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Oregon Main Street Announces Additional Workshop in Bandon

SALEM, OR—The Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (OECDD) announces an Oregon Main Street information and application workshop in Bandon for communities who have recently begun or are interested in starting downtown revitalization programs following the Main Street Approach™.

The workshop is scheduled at the Bandon City Library in Bandon Oregon on June 5th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, with sign-in starting at 8:30 AM. Communities or organizations that plan to attend this workshop are encouraged to invite other local leaders, volunteers, and business owners. There is no charge for the workshop, but you must complete the attached registration and return to the Oregon Main Street Coordinator.

The Main Street™ program is a national program developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which includes over 1,600 cities in 40 states. This proven approach emphasizes community organization, design, promotion, and economic restructuring to create healthy downtown commercial districts. This approach advocates a return to community self-reliance, empowerment, and the rebuilding of commercial districts based on traditional assets, unique architecture, personal service, local ownership, and sense of community. The Oregon Main Street program provides three levels of programs that allow communities to participate in ways that best meet their capacity and needs. An application is required to enroll in the “Exploring Downtown” program or to be selected for the “Transforming Downtown” program. Acceptance into these programs allows communities to participate in training workshops, be eligible for community assessments, receive technical assistance, participate in the Oregon Main Street network, and compete for grants.

The workshop will include a presentation of the Main Street Approach™, an overview of the Oregon Main Street Program, and how to enroll in the programs. A program handbook, application materials, and electronic files will be provided for workshop participants.

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Attachments:

1. Workshop Agenda
2. Registration Form
3. Map to Workshop