867,392** for the following projects:

Grantee	County	RBEG award	Project description	Total project
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Projects funded from Oregon State Allocation (\$444,000):

Adelante Mujeres	Washington	\$25,000	Gathering in the Kitchen: A Community Kitchen for Western Washington County Food Businesses – provides Latin entrepreneurs with access to commercial kitchen to build food businesses	\$82,940
Blue Mountain Community College	Umatilla	\$15,000	Exporting Rural Products to Global Markets – cover technical assistance expenses plus small stipend to help defray cost of international travel and/or trade show booth/trade mission, leading to export sales for rural companies	\$27,500
Central Oregon Community College	Deschutes	\$18,300	Economic Gardening Business Advisor Services – secure services of Business Advisor to assist/train owners of high-growth small businesses in partnership with other economic development groups	\$26,327
Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council	Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson	\$14,000	Central Oregon Food Hub – assess capacity of region to support local food hub	\$30,520
Columbia Blue Mountain Resource Conservation and Development	Umatilla	\$25,000	Growing Underserved Producers in Northeast Oregon – hire Value Added Producer Outreach Coordinator to educate agricultural rural communities for purpose of increasing regional agro-economic development	\$39,400
Cottage Grove Economic & Business Improvement District	Lane	\$15,000	Cottage Grove Downtown Revitalization Project – purchase and install directional parking signs and Gateway sign for downtown Cottage Grove area to increase access and convenience & thereby positively impacting business	\$30,000
District 6 Manpower Program	Statewide	\$17,800	Connecting Green Building Designers to Oregon's Sustainable Wood Products Producers – establish and strengthen relationships between Oregon's rural wood products manufacturing cluster and green building design/architecture cluster	\$66,250
Ecotrust	Statewide	\$35,000	Growing FoodHub's Community of Practice – expand FoodHub to include new category of "Associate" members and create robust suite of features & tools so they can actively promote and support rural producers	\$233,345
Port of Garibaldi	Tillamook	\$15,000	Garibaldi Paddle and Event Center – refurbish, beautify, and bring into compliance as usable business abandoned 1934 USCG Boat House	\$30,000
Gorge Grown Food Network	Hood River	\$21,800	An Entrepreneurial Working and Teaching Kitchen for the Columbia Gorge – finish renovating community kitchen for entrepreneurial and educational use to support region's food entrepreneurs	\$56,800
Grant County	Grant	\$15,000	Grant County Local Producer Expansion Project 2011 – conduct feasibility study for local egg/vegetable producer re: viability of expansion from direct selling to consumers to selling to restaurants and stores, and work with local fruit/vegetable producer and grocery store to develop marketing plan	\$30,000
City of Grants Pass	Josephine	\$7,500	Establishment of Oregon Country Trails Program in Josephine County – establish 2 to 4 "Oregon Country Trails" as a major marketing, social networking, and economic development program in Josephine County	\$20,000
Illinois Valley 2010 Community Response Team	Josephine	\$10,000	Loan Development Services for the Illinois Valley – provide diverse, integrated package of business counseling, training, and support services to qualified applicants of IVCDO Micro Loan Program	\$20,000
Klamath County Economic Development Association	Klamath	\$7,500	Klamath Falls Area Feasibility Study/Rural Medical Clinic – a feasibility study/research re: either new or expansion of private/public, or joint venture medical clinic.	\$15,000
Klamath County Economic Development Association	Klamath	\$10,000	Klamath County Power Generation Profile & Map – research and development of document mapping of geo-heat locations, electrical transmission lines, natural gas pipe lines, and existing energy facilities and make information available to public and private enterprise	\$20,000
Lake County Resources Initiative	Lake	\$15,000	Lake County Renewable Energy Development – assist Town of Lakeview, City of Paisley, and Lake county with renewable energy and heating projects by providing renewable energy technical assistance to businesses, ranchers, and homeowners in Lake County, including development of curriculum with local schools and penitentiary	\$85,000

Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation	Lincoln	\$10,000	Winning Federal Contracts and Sales – help local business become federal contract/sales ready by developing multi-faceted business training program, including retain business coach, conduct survey assessment to identify businesses ready to prepare proposals, clarify assistance needs, conduct training sessions/workshops	\$20,000
Malheur County	Malheur	\$19,000	Snake River Economic Development Targeted Marketing – analysis of area's agricultural businesses; development of targeted strategic marketing plan focusing on increasing sustainability and job retention/creation, with component to study feasibility of utilization of renewable energy sources (solar & geothermal) for reducing agribusiness costs	\$38,000
Manos Unidos Incorporated	Coos, Curry, Jackson	\$10,000	Hispanic Business Outreach – work with local Latino businesses, assist with business challenges/serve as conduit for financial information, training, and USDA Program access by conducting trainings & workshops	\$10,000
Pedagogy Institute	Columbia	\$19,100	Columbia County Capital Access Project – pilot project to provide training, IDA's, and SBA financing with technical support for 4 to 8 small business entrepreneurs with focus on Main Street Project	\$54,660
Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc.	Baker	\$20,000	Lean Enterprise and Food Safety/Quality Counseling and Training – provide specialized business counseling and training to fast growing business to manage and develop existing workforce and develop/implement strategy to support expansion	\$40,000
City of Port Orford	Curry	\$15,000	Port Orford Co-op Local Products Market Development – contract with NW Cooperative Development Center and Susan Brown Project Development to conduct feasibility study, cost analysis, marketing study to assist local core group and city leaders in decision-making re: viability of local co-op	\$30,666
Rogue Community College	Josephine	\$25,000	Next Level - Economic Gardening – partner with Southern Oregon University's SBDC to create Southern OR Regional Economic Gardening pilot project to provide technical "business intelligence" services by both institutions with focus on "traded sector" businesses with 10-99 employees	\$92,656
South Central Oregon Economic Development District	Lake	\$6,000	Lake County Greenhouse Garden Feasibility – develop business/marketing plan and feasibility study needed to establish locally-owned and operated greenhouse produce garden to supply fresh produce to local markets	\$12,000
South Coast Development Council, Inc.	Coos	\$25,000	Main Street Coos Bay / Coos County Pilot Project – cover program start-up expenses and provide staffing, training, and materials for one year for Coos Bay Main Street Program to restore city's central business district	\$50,000
Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc.	Jackson	\$15,000	The Sustainable Valley Business Accelerator – launch new business incubator to help start-up companies grow and succeed by providing hands-on support and access to volunteer network of advisors and business mentors	\$30,000
Umpqua Community Development Corporation	Douglas	\$13,000	Umpqua Local Foods – facilitate formation of for-profit co-op including legal services and contracts for food production to equip farmers and agri-entrepreneurs with affordable access to/ownership of certified food production co-op and access to healthy local foods	\$28,000

Projects funded from RBEG Native American Reserve:

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians	Douglas	\$96,500	Umpqua Indian Foods Expansion Project – conduct feasibility study to evaluate expansion and compete in local, regional, and global markets	\$245,267
Klamath Tribes, The	Klamath	\$99,441	The Tribal Forest Enterprise Development Project – continue next steps of evaluating feasibility and bringing on line financially self-sustaining tribal forest restoration enterprise than can generate fee-for-service work on Federal, state, and private forest lands	\$132,441
Chemeketa Community College	Polk & Yamhill	\$50,120	MERIT - Grand Ronde Microenterprise Program – administer microenterprise program for small groups of entrepreneurs including classroom training in business practices	\$78,950
Oregon Native American Business & Entrepreneurial Network (ONABEN)	Jefferson, Coos	\$97,331	Growing a Business in Indian Country - Advanced Concepts in Indianpreneurship – recruit Native small businesses owners and conduct small business management pilot program to support/build entrepreneurial community through joint classroom and business coaching experience, including establishing mentor/mentee relationships with business coaches	\$123,759

Projects funded from RBEG National Reserve:

Oregon Association of Nurseries	Statewide	\$80,000	Project Green Sleeves – help Oregon nurseries increase competitiveness through energy cost reductions resulting in higher net profits and job creation (funded from RBEG National Reserve)	\$206,000
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For more information:

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