

2023 Transportation Growth Management Grant Application

Instructions

Be sure to download and review the [2023 Application Packet](#) and [2023 Application Instructions](#) before filling out this grant application.

You can save your progress and revisit this form at any time by clicking the "Save" button at the bottom of the page.

Applications must be received by July 27, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (PDT)

Applicant information

Instructions: Complete this information for the applicant. Provide both a designated contact and an authorized representative (if different than the designated contact) for your entity.

Response instructions are on page 3 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Primary applicant jurisdiction

City of Rufus

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Website

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Contact person name

Brittany Dark

Contact person title

Recorder

Contact phone

(541) 739-2321

Contact email

rufuscityhall@gmail.com

Name of person empowered to sign the agreement with ODOT, if different from the applicant contact

Austin Evans

Title of above named person

Mayor

Phone
(541) 739-2321

Email
rufusmayorevans@gmail.com

List co-applicants (if a joint project)

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Upload your resolution, minutes or authorized letter from governing body of applying jurisdiction(s) here:

230712 TGM grant resolution.pdf

Project information

Response instructions are on page 4 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Project title

Pedestrian & Transportation Development Plan

Project area: Using either of the two fields below, attach a map of the project area or describe the area your project is located in.

Option 1: Project area map

Rufus on the River Map.pdf

Option 2: Project area description

City of Rufus in its entirety including all streets and potential paths connecting the community to the natural resources and trails along the Columbia River.

ODOT region (1-5)

Region 4

[ODOT Region Map](#)

Type of grant

Category 2: Integrated Land Use & Transportation Planning

Summary description of project

This project will develop a plan to promote safe, convenient, and accessible pedestrian and bicycle circulation within the community. As well as connecting the City to the Region at Large in connection with established transportation systems in the Gorge and Sherman County. The result will address concerns over safety, accessibility, connectivity, community health, and economic vitality. The resulting plan will implement Complete Streets designs for public rights-of-way and public facilities.

Project cost table

Response instructions are on page 5 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

TGM funds requested for the work identified in Criterion 3	Consultant \$182,250.00	Local reimbursement \$20,250.00	Total TGM funds requested \$202,500.00
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Local match	Minimum Match (Calculated) \$23,177.03
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Local governments that are on the [Distressed Communities](#) list are eligible for a partial match waiver.

Click yes if your local government is on the Distressed Communities list and you need to receive a waiver.

Yes

Match to be provided	Labor, supplies and services during project \$14,175.00	Payment when Intergovernmental Agreement is signed
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Award criteria

Criterion 1: Proposed project addresses a need and supports TGM objectives (up to 40 points)

The project clearly and effectively addresses a local or regional transportation or transportation-related land use issue, problem, need, or opportunity and will achieve one or more of the TGM objectives.

Response instructions are on page 10 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Explain how your proposed project addresses a need and supports TGM objectives

The City of Rufus wholeheartedly supports the objectives of Oregon's Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program. This program plays a vital role in fostering community efforts to expand transportation choices, ensuring that our city remains vibrant and livable for all residents.

Through the TGM Program, the City of Rufus recognizes the importance of linking land use and transportation planning. By integrating these two aspects, we can create a well-balanced community that offers a variety of transportation options to its residents.

The TGM Program enables us to work hand in hand with local governments, collaborating on initiatives that enhance transportation infrastructure and promote sustainable development. With a focus on improving accessibility, the program encourages residents to make choices that align with their needs and

preferences. Whether it's walking, biking, taking transit, or driving, the objective is to provide residents with the freedom to travel conveniently and efficiently to their desired destinations.

The City of Rufus demonstrates its commitment to creating a city where people can enjoy a high quality of life. We believe that by expanding transportation choices, we can build a community that is not only environmentally conscious but also thriving and inclusive.

Through our partnership with the TGM Program, we are dedicated to developing a transportation system that not only meets our residents' needs today but also anticipates the future demands of our growing city. Together, we are shaping the future of Rufus, fostering a community where residents can lead active and connected lives.

Criterion 2: Proposed project is timely and urgent (up to 25 points)

The application demonstrates timeliness and urgency. The project is needed now to:

- address pressing local transportation and land use issues
- make amendments to local plans or regulations necessitated by changes in federal regulations, state requirements or regional plans
- make amendments to local plans or regulations necessitated by changes that were not anticipated in previous plans, including growth or lack of growth, changes in land-use patterns or changes in available funding
- build on, complement or take a necessary step toward completing or implementing other high priority community initiatives, including Governor's Regional Solutions Team priority
- resolve transportation or land use-related issues affecting the project readiness of local, regional or state transportation projects for which funding is expected to be obligated within the near future

Response instructions are on page 12 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Explain how your proposed project is timely and urgent

The proposed project is both timely and urgent for the City of Rufus as it addresses several pressing local transportation and land use issues. As the city grows and evolves, the need for enhanced infrastructure becomes increasingly evident. The proposed project aims to fulfill that need, with the goal of creating a more efficient, accessible, and connected city.

The proposed project is not only timely and urgent but is also a necessary component in creating a more sustainable, accessible, and equitable City of Rufus. Through this project, the city aims to address short, medium, and long-term transportation and land use-related issues while also ensuring a holistic approach to community development.

Criterion 3: Proposed project approach supports policy decision (up to 20 points)

The application demonstrates a clear approach to achieving the expected outcome and includes consideration for adoption. Where substantial coordination with other local, regional, and state planning efforts will need to occur, the mechanisms and responsibilities for the coordination are clear.

Response instructions are on page 13 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Tasks and deliverables table

What are your proposed tasks and deliverables

Review & Adoption of Rufus Transit Master Plan

Access/Intersection improvements

Public Waterfront access & improvements

Wayfinding

A public parking management strategy

Bike/Pedestrian Safety and Access

Circulation/Connectivity improvements

How will the project approach lead to a successful project?

The project's approach is designed to ensure a successful outcome by addressing the key concerns of safety, accessibility, connectivity, community health, and economic vitality. These steps of consideration within this project's approach will lead to its success: 1. Focus on pedestrian and bicycle circulation 2. Integration with established transportation systems 3. Complete street designs 4. Consideration of community concerns

If adoption hearings will be held as part of a larger project, when will that be and as part of what project? (optional)

NA

Criterion 4: Proposed project has community support (up to 5 points)

The application demonstrates that there is local support for project objectives, a commitment to participate, and a desire to implement the expected outcome.

Response instructions are on page 15 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Upload letters of support from stakeholders here

sherman county letter of support.pdf

Criterion 5: Proposed project sponsor is ready and capable (up to 10 points)

The application demonstrates that the local government is ready and able to begin the project within the TGM timetable and that there is local commitment and capability to manage and complete the project. The application demonstrates, if applicable, successful performance on previous TGM projects.

Response instructions are on page 16 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Explain how proposed project sponsor is ready and capable

As the City of Rufus applies for a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant, we are confident in demonstrating our readiness and ability to commence the project within the TGM timetable and the local commitment and capability to manage and complete the project. The City of Rufus places a high value on collaboration and engagement between our government officials, residents, and key stakeholders throughout the entire lifecycle of the project. Moreover, we recognize that successful performance on previous TGM projects is an important indication of our capacity to manage and complete this project. We are proud to report that our city has shown its commitment to implementing TGM projects in the past, resulting in several successful outcomes. For instance, the recent development of a dedicated bike lane within the city is a testament to our commitment towards sustainable and active transportation.

The City of Rufus takes a proactive approach to project planning and management by identifying key stakeholders at the earliest feasible stage and involving them in the project planning process. We regularly engage with community members, businesses, and local government representatives to ensure that local voices and perspectives are not only heard but also incorporated into the project design from initial stages to the final outcome.

The City of Rufus is eager to commence the proposed project. We are confident in our local commitment and capability to manage and complete the project and look forward to improving transportation and land use within our community.

If applicable, list local jurisdiction’s TGM projects within last 10 years and their status

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TGM File Code	Project Title	Status

Bonus points: Housing (up to 10 points)

Response instructions are on page 7 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

How will the adoption of the final document(s) address barriers to a broad range of housing types and affordability or works to link the location of future workforce housing to walkable/bikeable areas with good transit?

The final document(s) will lay the groundwork for locating future workforce housing in areas that are easily accessible by walking, biking, and transit. By strategically linking workforce housing to these areas, we aim to create a more sustainable and interconnected city, where commuting is minimized, and access to essential amenities is maximized. This approach not only benefits residents but also supports the overall

well-being and productivity of our workforce. The adoption of the final document(s) resulting from this grant will shape the future of Rufus by removing barriers to housing.

Required forms

Title VI: Racial & Ethnic Impact Statement form
230725 Rufus - TGM Racial-Ethnic-Impact-Statement.pdf

[Download the Racial & Ethnic Impact Statement form here](#)

Certifications

Response instructions are on page 8 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Eligibility criteria

This application demonstrates a clear transportation relationship

This application demonstrates adoption of products to meet project objectives

This application demonstrates the support of local officials

Preparation of application

This application was prepared by staff of the primary applicant or staff of one of the involved jurisdictions

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Today's date

7/25/2023

If you encounter any issues with the submittal process, please contact:

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Planning Section Web Coordinator

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-07

) IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE
) CITY OF RUFUS TO APPLY FOR A TRANSPORTATION
) GROWTH MANAGEMENT GRANT OFFERED IN
) PARTNERSHIP BY OREGON DEPARTMENTS OF
) TRANSPORTATION, LAND CONSERVATION &
) DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTEGRATED LAND USE &
) TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF RUFUS
) AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO
) SIGN THE APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, the Oregon department of Transportation is accepting applications for the Transportation Growth Management Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rufus desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed future planning efforts for citywide acquisitions, improvements and enhancements; and

WHEREAS, City Council have identified the transportation plan and improvements of both bikeway and pedestrian paths as a high priority need in Rufus; and

WHEREAS, The City of Rufus Integrated land use & Transportation Plan will allow for improved connectivity as well as conditions for walking, cycling, and riding transit. The Project will help the City make more efficient use of existing land and transportation infrastructure while planning for related transportation investments.

WHEREAS, the City of Rufus plans to request use in kind hours to fulfill its share of obligation related to this grant application should the grant funds be awarded; and

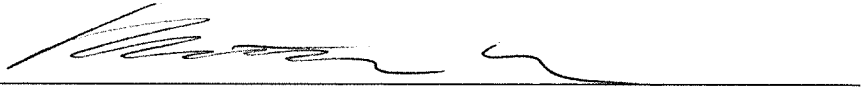
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUFUS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City Council demonstrates its support for the submission of an application to the Oregon Department of Transportation for an Integrated Land Use and Transportation Planning Grant.

Section 2: This Resolution shall be effective following its adoption by the City Council.

Passed by the City Council this 12th of July, 2023.

ATTEST:


Austin Evans, Mayor


Brittany Dark, Recorder



July 11, 2023

Cindy Lesmeister
Transportation and Growth Management Program
ODOT Mill Creek Building
555 13th Street NE, Suite 2
Salem OR 97301

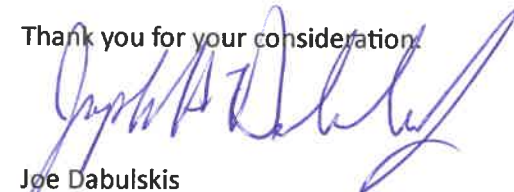
Dear Ms. Lesmeister:

As the Sherman County Judge, I would like to express my support of the City of Rufus's Transportation and Growth Management Planning Grant application, which seeks to encourage a livable, affordable and accessible community. The plan will identify ways to improve Rufus's neighborhoods with sidewalks, bike paths, trails and amenities that will enhance the city's transportation system and economic vitality.

The City of Rufus, through this effort, will create an integrated walkable and bikeable network of streets, open spaces, greenways, and parks to support the communities physical, social, and economic needs.

Please support the City of Rufus in its efforts with this project.

Thank you for your consideration.



Joe Dabulskis
Sherman County Judge

RACIAL AND ETHNIC IMPACT STATEMENT

This form is used for informational purposes only and must be included with the grant application.

[Chapter 600 of the 2013 Oregon Laws](#) require applicants to include with each grant application a racial and ethnic impact statement. The statement provides information as to the disproportionate or unique impact the proposed policies or programs may have on minority persons¹ in the State of Oregon if the grant is awarded to a corporation or other legal entity other than natural persons.

1. The proposed grant project policies or programs could have a disproportionate or unique positive impact on the following minority persons:

Indicate all that apply:

Women	Asians or Pacific Islanders
Persons with Disabilities	American Indians
African-Americans	Alaskan Natives
Hispanics	

2. The proposed grant project policies or programs could have a disproportionate or unique negative impact on the following minority persons:

Indicate all that apply:

Women	Asians or Pacific Islanders
Persons with Disabilities	American Indians
African-Americans	Alaskan Natives
Hispanics	

3. The proposed grant project policies or programs will have no disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons.

If you checked numbers 1 or 2 above, please provide below the rationale for the existence of policies or programs having a disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons in this state. Further provide evidence of consultation with representative(s) of the affected minority persons.

By checking this box, I hereby certify the information contained on this form is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Dated:

Printed Name:

Title:

Agency Name:

¹ “Minority person” are defined in SB 463 (2013 Regular Session) as women, persons with disabilities (as defined in ORS 174.107), African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, or Pacific Islanders, American Indians and Alaskan Natives.