

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH GRANT

2016-2017

OREGON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE, OREGON HERITAGE

"Diamonds in the Rough" grants are to restore or reconstruct the facades of buildings that have been heavily altered over the years. The purpose is to return them to their historic appearance and potentially qualify them for historic register designation (local or national). These grants are part of the SHPO's Preserving Oregon Grant Program for the 2015-17 biennium.

Grants must be submitted through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Grants Online program. There will be two grant cycles in the 2015-2017 biennium.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Grant funds may be awarded for amounts up to \$20,000.

MATCH: Grants must be matched 1:1 by the grantee. Match can be in the form of cash, in-kind donations, and volunteer time.

BUDGET INFORMATION: Bids and estimates strengthen the grant request when applicable.

PRESERVATION REQUIREMENTS: The application must convey that all work will be completed using the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties.

GRANT REPORTING AND PAYMENT: Awarded projects will be the subjects of binding agreements between the State and the applicants. Typically, grant funds are dispersed on a reimbursable basis. Details of payment arrangements and grant reporting will be provided at the time of award.

GRANT TIMELINE:

Deadline – May 13, 2016 (11:59pm)

Notification – July 1, 2016

Reporting deadline – May 15, 2017

HISTORIC PROPERTIES GRANTS ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA:

- Buildings must have heavily modified primary facades and
 1. Clear evidence that substantial portions of the historic facades are still there, covered by newer materials, or
 2. Historic photos or original drawings that provide clear evidence for guiding the restoration/reconstruction. Lower priority will be given to applications that propose work based on speculation or generic designs rather than historical evidence for that specific building.
- Funds from this grant program may not be claimed for the federal rehabilitation tax credits.
- Buildings taking advantage of Oregon's Special Assessment of Historic Properties program may qualify if they meet the "heavily modified primary facade" requirement.
- All work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties; see <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax/rhb/stand.htm>.
- Remodeling, new additions, or solely cosmetic efforts are not eligible for funding.

CRITERIA:



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- The level of preservation of character-defining features.
- The work plan is well developed and described and the corresponding cost estimates.
- Demonstrated project readiness and the matching dollar share in-hand commitment.
- Demonstrated community need for and benefit from the project.

PRIORITIES:

- Commercial or public buildings in Certified Local Government communities, designated Main Street areas, or local or National Register historic districts.
- Projects with a well-prioritized, clearly explained work plan with an appropriate level of detail and realistic cost estimates.
- Projects that will generate dramatic "before-and-after" results.
- Geographic diversity.
- Project readiness, including matching dollar share in-hand.

REGISTER ON TO APPLY ONLINE: Visit the OPRD: Grants Online at www.oprdgrants.org to request an account and receive your login. Register for only one login per organization. Please use the instructions for OPRD: Grants Online which can be found at <http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/FINASST/Pages/grants.aspx>.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: Once you have a login, you will be able to submit your application. You can enter information, save, log out, log back in, enter more, etc. as many times as you would like before you submit. Instructions for OPRD: Grants Online visit our website. <http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/FINASST/Pages/grants.aspx>

APPLICATION QUESTIONS: The following questions will appear on the online application.

- Brief Project Description
- Finance – Please see the OPRD: Grants Online instructions for more detail.
 - Project Budget - use categories: contractor/consultant; volunteer time; employee; travel ; materials & equipment; printing, publication, design, etc.; other.
 - Funding Source - use categories: organizational funds (include staff time, operations, donations), in-kind donations, volunteer time. Enter matching grants individually.
- Project Need and Value - Describe need and value in terms of the condition of the property, the historical significance of the property, the value of the property to the community or the organization. Describe how the project will effect the community. Describe the level of alteration and how this project will bring historic character to the building.
- Project Timeline - List your major objectives and approximate dates they will be completed.
- Project Detail - Describe the preservation work that will be completed, how the work will be completed, materials that will be used and who will do it and their qualifications, i.e. general contractor, sub-contracts, architects, archaeologists, skilled volunteers, etc.
- Ability to Complete the Project - Describe your organization's history and past successes related to this project, any partnerships on this project, volunteer or community support for this project, and any other evidence of your ability to complete the project.
- Submit photos (current and historic), drawings of proposed work, estimates, resumes, workplans, technical information.

ASSISTANCE:

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