The County Opportunity Grant Program (COGP) is administered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). It is funded by a portion of Recreational Vehicle registration fees and provides around $800,000 annually to county sponsored projects that involve recreational vehicle camping and related amenities.

The annual award cycle of the COGP is governed by the seven member County Opportunity Grant Program Advisory Committee, also referred to as the County Parks Assistance Advisory Committee.

The main function of the Advisory Committee is to read, assess and score grant applications submitted to the County Opportunity Grant Program, and attend a one-day grant application presentation meeting typically held in Salem each November. (However, future meetings may be held virtually, via Zoom, depending on the status of the pandemic.)

Those interested in serving on the Committee should have some level of interest or involvement in county parks and recreational vehicle camping.

Specific expectations and responsibilities include:

1) Access to a computer and the internet
2) The ability to access and navigate an online grant applications system
3) The time and commitment to read, evaluate and score six to twelve, 10-page grant applications during October and November.
4) Attend a one-day grant application presentation meeting typically held in Salem each November.
5) Complete a required annual online training module "Preventing Discrimination and Harassment in the Workplace."

All travel, meals and lodging expenses associated with Advisory Committee meetings will be reimbursed by OPRD.

Interested applicants should complete a Committee Interest Form and submit it to Mark Cowan at mark.cowan@oregon.gov. New Committee members will be appointed by the OPRD Director.

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