

Oregon Heritage Grant 2025-2027 Information

OREGON HERITAGE COMMISSION, OREGON HERITAGE

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department values and serves everyone and is committed to providing safe and equitable access to state parks and agency programs. The department will not tolerate racism, harassment, discrimination, or intimidation in any form.

Oregon Heritage Grant funds are to be used for:

Support of projects that preserve, develop, or interpret Oregon's cultural heritage. Priority will be given to projects that preserve, develop, or interpret threatened heritage resources and/or heritage resources of statewide significance.

The grant may fund a broad variety of projects including, but not limited to collections preservation and access, exhibits, oral history projects, public education events, organizational archives projects, films, theatrical performances, teaching traditional practices, public history interpretation, organizational planning that supports heritage resources, and more. Due to the availability of other state funding for the preservation of historic structures, the Commission will not give priority for funding preservation of historic structures.

Grants must be submitted through the [Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Grants Online](#) system. There will be one grant cycle in the 2025-2027 biennium.

Definitions:

- Heritage is the array of significant things, thoughts, and activities associated with the human experience in Oregon.
- Oregon's heritage resources include artifacts and other manifestations of material culture, documents, publications, photographs and films, prehistoric and historic sites, historic buildings and other structures, cultural landscapes, cultural practices, heritage celebrations, festivals and fairs, and songs, stories, and recordings associated with the human experience in Oregon.

Grant Timeline:

- Deadline: October 2, 2025 (11:59 pm)
- Notification: Late-November, 2025
- Project Start: December 1, 2025 with agreements fully executed and workplan approved.
- Project Completion and Reporting Deadline: April 30, 2027

Financial Information:

AWARD AMOUNT:

Generally, awards are \$3,000-\$20,000. \$380,000 is available to award. The funding is by reimbursement for work completed.

MATCH:

Grants will be made for no more than 50% of total project costs, but may be less than 50% of the total project costs.

- Up to 50 percent of the participant's share of project costs may consist of approved donated services and materials.
- Volunteer rate is Oregon minimum wage. Volunteers using professional skills, may use professional rates.
- Indirect costs and grant administration costs are limited to 6% of the award amount.
- Other funds from the Oregon Heritage Commission or Oregon Parks and Recreation Department may not be used to match an Oregon Heritage Grant.

GRANT REPORTING AND PAYMENT: Awarded projects will be the subject of binding agreements between the State and the applicants. Grant funds are dispersed on a reimbursable basis. Details of payment arrangements and grant reporting are included in the grant guidelines.

Application Information:

REGISTER ON TO APPLY ONLINE: To access the application, register at oprdragrants.org. Please use the [OPRD: Grants Online instructions](#) or [video](#) to set up your account and password. If you have used the system before, there is no need to register again. If you already have an account and you do not see the application in your available grant options, then request through Kuri.Gill@oprdr.oregon.gov or 503-986-0685 to add this grant option to your account. Log in using your email address and your password. See online [OPRD: Grants Online instructions](#) for or watch the [How to Navigate the OPRD Grants Online System](#) video for detailed directions to use the online grant system. General system information and additional tutorial videos can be found online.

<https://www.oregon.gov/oprdr/OH/Pages/Grants.aspx#one>

APPLICATION PREPARATION RESOURCES: Please contact the grant coordinator to talk through project ideas. Also use Oregon Heritage resources to develop your application. The grant coordinator may also provide comments on the application up to two weeks prior to the deadline, as time allows.

- [Heritage and Museum Grant project checklist](#)
- [Heritage Bulletins](#)
- [Oregon Heritage MentorCorps](#) for project advice. Use our project checklist to provide needed information in your application.
- [Collections Care Budget report](#)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS: The application questions can be found in the 2025 Oregon Heritage Grant Guidelines.

Eligibility, Criteria, and Priorities:

ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE:

- A non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Oregon with a 501(c)(3) determination from the United States Internal Revenue Service and a legally-constituted board of trustees or directors;
- A tribal government of a Native American group recognized by the State of Oregon and the federal government and located in the State of Oregon;
- A university or college located in the State of Oregon; or
- A local government within the State of Oregon.

ORGANIZATIONS NOT ELIGIBLE:

- Individuals;
- Religious organizations;
- For-profit organizations such as partnerships, companies, and corporations;
- State agencies, except for state supported colleges and universities;
- School districts; and
- Federal agencies.

CRITERIA:

The review committee will consider the following in ranking the grant applications:

- The capability of the applicant to carry out the proposed project.
- The effectiveness of the proposed project to conserve or develop heritage resources.
- Level of the threat to the heritage resource and/or statewide significance.
- How well the work plan addresses professional standards.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Projects that preserve or develop heritage resources that are threatened and/or are of statewide significance are a higher priority.
- Projects with a well-prioritized, clearly explained work plan with an appropriate level of detail and realistic cost estimates are more competitive.
- Documentation, preservation, or interpretation of the history of voices previously marginalized or excluded. For example, this may include ethnicities, races, genders, classes, etc.
- Geographic diversity.
- Project readiness, including matching dollar share in-hand are more competitive.
- Projects eligible for the Oregon Heritage, Preserving Oregon Grant are a lower priority.

ASSISTANCE:

For grant questions, translation services, and OPRD: Grants Online support, contact: Kuri Gill,
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