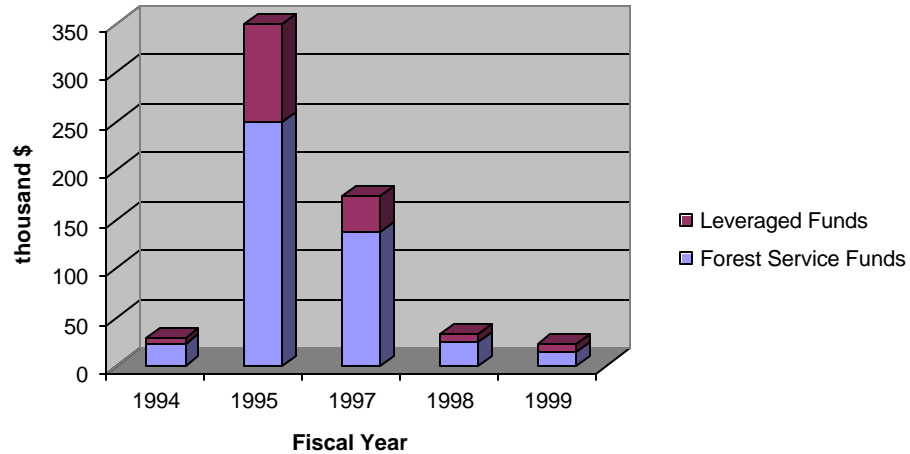
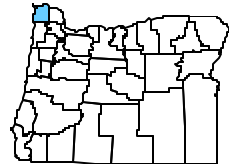




Economic Action Programs Clatsop County, Oregon

Clatsop County, bordered by the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean, is a nonmetropolitan county located in the northwest corner of the state. Astoria, the county seat, has a deepwater port and is the oldest community in Oregon. Historic homes dot steep hillsides that plunge down to the water's edge. The Coast Range covers much of the interior land base. About 80% of the land base is non-federal timberland. Less than 5% of the county's land is farmland. Agriculture, forestry, and fishing are important components of the County's economic structure.



Recipient	Project Name	Federal ID	Funds		
			USFS	Leveraged	Total
Planning and Technical Assistance					
City of Astoria	Tongue Point Water Line	OREC-94-073	\$21,940	\$7,900	\$29,840
City of Astoria	Farmers Market Building TA	ORNW-98-015	\$25,000	\$7,751	\$32,751
City of Seaside	Performing Arts Center Study	ORNW-99-020	\$15,000	\$7,617	\$22,617
Facility Construction/Environmental Improvement					
City of Astoria	Downtown Revitalization Proj.	ORNW-95-041	\$250,000	\$99,100	\$349,100
City of Astoria	Plywood Mill Redevelopment	ORNW-97-066	\$137,000	\$37,800	\$174,800





Economic Action Programs

One success story from Clatsop County, Oregon



Plywood Mill Redevelopment Project

The City of Astoria is in the process of converting a heavily industrial waterfront to a mix of commercial and residential developments. The City's waterfront, rich in timber and fishing history, links the Columbia River Maritime Museum to the historic downtown business district.

This key area is now sprouting restaurants and shops instead of tuna canneries and lumber mills. Strategically located on State Highway 30 and Pacific Coast Highway 101, Astoria is attracting visitors and new residents with its newly focused economy.

The Astoria Plywood Cooperative once operated on a 16-acre riverfront mill site. Today this highly visible site has received an environmental cleanup. With the assistance of a Forest Service Community Assistance grant, the City will meet final cleanup standards, complete architectural and geo-engineering planning, and develop a market assessment and a financial package that allows for a developer offering.

City Manager Paul Benoit considers the project "a critical key to Astoria's redevelopment, especially in light of property tax limitation initiatives that limit the City's ability to move ahead."

Applicant: City of Astoria

Grant No: ORNW-97-006

USDA Forest Service Funding: \$137,000

Total Project Cost: \$174,800