

## Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

July 17, 2013

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Agenda Item: 9a Action  
Topic: Grant Funds Allocation 2013-2015  
Presented by: Steve Kay, Grants Division Manager; Roger Roper, Asst. Director

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**Background:**

At the May 8<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission requested staff bring back information which illustrates how OPRD's grant programs allocate funding towards various project categories. At the July 16<sup>th</sup> Work Session, Staff presented the attached exhibits and discussed how funding is prioritized for each grant program.

**Prior Action by Commission:** Heritage Grant Allocation approved Sept. 19, 2007.

**Action Requested:** Staff seeks Commission approval of OPRD's planned recreation and heritage grant fund allocations, as indicated by the attached exhibits.

**Attachments:** Exhibit 1– Recreation Grant Programs Overview  
Exhibit 2 – Recreation Grant Funds Allocation 2013-2015  
Exhibit 3 – Heritage Grant Programs Overview  
Exhibit 4 – Heritage Grant Funds Allocation 2013-2015

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# OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## RECREATION GRANT PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

### 2013-2015 BIENNIUM

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) currently administers five recreation grant programs. The Department strives to work with the public, federal, and local agencies to improve the delivery of recreation grant programs, making them a more effective funding source for communities and more efficient to administer.

Each recreation grant program utilizes the help of a Citizen Advisory Committee to review grant applications and then prioritizes them based upon particular evaluation criteria. The Advisory Committee then recommends proposed projects for funding to the Director who submits them to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission for their review and approval. Details on the programs and OPRD services are available online at:

<http://egov.oregon.gov/OPRD/GRANTS/index.shtml>

Both federal and state funds support OPRD's recreation grant programs. Eligibility for grant funding varies by program, as does the match requirement.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

This program provides grants to local governments for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreational opportunities and local park properties. These funds are provided through lottery revenue as the result of the Parks and Salmon Initiative Ballot Measure 66 in 1998 and Ballot Measure 76 in 2010.

For 2013-2015 biennium, available funding is estimated to be \$4,745,775 per year (approximately \$9.5 million for the biennium).

In 2012, the OPRD Commission approved new rules in order to further improve this grant program. Changes included increasing the small grant award amounts from \$50,000 to \$75,000 and allocating 15% of total funds to the small grants as compared to the previous 10% allocation.

Eligible agencies include cities, counties, metropolitan service districts, park and recreation districts, and port districts. For cities and districts with a population over 25,000, and for counties over 50,000, the local match requirement is 50%. For cities and districts with a population between 5,000 and 20,000, and for counties with a population between 30,000 and 50,000, the local match requirement is 40%. A 20% match is required for cities and district with a population under 5,000, and for counties under 30,000.

Cycle: Solicitation for grant applications usually begins early January with public workshops also held in January. Grant applications are due in early April. Applicants present their projects to a citizen's advisory committee held in June. The advisory committee will then, based upon existing evaluation criteria, score the projects and provide their recommendations to the OPRD Commission for their final approval at their July meeting.

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Grant Website: <http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/GRANTS/local.shtml>

## **COUNTY OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM**

The County Opportunity Grant Program is part of a larger program established in 1983 to provide revenue from RV (recreational vehicle) registration fees to counties for park and recreation sites and programs. ORS 390.134 (4) specifies that 35% of receipts from RV registration fees be set aside for “maintenance, care and use of county park and recreation sites.” OAR 736-007-0015 (2) states that 10% of the estimate amount just described shall be distributed each year through the County Opportunity Grant Program. The grant program provides funding on a project basis for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, and planning of county park and recreation sites that provide camping facilities.

For 2013-2015 biennium, available funding is estimated to be \$618,144 per year (approximately \$1.2 million for the biennium).

Eligible agencies include all Oregon counties. For counties with a population less than 30,000, the local match requirement is 25%. For counties with a 30,000 or greater population, the local match requirement is 50%.

Cycle: The County Parks Assistance Advisory Committee holds one meeting each year. Grant applications are normally solicited in August with public workshops also held in August. The grant applications are due in early November with the grant advisory committee meeting occurring in December. Their recommendations are then forwarded to the OPRD Commission who meet in January for final approval.

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## **LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 assists local and state governments in preserving and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The funds are derived from entrance or admission fees to federal recreation areas, Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) revenues from leasing oil and gas sites in coastal waters, federal surplus real property sales and a small portion of federal motorboat fuel taxes.

Eligible agencies include city and county park and recreation departments, park and recreation districts, port districts, metropolitan service districts and some state agencies including the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Forestry, and the Oregon Division of State Lands. The local match requirement is 50% for all eligible agencies.

For 2013-2015 biennium, available funding is estimated to be \$562,660 per year (approximately \$1.1 million for the biennium).

Cycle: OPRD solicits grant applications beginning in November with public workshops also being held in November. The applications are due in February, mandatory pre-award site inspections are made during the summer, and presentations are made by the applicants in August. The Citizen Advisory Committee will forward their recommendations to the OPRD Commission for approval at their September meeting.

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Grant Website: <http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/GRANTS/lwcf.shtml>

## **RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM**

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) was authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in 2004. The RTP is a Federal-aid assistance program to help States provide and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized trail use. The program provides funds for all kinds of recreational trail use including hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and other off-road motorized vehicle use.

Eligible agencies include city and county park and recreation departments, park and recreation districts, port districts, metropolitan service districts and some state agencies including the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Forestry, and the Oregon Division of State Lands. The local match requirement is 20% for all eligible agencies.

For 2013-2015 biennium, available funding is estimated to be \$1,805,992 per year (approximately \$3.6 million for the biennium).

RTP funds represent a portion of the federal gasoline tax attributed to recreation on non-gasoline tax supported roads. The federal government prescribes many of the regulations governing this program.

Cycle: Solicitation of grant applications begins in May with workshops being held in June. Grant applications are due in September with live presentations being made in November. The advisory committee's recommendations are forwarded to the OPRD Commission for approval at their January meeting.

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Grant Website: <http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/GRANTS/trails.shtml>

## **ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE GRANTS**

The purpose of the ATV Grant Program is to provide opportunities for All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) recreation. The ATV Grant program is funded with revenue collected from ATV user permit sales and a percentage of gasoline tax dollars attributed to ATV use. Eligible projects include land acquisition, planning, development, rehabilitation, maintenance, operation, first aid, law enforcement, and safety education.

For 2013-2015 biennium, available funding is estimated to be \$4,668,618 per year (approximately \$9.3 million for the biennium).

Eligible applicants include public agencies such as cities, counties, and state agencies, federal agencies, private land managers, and registered ATV clubs. The local match requirement is 20% for all eligible grant applicants.

Cycle: Solicitation of applications begins in September with workshops being held in October. Grant applications are due in January with live presentations being made in April. The advisory committee's recommendations are forwarded to the OPRD Commission for approval at their May meeting.

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Grants Website: <http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/ATV/Grants.shtml>



## RECREATION GRANT FUNDS ALLOCATION 2013-2015

Grant Program	Grant Project Categories	Allocated Funding	Commission Review	Total Funding
<p><b>Local Government Grant Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per administrative rule, 15% of funds to be utilized for small grant projects (up to \$75,000) and 85% for large grant projects (&gt;\$75,000).</li> <li>Eligible project categories are planning, acquisition, development, and rehabilitation (not maintenance activities).</li> <li>Grant applications receive additional points when the project rehabilitates existing facilities.</li> </ul>	Round 1: Large Grant Projects	\$5,430,544	July 2013	<b>\$9,341,249</b>
	Small Grant Projects	\$958,330	July 2013	
	Planning Grant Projects	\$150,000	Sept. 2013	
	Round 2: Large Grant Projects	\$2,305,525	July 2014	
	Small Grant Projects	\$406,850	July 2014	
	Planning Grant Projects	\$90,000	Sept. 2014	
<p><b>County Opportunity Grant Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible categories are planning, acquisition, development, and rehabilitation projects that include camping facilities (not maintenance activities).</li> </ul>	Round 1: All Eligible Grant Projects	\$618,144	Jan. 2014	<b>\$1,236,289</b>
	Round 2: All Eligible Grant Projects	\$618,144	Jan. 2015	

Grant Program	Grant Project Categories	Allocated Funding	Commission Review	Total Funding
<p><b>Land and Water Conservation Fund Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per Federal legislation, eligible categories are acquisition, development, and rehabilitation projects (not maintenance activities).</li> <li>Grant applications receive additional points when the project rehabilitates existing facilities.</li> </ul>	All Eligible Grant Projects	\$1,125,322	Sept. 2014	<b>\$1,125,322</b>
<p><b>Recreation Trails Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per Federal legislation, 30% of funds for motorized trail projects and 70% for non-motorized/diverse trail use projects.</li> <li>Eligible categories are maintenance, acquisition, development, and rehabilitation projects.</li> </ul>	Round 1: Motorized Trail Projects Non-Motorized Trail Projects Round 2: Motorized Trail Projects Non-Motorized Trail Projects	\$541,798 \$1,264,194 \$541,798 \$1,264,194	May 2013 May 2013 Jan. 2015 Jan. 2015	<b>\$3,611,984</b>
<p><b>ATV Grant Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative Rules do not govern how funding is distributed among grant categories, however the Advisory Committee has traditionally prioritized law enforcement, operation and maintenance, and rehabilitation projects for existing ATV riding areas.</li> </ul>	Law Enforcement Projects Operations & Maintenance Projects Acquisition, Development & Rehabilitation Projects	\$2,876,444 \$5,110,061 \$1,232,132	May 2013 May 2013 May 2013	<b>\$9,218,637</b>



## **Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Heritage Programs Grant Programs Overview 2013-2015 Biennium**

Heritage Programs administers six grant programs to help local partners preserve, promote, and make better use of Oregon's history and historic resources. Each program has its own rules and/or procedures. Most are state-funded, but a major grant program—Certified Local Government (CLG) grants—is primarily federally funded, and a few others have Other Funds as part of their offerings. Despite the variability of funding and eligibility requirements, all of the programs are functioning successfully, both in terms of program results and customer satisfaction (each reimbursement request has a short customer survey, and most grantees fill it out, typically with very high marks).

Grants are a very efficient way to promote OPRD's mission. They not only leverage local contributions and other grants, they stimulate new ideas and projects, and they generate a local sense of investment and ownership in the outcomes. And, when administered efficiently as we strive to do, more grants take little extra staff time, meaning that more dollars and more grants pumped through the system create only incremental extra work. The following are the current Heritage grant programs.

### **Certified Local Government (CLG) Grants**

These are matching grants (primarily federal funds) administered through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to "certified" local government preservation partners, those cities and counties that have stepped forward to engage in historic preservation activities. In order to be certified, they must pass a local historic preservation ordinance (lots of flexibility in its content) and form a local historic landmarks commission. There are currently 44 CLGs in Oregon, with others working on meeting the certification requirements.

CLG grants are used for a wide variety of local historic preservation projects—neighborhood architectural surveys, National Register nominations, feasibility studies, public education, preservation planning, building rehabilitation, etc. The biennial budget is approximately \$475,000, with maximum grants of about \$15,000 depending on the number of applicants. Collectively the CLGs have agreed to a non-competitive grant allocation and an every-other-year funding cycle, in which half apply in even-numbered years and half in odd-numbered years. This helps ensure that grants are of a meaningful amount and that the largest local governments with the most resources don't dominate the grant distribution.

CLG grants are a required component of SHPO's federal responsibilities with the National Park Service, so they will obviously continue in the coming years. Maintaining the non-competitive nature of these grants is important to keeping the local programs properly nourished from year to year and to avoid simply helping the strongest programs become stronger. Whenever feasible, any increases in federal funds should be funneled toward CLG grants whenever possible.



## **Preserving Oregon Grants**

This grant program is for brick-and-mortar work on historic structures, with priority given to properties that are owned by public entities or non-profit organizations, which don't qualify for state or federal preservation tax incentives. The biennial offering is \$250,000-\$300,000, with maximum grants of \$20,000. Archaeological projects may also qualify. This grant program started in 2000 and is funded primarily with Lottery dollars. Oregon Cultural Trust funds have been used on occasion to supplement the Lottery funds.

Maintaining or expanding this grant program should be a priority. There are few, if any, grants available to local governments and non-profit organizations for preserving the historic structures for which they have taken responsibility. Preserving Oregon grants often stimulate additional investment well beyond the 1/1 required match, often as much as 8/1 or more. The endorsement of a grant from SHPO/OPRD is often the key to opening the doors of other grant-givers.

A recent and very popular twist in the Preserving Oregon grant program is to offer grants to reverse inappropriate alterations to “non-contributing” buildings in National Register historic districts, resulting in their re-designation as “contributing” buildings, enhancing the historic integrity of the historic districts.

## **Heritage Grants**

These grants have the broadest scope of any of the Heritage grant programs—virtually anything history-related is eligible except brick and mortar projects. Projects have included publications, markers, digitizing records, storage and display equipment in archives and museums, oral histories, and even television programs. This Lottery-funded grant program has a biennial amount of \$200,000-\$250,000 with maximum grant amounts of \$20,000. Though a match is not required, projects with matching contributions fare better in the grant selection process.

Heritage Grants are much-valued by the heritage community, and they have generated significant results, despite the relatively small amount of money for such a broad array of needs. Maintaining this program should continue to be a priority. We are looking for ways to supplement existing funds with non-State funding, specifically Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) funds. A “heritage fund” at OCF to which donors could contribute some portion of their estate might provide an endowment that would benefit Oregon's heritage for decades to come. Negotiations with OCF continue at present.

## **Museum Grants**

The Museum Grant program funds projects undertaken by qualified history museums, usually related to the care of collections or educational efforts. It is a very small amount, given the high cost of managing museum collections, but it has nevertheless been successful in generating significant results. This Lottery-funded grant program has a biennial budget of \$100,000, with maximum grants of about \$10,000.



The program will continue to be helpful to constituents, but unless additional funding can be secured (including non-State funds), it won't be able to come close to meeting all the needs that are out there.

In order to further support heritage museums, OPRD applied for and received in 2012 a federal grant of approximately \$225,000 to develop a Heritage Mentors program that will provide regional expertise, usually through a trained cadre of retired museum and history professionals, to assist the small historical societies and history museums that are the providers of much of Oregon's rich history.

### **Historic Cemetery Grants**

The Historic Cemetery grant program funds improvements to designated historic cemeteries throughout the state (approximately 800 in number). Typical projects include fencing, site improvements, marker repair, signage, mapping, and organizing records. Grants typically range from about \$500-\$3,500. Though no match is required, applicants with either "soft" or "hard" match are usually given priority.

The overall biennial amount of Lottery funds has been \$75,000, but beginning in 2010 private funds came available from an individual's estate in the amount of \$25,000 per year (\$50,000 per biennium), along with a promise that the funding will continue for the foreseeable future. This has injected new life and vigor into this program.

We expect the demand for these grants to remain high, especially given that most of these cemeteries are small operations run by volunteers. If the additional private funding continues as pledged (and as the individual's will stipulated), this grant program will be able to address almost twice as many projects as previously, and thereby come closer to meeting the demand that is out there.

### **Veterans & War Memorial Grants**

Since 2007, a small portion of the recreational Local Government Grants Program (LGGP) has been earmarked for the construction or rehabilitation of memorials to veterans of the country's wars. The \$150,000 currently set aside for this program is a small part of the LGGP (approximately \$9.5 million per biennium), but there is a dedicated constituent base, and the grant applications are usually quite competitive. There are typically only 4-5 grants funded per biennium, and the maximum award has been \$85,000. Applicants are required to fund at least 20 percent of the cost of the memorial, and they must be committed to its long-term maintenance.

With the merger of Recreation Grants into the Heritage and Communities program in late 2011, it has become clear that the Heritage team is better suited to handle this grant program, given its close links to the military history and veterans communities. Grant rules and procedures will be shifted to reflect this reality, moving it away, to the extent possible, from the Local Government Grants Program and advisory committee to one more rooted in Heritage Programs.

## Heritage Programs Grant Fund Allocation

<b>Grant program</b>	<b>Dollars/ biennium</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Ave, # Grants/ biennium</b>	<b>Typical Maximum Grant</b>	<b>Applicant Match Requirement</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>CLG</b> (Certified Local Govt.)	\$475,000	Fed./ Lottery	40	\$15,000	50%; non-competitive, "certified" applicants only	Historic preservation projects: survey, Natl. Register, building rehab, architectural and engineering studies, education/awareness
<b>Preserving Oregon</b>	\$250-300,000 <sup>1</sup>	Lottery/ Other <sup>1</sup>	18	\$20,000	50%; competitive process	Building rehab; focus on publicly or non-profit-owned buildings; archaeology too
<b>Heritage</b>	\$200-250,000 <sup>1</sup>	Lottery/ Other <sup>1</sup>	20	\$20,000	50%; competitive process	Broad range of historical society and museum projects; greatest variety of all grant programs
<b>Museum</b>	\$100,000	Lottery	18	\$10,000	None required, though competition favors match	Museum projects only: conservation, curation, interpretation, etc.
<b>Historic Cemeteries</b>	\$125,000 <sup>2</sup>	Lottery/ Other <sup>2</sup>	36	\$3,500	None required, though competition favors match	Site protection; marker repair; records organizing; education and awareness, etc.
<b>Veterans &amp; War Memorials</b>	\$150,000 <sup>3</sup>	Lottery	4-5	\$85,000	20%	Constructing or rehabilitating memorials; maintenance not eligible

<sup>1</sup>Cultural Trust and other funds sometimes used to supplement standard allocation, depending on priorities.

<sup>2</sup>Includes funds from private trust.

<sup>3</sup>Funded through the Local Government Grant Program allocation

## Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

July 17, 2013

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Agenda Item:	9b	Action
Topic:	Local Government Grant Program 2013 Annual Large and Small Grant Awards	
Presented by:	Steve Kay, Grants Division Manager	

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### Background:

Originally established by the 1999 Legislature under ORS 390.180, the lottery-funded Local Government Grant Program helps local government agencies finance projects which acquire, develop, and rehabilitate local and community outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 736-006 provides for the program's implementation.

For cities and districts with a population greater than 25,000, and counties with a population greater than 50,000, agencies are required to provide a 50% local match. Cities and districts with a population between 5,000 and 25,000, and counties with a population between 30,000 and 50,000, a 40% local match is required. Cities and districts with a population less than 5,000, and counties with a population less than 30,000, are required to provide a 20% match for grant funded projects.

The Local Government Advisory Committee met on June 4-6, 2013 for their annual review of large grant requests. For the large grant category, maximum grant awards are \$75,001 - \$750,000 for rehabilitation and development projects, and up to \$1,000,000 for acquisition projects. The Committee scored the projects based upon established scoring criteria. Thirty-five (35) large grant requests were submitted to OPRD for funding assistance. For the first grant round of the 2013-2015 biennium, the Committee is recommending to award funding totaling \$5,430,544 to twenty-two (22) projects.

Oregon Administrative Rule 736-006-0115(1) sets aside 15% of Local Government Grant Program funds for small grant requests (maximum award of \$75,000). For the first round of the 2013-2015 biennium, twenty-one (21) small grants applications were submitted to OPRD for funding assistance. An administrative review of the applications resulted in a recommendation to award funding totaling \$929,913 to sixteen (16) projects.

**Prior Action by Commission:** Large and small grant requests have been approved in prior years.

**Action Requested:** Staff seeks Commission approval to award Local Government Grant Program funding for the large and small grant categories, as recommended on the attached exhibits.

**Attachment:** Exhibit 1– Large Grant Category Recommendations  
Exhibit 2 – Small Grant Category Recommendations

**Prepared by:** Steve Kay

**Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
July 17, 2013  
Local Government Grant Program  
Large Grant Award Recommendations**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>Grant Request Amount</b>
1	Sam Johnson Park Improvement Project	City of Redmond	Replace an old undersized playground with a new custom-designed playground that is 100% accessible.	\$423,500	\$210,000
2	Playground Improvement Project	City of Baker City	Replace current structures - merry-go-round, swings and teeter totters with modern, safe equipment, as well as installation of rubber tile surfacing.	\$177,500	\$84,110
3	Pioneer Park Rehabilitation - Phase One	City of Stayton	Reconfigured SW park entryway with circular plaza, replace restroom facility, add two new picnic shelters, ADA walkways and natural play area.	\$646,500	\$387,900
4	Legion Park Rehabilitation	City of Woodburn	Replace aging picnic pavilion, replace outdated restroom facilities, construct paved pathways, rehabilitate sports field lighting system, and provide landscape and irrigation improvements.	\$463,000	\$277,800
5	Pacific Park	Willamalane Park and Recreation District	Fully develop the park with a playground, picnic area, basketball court, accessible paths, informal play fields and landscaping.	\$671,800	\$261,300
6	Steinbaugh Park Expansion & Upgrade	City of Myrtle Creek	Rehabilitate outdoor pool and purchase winter cover, add one acre of grass recreational area with trees, native plants, boulders, irrigation, picnic shelter, restroom renovation, and construction of parking area.	\$212,500	\$127,500
7	Amity Park Restrooms, Hiking Trail and Picnic Area	City of Amity	Construct a restroom facility, covered picnic area, nature play area and hiking trail. Remove existing restrooms, bury electrical lines, and pave parking lot with pervious pavement.	\$199,561	\$147,861
8	Marshall Park Play Area Rehabilitation Project	Portland Parks & Recreation	Replace and relocate playground equipment beyond the floodplain; improve access to replacement playground and natural area; increase stream-side habitat through plantings; add interpretive features.	\$288,590	\$144,295
9	Lakeview Municipal Pool Rehabilitation	Town of Lakeview	Rehabilitate outdoor pool with new concrete floor, walls and a partition wall to divide the shallow section, new filtration system, and new geothermal well.	\$375,000	\$275,000

10	Wiard Memorial Park Renovation and Spray Park Addition Phase 2	Wiard Memorial Park District	Remove wading pool and replace it with a spray park, remove abandoned restroom facility, add landscaping.	\$186,400	\$94,400
11	Nadaka Neighborhood Park Development	City of Gresham	Create a two-acre neighborhood park integrated with a ten-acre wooded nature park. Expand existing trail system. Add children's nature play area, community gardens, picnic shelter and restrooms.	\$1,512,365	\$523,480
12	Ashland Creek Park	Ashland Parks and Recreation	Develop a 7 acre neighborhood and community park. Property will connect to existing trails and will make the park a hub for recreation, education and gardening.	\$619,900	\$309,950
13	Eastwood Park Renovation	City of Roseburg	Remove deteriorated play equipment and replace it with ADA accessible play structures. Create fall zone, construct sidewalk, add benches, tables, trash receptacles and landscaping.	\$150,000	\$90,000
14	Thompson Park Splash Pad	Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District	Design and install a splash pad at Thompson Park in The Dalles.	\$168,843	\$99,305
15	Scouter Mountain Natural Area	Metro	Construct a picnic shelter including restroom facility, an on-site loop trail, main entry security gate, parking and road improvements.	\$749,000	\$295,219
16	Madrona Park Walking Trail & Arboretum	City of Monmouth	Construct paved walking trail, add sports fields irrigation, arboretum, native plant garden and nature trails. Add restroom and playground equipment.	\$623,179	\$350,000
17	Washington Jefferson Park Rehabilitation	City of Eugene	Build an urban plaza by upgrading park lighting; rehabilitate paths and landscaping to support construction of a 23,000 square foot covered and lit regional skate park.	\$347,660	\$173,830
18	Fir Street Park	City of Sisters	Construct a splash play area, a performance stage and seating area, a picnic facility, family restrooms, bike corrals, benches, a fire pit with seating, a drinking fountain, trash receptacles and on-site parking.	\$413,069	\$206,534
19	Manzanita Meadows Park	City of Manzanita	Acquire 9.19 acres in order to provide a nature play park with a loop walking trail.	\$620,550	\$323,500
20	Milwaukie Riverfront Park - Phase 1	City of Milwaukie	Project includes site grading, power pole relocation, pedestrian/bike trail construction, landscaping, and riparian enhancements.	\$368,214	\$220,714

21	Minto Island Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge	City of Salem	The Minto Island Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge will span the Willamette River to connect Salem's downtown Riverfront Park with Minto Island and the planned Minto Trail network.	\$1,640,925	\$750,000
22	MC Park Development - Phase 1	Morrow County	Phase 1 will add electrical and sewer improvements to main campground area.	\$97,308	\$77,846
<b>Total Projects Recommended for Funding:</b>					<b>\$5,430,544</b>

Funding is Unavailable for Projects Listed Below					
Rank	Project Name	Applicant	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Grant Request Amount
23	South Jetty Park Improvements	City of Bandon	Relocate park host, create bioswale, install ADA pathway to access restrooms, restore foredune, and rehabilitate restroom.	\$456,000	\$347,600
24	Botts Marsh Park	City of Wheeler	Acquisition of 6.78-acre waterfront property on Nehalem Bay. Park will provide opportunities for non-motorized boat launching, nature play, walking trails, and picnics.	\$1,108,400	\$886,720
25	Old Town Loop Trail	City of Forest Grove	Complete a 3,350 LF 10-foot wide paved multi-use trail. Create a new handicapped accessible entrance at 14th St. Add signage and benches.	\$327,000	\$163,500
26	Farmington Natural Area Canoe/Kayak Launch	Metro	Create a light watercraft launch site on the Tualatin River. Add parking area, restroom, benches, picnic tables, bike racks, wayfinding signage, entry sign and automatic entry gate.	\$759,000	\$379,500
27	City of Grants Pass Splash pad	City of Grants Pass	Design and construct a new water play area in the City's Riverside Park.	\$400,000	\$200,000
28	N. 11th Street Wellhead Park Project	City of Philomath	Construct and add two play structures, basketball court, benches, four trees, ADA compliant access road and path, and security fencing. Underground overhead power line serving well house.	\$288,200	\$215,000
29	Orenco Woods Nature Park Acquisition	City of Hillsboro	Acquisition of 31 acre former Orenco Woods Golf Course site for use as a scenic natural area and community nature park.	\$4,000,000	\$500,000
30	Rickreall Creek Trail, Phase 5	City of Dallas	Construct concrete path for non-motorized use, a bridge over Rickreall Creek, a basketball court and playground equipment.	\$692,350	\$319,800

31	Gold Hill Skate Park Phase II	City of Gold Hill	Construct 4,500 sq. ft. of additional skate park adjoining 4,450 sq. ft. of existing skate park.	\$125,000	\$100,000
32	Eagle Point Skate Park	City of Eagle Point	Construct a poured-in-place concrete skate park, add modular restroom building, parking, benches, trash cans, water fountain, and landscaping.	\$345,996	\$207,598
33	Bullfrog Skate park	City of Gold Beach	Design and build final concrete elements for the Bullfrog Skate park, including completion of access, natural park area and supporting amenities.	\$274,237	\$219,237
34	Irrigon Peace Park	City of Irrigon	Create an accessible park to enhance, promote and encourage the concept of peace. Visitors could stroll or sit to reflect on the waterfall and flowers and remember those who have fallen fighting for peace.	\$690,000	\$414,000
35	Rainbow Plaza	City of Reedsport	Rainbow Plaza will be a multi-use outdoor area that will serve as the hub for recreation and events. When not in use, the area will also serve as overflow parking for the marina, boat launch and boardwalk.	\$750,000	\$600,000
<b>Total Projects Not Funded:</b>					<b>\$4,552,955</b>
<b>Grand Total of Funding Requests:</b>					<b>\$9,983,499</b>

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**Oregon Parks and Recreation Department**  
**July 17, 2013**  
**Local Government Grant Program**  
**Small Grant Award Recommendations**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>Grant Request Amount</b>
1	Crooked House Playground at Bush	City of Salem Parks	Replace aged play equipment with updated, ADA compliant play equipment. Replace current fall surface material with rubberized tile surfacing to create a more safe, all-inclusive play environment.	\$162,137	\$75,000
2	Hee Hee Illahee Park Renewal Project	City of Siletz Parks and Recreation	Install new ADA restroom building with ADA walkways and signage. Install ADA picnic table with concrete slab. Install standard picnic tables, BBQ's, benches, gazebo foundation and landscaping.	\$79,898	\$63,919
3	Arnold Park Rehabilitation	Corvallis Parks and Recreation	Replace deteriorated playground equipment, provide ADA access, add space and irrigation for community gardens.	\$121,000	\$60,500
4	Mt Hood Town Hall Playground - Phase 1	Hood River County	Rehabilitation of community playground to include ADA compliant play structures, multi-generational play/fitness elements, natural play areas, fencing, site furnishings and landscaping.	\$111,150	\$75,000
5	Barsotti Park Improvements	Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District	Develop new 4-acre neighborhood park. Improvements include picnic pavilion, community garden, play equipment, tennis court, multi-purpose sports field, open lawn areas, pathways & site furnishings.	\$1,018,078	\$72,000
6	Robert Pfaff Park Restroom Rehabilitation	City of Central Point	Project will rehabilitate an outdated restroom, including fixtures, to make it inviting and ADA accessible.	\$55,000	\$33,000
7	Cave Junction Skate Park	City of Cave Junction	Design and build a quality engineered permanent skate park facility on current skate park site.	\$87,600	\$57,989
8	Tennis Court Rehabilitation	City of Rogue River	Rehabilitate two existing asphalt tennis courts by removing cracked asphalt, installing new asphalt, posts, nets and perimeter fencing. Installation of a new sport court playing surface with striping.	\$95,000	\$75,000
9	Spring Park Natural Area Project	NCPRD	Project includes 1,000 ft. of trail re-route, trail decommissioning, interpretive and directional signage, wetlands restoration and viewing overlook.	\$257,000	\$45,000

10	ADA Compliant Restroom at Aunt Caroline's Park	Shady Cove	Install pre-fabricated ADA compliant restroom in City park. Project includes engineering, site preparation, installation of restroom building, holding tank, pump and utility connections.	\$71,000	\$39,760
11	Large Day Use / Picnicking Facility	City of Carlton	Construction of new multi-use picnicking and day-use facility with ADA path.	\$95,000	\$75,000
12	Coos County Tioga Sports Park	Coos County	Design and construct a double vault, ADA compliant restroom building with two 1,000 gallon vaults.	\$53,670	\$26,835
13	Watt Family Park	City of Bay City	Prepare engineered site development and utility plans, install sewer and water extensions, electric service, construct an ADA compliant restroom, drinking fountain, privacy fence, and picnic tables.	\$75,000	\$60,000
14	Yachats Community Park Playground	City of Yachats	Project will replace outdated play ground equipment with new play equipment plus new ADA accessible rubberized fall surface over new drainage system.	\$91,450	\$73,150
15	Depoe Bay Scenic Park	City of Depoe Bay	Project will fund park development, trail construction, benches, picnic tables, vegetation grooming, landscaping, signs, and a paved overlook.	\$28,450	\$22,760
16	Viewmont Greenway Park	City of Dundee	Development of a 50' x 1,560' linear park with a trail. Elements include invasive plants removal, grading, landscaping, trail construction, benches, ADA picnic table and parking area, and nature play areas.	\$149,510	\$75,000
<b>Total Projects Recommended for Funding:</b>					<b>\$929,913</b>

**Funding is Unavailable for Projects Listed Below**

Rank	Project Name	Applicant	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Grant Request Amount
17	Talent Playground Improvement Project	City of Talent	Project will replace playground surface under swings with new ADA accessible rubberized fall surface at community park.	\$100,066	\$58,441
18	Tucker Park Restroom/Shower Building Replacement	Hood River County	Project will replace one of three Tucker Park restroom/shower facilities in order to meet full ADA accessibility.	\$93,750	\$75,000
19	Bud Cross Park Day Use Area	City of Brookings	Create day use area between existing baseball fields including picnic tables, trash receptacles, barbeques and landscaping, with ADA access paths to restroom, concession buildings and parking lots.	\$75,000	\$45,000

20	Barton Park RV Campground Repaving	Clackamas County	Project will provide a 2" asphalt over-lay of existing Barton RV campground road and RV pads, and pave a gravel sidewalk between campground parking lot and shelter.	\$86,883	\$43,000
21	Academy Green	City of Lebanon	Replace 160 feet of failing asphalt pathways with 915 lineal feet of ADA accessible concrete walkways; 730 feet at 10 feet wide, the remainder at 5-feet wide. Level and re-seed adjacent lawn area.	\$74,930	\$44,135
<b>Total Projects Not Funded:</b>				<b>\$430,629</b>	<b>\$265,576</b>

<b>Grand Total of Funding Requests:</b>	<b>\$1,195,489</b>
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# Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

July 17, 2013

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Agenda Item: 9c

Information

Topic: Heritage and Community Programs Report

Presented by: Roger Roper

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## **Heritage Traditions Designation**

At its May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Oregon Heritage Commission approved designation of the Astoria Regatta as an official Oregon Heritage Tradition. OHC created the Heritage Tradition program in 2009 as a way to recognize local, regional, or statewide events that have been held annually for at least 50 consecutive years and have a “demonstrated public profile and reputation that distinguishes them from more routine events.”

The Astoria Regatta (see attached photos) has been held annually since 1894, interrupted only by the world wars and the 1922 fire that destroyed downtown. The Regatta consists of both boat and land parades, a maritime memorial ceremony, and a myriad of activities and events in town.

Other designated Heritage Traditions include the State Fair, the Pendleton Roundup, and the Linn County Pioneer Picnic. Cottage Grove’s Bohemia Mining Days is in the process of being nominated for an expected 2014 designation.

## **Golden School Moved Back to Historic Townsite**

In September 2012, residents in the vicinity of OPRD’s Golden State Heritage Area contacted the department about acquiring and moving back to the historic townsite the original school building, which had been moved  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile to the west in the 1930s and was now threatened. The Department of State Lands (DSL) had recently come into possession of the property when its owner died without an heir. DSL offered the building at no charge if OPRD would move it off the property. After examining the building (which, it turned out, was actually in quite good condition) and weighing the pros and cons of taking on an additional structure, OPRD decided to proceed with the acquisition.

On June 17, 2013, the school was returned to the Golden State Heritage Site and sited just east of the general store, across the road from its original location, which had eroded into the stream bed over the years. A concrete foundation was installed under the building and other minor repairs were made. Plans are being developed for some other modest improvements, including repairing and reinstalling the bell tower.

## **Land & Water Conservation Fund Digital File Management and Mapping Project**

The Recreation Grants Division has initiated a project to create digital records for all of the approximately 1,400 parks in Oregon that have received federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grants over the past 40-plus years. This includes scanning all of the files related to the grants and creating Geographic Information System (GIS) “shapefiles” that are the basis of the digital maps for all of the associated parks.

These digital records will help staff better manage the LWCF grant program, which requires monitoring of all LWCF properties on a 5-year cycle in perpetuity. The current paper system has become unwieldy and inefficient. These digital records will be made available to local park managers as well, helping them better track and comply with their ongoing LWCF responsibilities. A portion of OPRD’s LWCF allocation (approx. \$45,000) is being used to help pay for this project, which is expected to take approximately 6 months to complete. Conversion of OPRD’s other grant programs’ records into a digital format will follow in later phases.

**Prior Action by Commission:** None

**Action Requested:** None

**Prepared by:** Roger Roper, Assistant Director—Heritage and Community Programs



Regatta competition in the 1930s.



Astoria Regatta (2011)



1908 view of the Ruble and McIntosh families in front of Golden School (built 1897)



Names of some of the children were inscribed on the back wall, protected over time by a shed addition that was removed prior to the move.



Moving out onto Coyote Creek Road



Halfway there (total distance 0.7 miles)



Back to Golden, across the street from its original location, which was washed out with the mining operations