

OPRD Seeks Candidates for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program – Oregon Outdoor Recreation Committee

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is seeking candidates interested in serving on the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program – Oregon Outdoor Recreation Committee (OORC).

The five positions to be filled are:

- 1) a member representing interests of Park and Recreation Districts, Metropolitan Service Districts or Port Districts
- 2) a member representing the interests of People with Disabilities
- 3) a member representing a historically underrepresented community; or a member representing Tribal Governments
- 4) a member representing Counties east of the Cascade Mountains
- 5) a member representing Counties west of the Cascade Mountains

The **Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program (LWCF)** is a federally funded program, administered by OPRD, that awards matching funds to public outdoor recreation projects throughout the State. Eligible applicants are: Cities, Counties, Parks and Recreation Districts, Port Districts and Metropolitan Service Districts, federally recognized Indian Tribes in Oregon, and Oregon State Agencies (Parks & Recreation Dept., Dept. of State Lands, Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and Dept. of Forestry).

The OORC is composed of nine members appointed by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Director and represents the following interests:

- (a) Counties east of the Cascade Mountains;
- (b) Counties west of the Cascade Mountains;
- (c) Cities under 15,000 people;
- (d) Cities over 15,000 people;
- (e) Park and Recreation Districts, Metropolitan Service District or Port Districts;
- (f) Oregon Parks and Recreation Department;
- (g) People with Disabilities;
- (h) Member of a historically underrepresented community; or Representatives from Tribal Governments; and
- (i) The public at large.

Committee members serve four year-terms; successful candidates will begin their terms Jan. 1, 2023. Members may be eligible to serve two consecutive terms. Time commitment varies and includes reviewing and evaluating an average of 15-20 grant applications each annual funding cycle.

The committee meets annually typically around February/March, and at other times upon the call of the Director. Committee members are required to review all proposals prior to committee meetings. During the committee meetings, applicants present their projects in 20-minute timeslots. Committee members score all proposals in order to establish a priority ranking list which is then forwarded to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission for final review and approval before applying to the National Park Service.

Here are the items interested candidates should consider:

- 1) Does this position sound interesting to you? Do you think it would be a good fit and be rewarding? Do you have a genuine interest in public parks and outdoor recreation facilities and projects?

2) Do you have the interest, time and ability to attend a 1-2 day Application Review meeting, and the ability to attend that same meeting (as far as you can tell) for the following 3 years? The term of service is for 4 years.

3) Do you have the interest, time and ability to access, read, evaluate and score an average of 15-20 LWCF applications using an online application system? We believe it takes, on average, about 20-30 minutes to review each application.

4) And finally, all State Committee volunteers must complete an annual online training module titled *Preventing Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace*. There may also be additional trainings required.

Interested? Those interested in serving must submit an Interest Form to Nohemi Enciso, LWCF grant coordinator, at nohemi.enciso@opr.d.oregon.gov.

For information about the advisory committee or application process, contact Nohemi Enciso via email or at 503-480-9092.

For more info on the LWCF grant program, visit:
<https://www.oregon.gov/opr/d/GRA/Pages/GRA-lwcf.aspx>

Thank you for your willingness to consider this position!