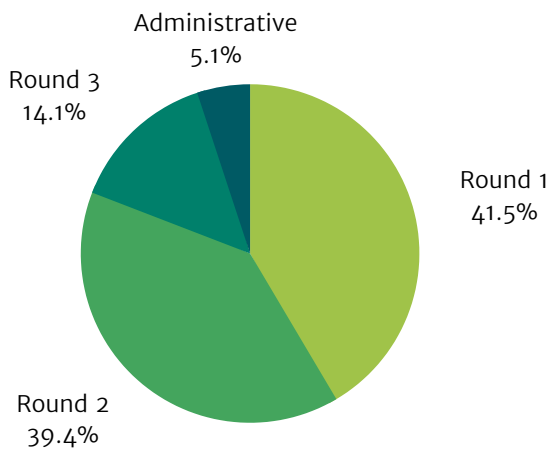
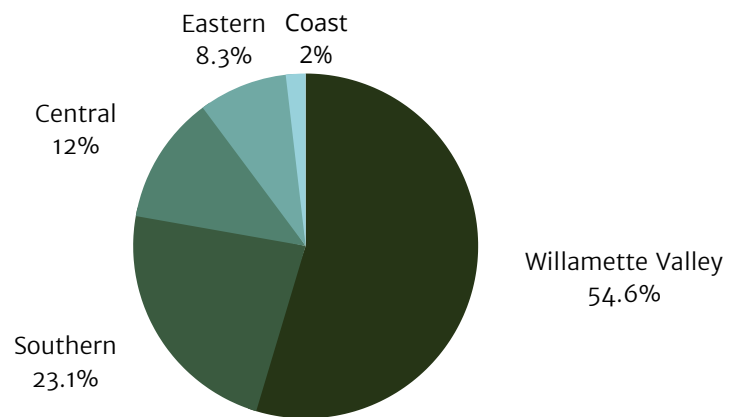


# Farmer & Rancher Disaster Relief Grant 2022 Impact Report

With leadership from Our Family Farms, OSU Center for Small Farms & Community Food Systems, Oregon Oregon Climate & Agriculture Network, Friends of Family Farmers, High Desert Food & Farm Alliance and many others, the Oregon Community Food Systems Network (OCFSN) distributed nearly \$1.5 million of state funding in 2022 through the Farmer & Rancher Disaster Relief Grant Program to 108 farmers and ranchers impacted by natural disasters in 2021.

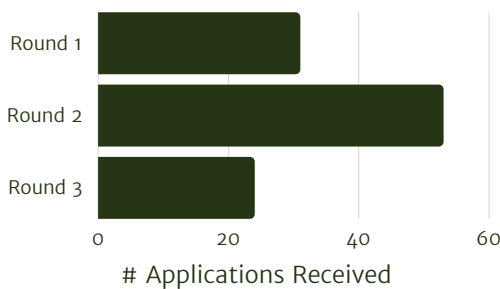


Distribution of Fund



Recipient Location

## Grant funds were distributed across three rounds



This allowed us to balance getting money to producers quickly and giving folks sufficient time to apply.

## Reasons for Requesting a Grant

Losses were caused by a variety of challenges, including:

- crop damage from heat waves
- loss of sales due to farmers market closures because of extreme heat or wildfire smoke
- early irrigation shut offs due to drought
- ice storm damage
- greenhouse damage from snow
- evacuating livestock to protect them from fires.

Oregon producers are on the frontlines of climate change.

Testimonials from producers who received funding highlighted how crucial this type of direct, accessible support was for them to continue farming in an unpredictable, rapidly changing climate. This is even more challenging for producers who don't have the resources to weather these events and are unable to access other state and federal disaster relief funds.

# Feedback 2022 Farmer & Rancher Disaster Relief Grant recipients shared with us:

"One thing that really stood out to me about this grant program was how beautifully streamlined and straightforward it was. Having applied to other grants in the past, there are many challenges navigating the complexities and immense amount of paperwork involved while trying to run a farm during the busy season. [Another grant application], for example, was pushing 50 pages and took several full weeks to complete. I can only imagine the kind of barriers that others would experience if English wasn't their first language or did not have the financial flexibility to dedicate so much time to the application."

"We were very pleased to hear that we were able to qualify for the Disaster Relief funds. As you know farmers are an independent bunch and reluctant to take a handout, but we are very appreciative of a helping hand from our neighbors when times are tough. The grant will help us to continue on during these times of high inflation and painful fuel prices."

"Thank you so much!! Although we had troubles in 2021...applying for this grant wasn't anything I thought I would be acknowledged in the running but with supportive pep talk from (a fellow BIPOC farmer), I gave it a go."

"A vote of confidence like this Disaster Relief has infused us with confidence and gratitude for this season after all the hardships of the last one. We received the news we got a grant after a very busy week that included planting a huge hedgerow on one of our property boundaries to support pollinators, biodiversity, and soil health. It means the world to us to do what we do, and the support of this grant will enable us to continue to grow and serve our community with reduced financial stress, and more clarity. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

