

Heritage Programs Grants FAQs

1. When are Heritage Programs grants available? Heritage Programs grants are available twice per biennium. The first cycle is in the fall of the odd year (ex. 2011) and spring of the even year (ex. 2012.) The Certified Local Government Grant proposals are due in February.

2. Who selects the grant recipients? Each grant program has a different selection process approved by the Oregon Parks Commission.

- *Oregon Heritage Grants* and *Oregon Museum Grants* are determined by the Oregon Heritage Commission. A selection committee including museum and heritage professionals and members of the Oregon Heritage Commission rank the applications. The recommendations are approved by the Oregon Heritage Commission.
- *Preserving Oregon Grants* and *Certified Local Government* grants are recommended by the Heritage Programs staff.
- *Oregon Historic Cemeteries Grants* are recommended by the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries. A selection committee including representatives of Oregon cemetery organizations, members of the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries and Heritage Programs staff rank the applications. The recommendations are approved by the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries.

3. What is the grant selection process?

Applications are ranked following an evaluation based on five criteria:

1. The appropriateness of the project to the goals of the grant program.
 - *Oregon Heritage Grant:* The proposed project will effectively conserve or develop a significant aspect of Oregon's heritage resources.
 - *Oregon Museum Grant:* The effectiveness of the project in the collection and management of heritage collections, the promotion of heritage related tourism, or the provision of education and the interpretations related to heritage.
 - *Oregon Historic Cemeteries Grant:* The effectiveness of the project to preserve Oregon historic cemeteries.
 - *Preserving Oregon Grant:* The effectiveness of the project to preserve Oregon archaeological sites and National Register properties.
2. Appropriateness of the proposed work in terms of accepted professional standards and the qualifications of those performing the work.
3. The ability to successfully complete the project.
4. The project's importance in terms of the organization's purpose and priorities and in comparison with other proposed projects.
5. Accurate estimates of proposed project costs.

4. How are funds awarded? Heritage Programs grant are reimbursement grants. Interim payments are possible when necessary and a portion of the work is complete. See the Grant Requirement Manual for details. Funds from other Heritage Programs or Oregon Parks and Recreation Department may not be used to match Heritage Programs Grants.

5. How do I account for the value of volunteer time? For professional people volunteering their professional activities (lawyer–legal services, surveyor–survey, graphic designer, architect–architectural services), consider this an in-kind donation at their professional rate. (For the CLG program there are limits on rates in certain areas, contact Heritage Programs or see the Grant Requirement Manual for details.) For volunteers offering general services labor (mailings, grounds clean-up, board time, docent, greeter, etc.), use current Oregon minimum wage.

6. Can other Heritage Programs or OPRD grant funds be used as match for Heritage Programs grants? No.