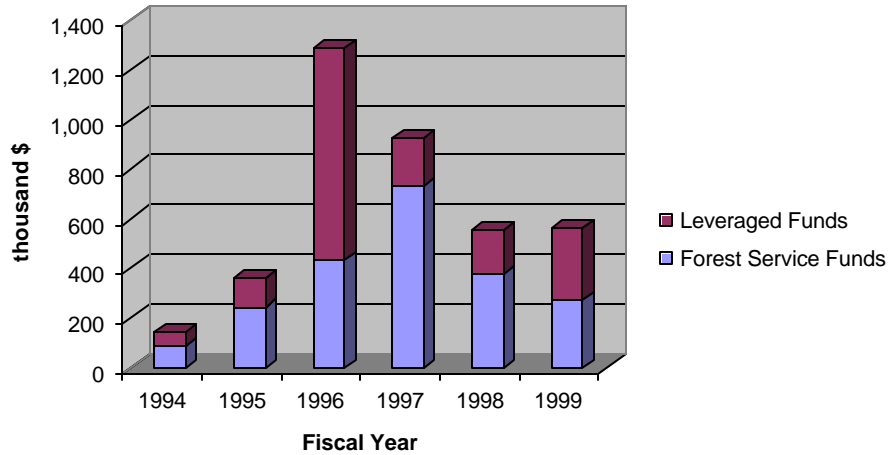
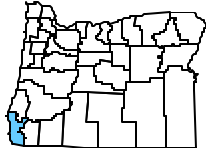




Economic Action Programs

Curry County, Oregon

Curry County is a nonmetropolitan county located in the southwest corner of the state. The landbase is dominated by the Coast Range and Klamath Mountains. Gold Beach, the county seat, lies near the mouth of the Rogue River. Relative to the state, Curry County has proportionally more workers in services; farming/forestry/fishing; and precision production, craft, and repair occupations. Top industries include wood products; tourism; and fishing and fish processing. Federal employment is also an important source of outside income. Nearly two-thirds of the county's land area is administered by the Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management, and another 25% is private timberland.



Recipient	Project Name	Federal ID	Funds		
			USFS	Leveraged	Total
Planning and Technical Assistance					
City of Brookings	Brookings Harbor Com Dev Plan	OREC-94-002	\$19,500	\$5,000	\$24,500
City of Gold Beach	Boardwalk Feasibility Study	ORNW-98-029	\$8,000	\$2,500	\$10,500
City of Port Orford	Strategic Plan	ORNW-95-024	\$19,500	\$5,000	\$24,500
City of Port Orford	Recreation Master Plan/A&E	ORNW-96-040	\$24,500	\$6,250	\$30,750
Coos Curry Douglas Bus Dev	NW Visitors Pavilion Feasibility	ORNW-97-050	\$12,891	\$3,500	\$16,391
Curry County	Nature Based Tourism Planning	ORNW-95-019	\$225,000	\$115,000	\$340,000
Natural Resource Related					
City of Gold Beach	South Beach Park Improvements	ORNW-98-045	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000
Curry County	Canopy Project	ORNW-97-073	\$500,000	\$125,000	\$625,000
Port Orford	Downtown Beautification/Signs	ORNW-97-042	\$30,000	\$8,000	\$38,000
Facility Construction/Environmental Improvement					
City of Gold Beach	Renovate Outpatient Facility	OREC-94-012	\$70,000	\$46,325	\$116,325
City of Gold Beach	Kids Castle Development Proj.	ORNW-96-037	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$55,000
Port of Brookings	Commercial Building/Board Walk	ORNW-96-021	\$249,000	\$601,000	\$850,000
Port of Brookings Harbor	West Side Marina Renovation	ORNW-99-037	\$150,000	\$110,000	\$260,000
Port of Gold Beach	Cannery Building Conversion	ORNW-96-022	\$121,000	\$233,050	\$354,050
Port of Gold Beach	Channel Relocation	ORNW-97-074	\$192,825	\$51,257	\$244,082
Port of Gold Beach	Fuel Dock Materials	ORNW-98-054	\$48,000	\$13,000	\$61,000
Port of Gold Beach	Cannery Renovation Phase III	ORNW-99-025	\$120,000	\$180,000	\$300,000
Port of Port Orford	Dock Replacement	ORNW-98-028	\$250,000	\$86,000	\$336,000





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One success story from Curry County, Oregon



South Beach Park Improvements

Gold Beach like other communities in rural Oregon has suffered economic decline in recent years, largely due to changing policies and regulations in resource-based industries such as timber, agriculture, and fishing.

The economy of Gold Beach had been based almost solely on the timber and commercial fishing industries before the mid-1980s. In 1986 the area's only mill closed its operations. Commercial fishing has recently declined due to diminishing salmon runs and an increasingly difficult bar crossing from the Gold Beach marina.

In an effort to reverse the trend of economic decline, the City of Gold Beach initiated an economic development planning effort. In 1993 a strategic plan was developed by local residents and leaders. During this community-wide visioning effort, citizens stated, "Gold Beach needs to take greater advantage of the beauty and amenities associated with being located along the ocean and the Rogue River."

In order to act on that vision, the city made an investment in recreational opportunities by acquiring the South Beach Park property and paving a main parking lot. The city also partnered with Oregon Department of Transportation to install a scenic boardwalk and restroom facility at the park.

However this was only the beginning; other improvements to the park were needed before the tourist-based economic development tasks in the

strategic plan were completed. Utilities had to be installed, viewing deck and picnic area, curbs, sidewalks and walkways had to be constructed, and landscaping installed.

The City of Gold Beach contacted USDA Forest Service Rural Community Assistance representative Rita Dyer for funding assistance. Rita determined that the South Beach Park Improvements were a good fit for the Forest Service's Economic Action Programs funding and that the city was prepared to match the government funds with substantial city funding. The Forest Service agreed to grant the city \$75,000 for buildout of South Beach park facilities "to enhance the services and attractions in the area."

Applicant: City of Gold Beach

Grant No: ORNW-98-045

USDA Forest Service Funding: \$75,000

Total Project Cost: \$104,200