

## Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

February 21, 2019

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Agenda Item: 6a Action

Topic: **County Opportunity Grant Program** (funded by RV Licensing Fees)  
**2019 Annual Grant Awards**

Presented by: Jan Hunt, Grants Section Manager

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### Background:

The County Opportunity Grant Program (COGP) is funded by a portion of Recreational Vehicle Licensing Fees as prescribed in Oregon Administrative Rules – Division 7: 736-007-0000 through 736-007-0040. The program provides grant funding on a project basis for the **acquisition, development, rehabilitation, and planning** of county park and recreation sites that provide camping facilities. All Oregon Counties are eligible applicants. Counties must provide a 25% or 50% match depending on County population.

The seven-member County Parks Assistance Advisory Committee reviews applications and recommends funding priorities. For the FY2019 County Opportunity Grant cycle, \$1,489,174 is available for grants. The sources of these funds are:

Carry-over from FY2018 grant cycle (funds not awarded)	\$ 625,549
COGP funding projection from ODOT/DMV for FY2019 (RV Fees)	\$ 857,652
De-obligated funds from closed projects (grant funds not needed)	\$ 5,973
Total funding available for FY2019 awards:	<b>\$1,489,174</b>

Nine County Opportunity Grant applications were submitted to OPRD totaling \$1,953,674 in funding requests. After scoring project applications against established criteria, eight projects are recommended for full funding. The ninth-ranked project was offered the remaining grant funds balance of \$35,500 by the County Parks Assistance Advisory Committee. The total amount recommended for funding is the full available amount of **\$1,489,174**.

**Prior Action by Commission:** In the FY2018 cycle, the Commission approved all four COGP projects totaling \$325,530.

**Action Requested:** Staff seeks Commission approval to award County Opportunity Grant Program Requests as detailed on the attached spreadsheet in the amount of **\$1,489,174**.

**Attachment:** **Exhibit A** – County Opportunity Grant Recommendations / Ranking Results

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