

HISTORIC CEMETERIES GRANT

INFORMATION

2019

OREGON COMMISSION ON HISTORIC CEMETERIES, OREGON HERITAGE

The Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries is pleased to announce the new round of Historic Cemeteries Grants. The purpose of the Historic Cemeteries Grants is to provide financial assistance in the following general categories: Protection and Security, Restoration and Preservation, Education and Training, Research and Interpretation. Eligible projects may include, but aren't limited to: security fencing or lighting, skilled monument repair or training, conservation of historic elements such as fencing, curbs, markers, etc., documentation and mapping, signage, landscape restoration, planning and interpretation. The funds allocated by the State through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will be available to support the preservation of historic cemeteries throughout Oregon.

Grants must be submitted through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Grants Online program. There will be two grant cycles in the 2019-2021 biennium.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Typical awards are in the range of \$1000-\$8000.

MATCH: A dollar match for funds requested is not required, though we encourage you to seek local funding in addition to your grant request. Local financial support allows the program to assist more historic cemeteries and fosters local support for the cemetery. 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 any reparation will be completed using appropriate preservation practices. Please specify how the work will be completed and/or include references for past work completed using appropriate methods. The National Park Service, the Association for Gravestone Studies, the National Preservation Institute and the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries all offer information on preservation practices in historic cemeteries.

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 1, 2019 (11:59pm)

Notification - July 1, 2019

Reporting deadline – May 15, 2020



ELIGIBILITY, CRITERIA AND PRIORITIES:

- CEMETERIES: Any cemetery or burial site which contains at least one burial of a person who died before February 14, 1909.
- APPLICANTS: Individual citizens, organizations, schools, governments, and nonprofits may apply.
- PROJECTS: Projects that will begin and end during the grant cycle qualify. Grant cycle extensions are extremely rare.

CRITERIA:

- The capability of the applicant to carry out the proposed project.
- The effectiveness of the proposed project to address the historic aspects and long term preservation of the cemetery.

PRIORITIES:

- Projects with a well-prioritized, clearly explained work plan with an appropriate level of detail and realistic cost estimates.
- Geographic diversity.
- Project readiness, including matching dollar share in-hand.
- Projects that are part of a long range plan.
- Projects that take into account the impact of historic events on the collective history of Oregon people and uphold the historical truth about that impact.
- Projects on publically accessible cemeteries are not prioritized over cemeteries that are accessible by appointment only. The purpose of the program is the preservation of historic cemeteries.

REGISTER ON TO APPLY ONLINE: Visit the OPRD: Grants Online at www.oprdgrants.org to request an account and receive your login. Please use the instructions for OPRD: Grants Online which can be found at <http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/FINASST/Pages/grants.aspx>. If you have used the system before, you do not need to register again.

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>

ASSISTANCE:

Please read the [Historic Cemeteries Grant Guidelines](#) for details on the application, review, award and grant management. Grant questions and OPRD: Grants Online: Kuri Gill, kuri.gill@oregon.gov, 503-986-0685.

