

The logo features a stylized blue wave graphic on the left side, which curves upwards and then downwards, framing the text. The text is in a bold, green, serif font.

Klamath River Fund

*Supporting Health &
Healing in the Klamath
River Basin*



10 Year Restoration Partnership

The Klamath River Fund was established with seed funding from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and additional launch funding from the James Irvine Foundation, Roundhouse Foundation, and an anonymous funder. HAF+WRCF is now inviting philanthropic partners that share our goals to join us in this exciting and momentous opportunity.



Mouth of the Klamath River in California.



Goals of the Fund

Create a comprehensive effort to advance climate and community resilience within the Klamath River watershed from the headwaters in Klamath Lake in Oregon to its mouth in Requa, California.

Scope and facilitate effective grantmaking, strategy coordination, and technical assistance to support Tribal and local community-driven restoration and revitalization priorities.

Increase philanthropic and public funding for Tribal and rural community needs in the basin.

Demonstrate how river restoration is an investment in climate and community resilience and restorative justice; dam removal is a crucial but only first step.



Grantmaking Values

The program's priority is to build and deepen relationships within the Klamath Basin with community leaders, cultural leaders and elected Tribal officials; listen to needs and desires; and co-design strategy and priorities.

At least 60% of the Fund's grantmaking will be dedicated to Tribal Nations or indigenous-led organizations and groups.



Wetlands in the Klamath Basin in Oregon.



Grantmaking Focus Areas

Grantmaking focus areas and priorities will be determined with community input and shared decision-making criteria. They include:

- **Science & Restoration**
- **Tribal Self-Determination**
- **Regenerative Agricultural & Environmental Stewardship**
- **Community Healing**
- **Climate Resilience**

Grant funds will also leverage public dollars into the region by funding capacity building, technical assistance, pre-development needs, and/or match dollars.



Early Grantmaking

Grantee: Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District.

Purpose: The grant will support the Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District 20th Fish Fair in celebration of of the dam removal.

Fit: Community Healing & Environmental Stewardship.

Leveraging Public Funds: This grant will leverage funds from the school district, tribal governments and the US Forest Service.



Early Grantmaking

Grantee: Hoopa Valley Public Utilities District

Purpose: Hoopa Valley Tribe's Land Acquisition Film. The Hoopa Valley Tribe recently acquired the Pine Creek Tract located in Humboldt County, California. The Pine Creek Tract includes approximately 10,435 acres of land and forest. The Tract is located along the western edge of the Hoopa Valley Reservation within the Klamath River Basin. The film will document the extraordinary return of a portion of the Hupa people's ancestral territory.

Fit: Tribal Self-Determination: This project will support the tribes' management of their natural fisheries resources.

Leveraging Public Funds: One of the purposes of the promotional video is to share with public decisionmakers to encourage continued support of land return.



Early Grantmaking



Image: High Country News: Paul Robert Wolf Wilson

Grantee: California Trout in collaboration with the Klamath Tribes, Karuk Tribe and Yurok Tribe

Purpose: The grant will support training and the purchase of equipment needed for a combination multi-beam imaging SONAR and radio telemetry fish monitoring project in the Klamath River, post dam removal to evaluate fish repopulation, opened habitats, stock recovery from landscape level restoration projects.

Fit: *Science and Restoration:* This project will allow us to advance an understanding of the benefits of dam and barrier removal for anadromous fishes throughout California and elsewhere, as well as direct future restoration efforts in newly opened habitats upstream of the dams.

Leveraging Public Funds: Grant funds will leverage \$50,000 pledged from USFWS and, possibly \$3M in review by NOAA. This project further leverages secured in-kind match from agencies, tribes and nonprofits.