



BLACKBERRY ABATEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Every year, Jacksonville property owners with natural watercourses on or adjacent to their properties receive notices under Title 9, Chapter 9.12, Jacksonville Municipal Code of their responsibility to keep the watercourses free of obstruction or constriction. In recent years, many watercourses have become overgrown with blackberries, not only affecting the watercourse, but presenting significant fire hazards.

The City of Jacksonville, recognizing that clearing blackberries can be onerous, has created a Blackberry Abatement Program of \$25,000 to make grants to assist and encourage property owners in removing the blackberries and restoring the quality and safety of the natural watercourses.

Using the Program, the City will provide a grant to match the amount spent by a property owner to remove watercourse blackberries and restoration up to a maximum of \$2,000 per property until the Program is entirely depleted.

To qualify for a grant, a property owner must fill out and file the Application for Blackberry Abatement Grant with the City Recorder. Applications will be reviewed and determined by the City, whose decision will be final. A site visit may be required. Grant recipients will be notified of determination. Upon completion of work and inspection by the City, Applicant will need to submit written request for reimbursement to the Finance Director, including documentation of all payments made for the abatement.

Applications may be submitted through standard mail or electronically:

**City of Jacksonville
PO Box 7
206 N. 5th St. Bldg. A
Jacksonville, OR 97530
Attn: Angela Watson, City Recorder**

Electronic applications should be addressed to Angela Watson, City Recorder at recorder@jacksonvilleor.us.



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BLACKBERRY ABATEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

The undersigned states that:

- I am the owner of property in the City of Jacksonville with a natural water course on or adjacent to it and apply for a grant from the Jacksonville Blackberry Abatement Program not to exceed \$2,000 to match all or a portion of my cost of removing blackberries from my property on that water course.
- The property address is _____, Jacksonville, OR 97530. County Tax Parcel No.: _____
- The property is is not occupied by me. If not, tenant or occupant name: _____; address: _____
- The blackberries to be removed are described as follows (Attach photos):

- The work of removal will be done by Me Contractor
Name of Contractor: _____
Work of removal beginning on or about _____, 2023
Describe how work will be done. Chemicals, herbicides, burning or tractors are not allowed. Attach separate sheet if required.

- The work is expected to cost \$ _____, including all labor, materials and removal of debris. If contract, attach estimate and/or final billing.
- All work will be inspected by the City to determine quality and qualification for and as a precondition of payment of any grant. Any grant payment will depend on final City inspection and satisfaction.
- I understand that if I qualify for a grant, its amount: will be half the amount I spend for City approved blackberry removal; may be less than what I spend if the work is not to the City's satisfaction; and cannot exceed \$2,000 in any event.

Applicant Signature

Date

PLEASE FILE WITH: ANGELA WATSON, CITY RECORDER, PO BOX 7 206 N 5TH ST. JACKSONVILLE, OR 97530 OR EMAIL: RECORDER@JACKSONVILLEOR.US

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved \$ _____	Denied <input type="checkbox"/> reason _____
Signed: _____	Date: _____
Date Applicant Notified: _____	By: _____
Approved for Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date Inspected / By: _____
Applicant Reimbursed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Check #: _____