



# OREGON SILVER JACKETS

## INTERAGENCY NONSTRUCTURAL EFFORTS

The Oregon Silver Jackets Group is soliciting proposal topics from communities until March 2024.

The vision of the Oregon Silver Jackets team is to establish and strengthen intergovernmental partnerships as a catalyst in developing comprehensive and sustainable solutions to flood hazard challenges in Oregon. The [Oregon Silver Jackets team](#) brings together nine federal and state agencies. One mission of this group is to provide a wide range of technical services and planning guidance to support effective floodplain management.



**Interagency Nonstructural Efforts** focus on flood risk reduction activities that leverage Silver

Jackets team members' expertise and programs. A locally proposed project or recognized water resources need is evaluated by individual Silver Jackets team members to see if there is support that can be leveraged for this opportunity.

Interagency Nonstructural Efforts are not grants. Instead, they combine complementary programs of each Silver Jackets Team member to achieve more comprehensive and effective solutions. Interagency nonstructural efforts are defined by how the work will be completed and what activities are considered.

**Interagency:** The work is planned and undertaken collaboratively by the Silver Jackets Team and should include at least three governmental partners (e.g., the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and state, federal, and/or local government agencies) to supply services or resources toward the proposed opportunity. Additional partnerships are encouraged, including non-governmental and private partners. Working collaboratively to meet a common goal incorporates a wider set of skills and programs.

**Nonstructural Efforts:** The efforts reduce the consequences of flooding on human life and property must not focus on altering the nature of the flood hazard itself. Some common nonstructural measures include:

- Acquiring, elevating, relocating, or floodproofing structures (i.e., homes, businesses)
- Flood warning systems
- Evacuation planning
- Floodplain mapping
- Land use regulations and zoning
- Floodplain management plans
- Flood emergency preparedness plans
- Risk communication
- Natural and nature-based solution formulation

## Requesting Assistance

A non-federal government or non-federal public agency may contact the Silver Jackets Team to

### Potential Partners

*Requested by and for the benefit of:*

- State, Regional, or Local Governments
- Indian Tribes
- Other Non-Federal Public Agencies

request assistance regarding floodplain management concerns. Often these concerns are described in a state or local hazard mitigation plan. If the issue can

be addressed through nonstructural efforts and can benefit from inviting other partners to join, the Silver Jackets team may recommend preparing a Nonstructural Proposal.

Each Fall, a “Call for Proposals” is issued, and the Silver Jackets partners (the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state, and federal partners) begin to evaluate or consider new efforts. Once the proposal is prepared, and selected, it is considered for the next federal fiscal year. The process roughly follows this timeline:

CALL FOR PROPOSALS	
Late Fall	Announcement of submission requirements and evaluation criteria.
Early Spring	Coordinated proposals due
Early to Mid Summer	Proposal selection by Silver Jackets team
October (new Federal Fiscal Year)	Project initiation (if selected)
12-18 Months Later (12 Preferred)	Effort complete

Each proposal should identify the anticipated goal that would be achieved. Since these interagency efforts are intended to foster integrated solutions, the proposals must also include descriptions of services or funding from at least three governmental partners and written support from Silver Jackets partners and stakeholders.

## Example Interagency Projects

Oregon Silver Jackets efforts generally fall within four types:

- Floodplain Mitigation and Mitigation Planning
- Risk Communication and Outreach
- Risk Identification and Technical Assistance
- Agency Coordination and Partnerships

Oregon Silver Jackets effort leverages programs of participating team members. Efforts do not involve actual construction of projects but can provide technical assistance or planning guidance. Some example efforts include:

- Floodplain modeling and mapping
- Flood hazard education and outreach
- Flood season preparation
- Inundation and mapping interpretation
- Flood mitigation and alternative analysis

### For More Information:

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### Oregon Silver Jackets Program Guide:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/3f3cb77f69794ae6bb7efd835f49d80a>

### Oregon Silver Jackets HUB:

<https://orsilverjackets-geo.hub.arcgis.com/>

### National Silver Jackets Information:

<https://silverjackets.nfrmp.us>

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