

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH GRANT

2021 INFORMATION

OREGON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE, OREGON HERITAGE

"Diamonds in the Rough" grants are to restore or reconstruct the facades of buildings that have been heavily altered over the years. The purpose is to return them to their historic appearance and potentially qualify them for historic register designation (local or national). These grants are part of the SHPO's Preserving Oregon Grant Program and are supported in part by the Oregon Cultural Trust.

Grants must be submitted through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Grants Online program.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Grant funds may be awarded for amounts up to \$20,000. **NOTE: Grant funds are still unstable due to the impacts of COVID-19, the total award amount will be determined at the time of the grant awards.**

MATCH: Grants must be matched 1:1 by the grantee. Match can be in the form of cash, in-kind donations, and volunteer time. Rates for volunteer services may not exceed Oregon minimum wage, except in those instances in which the volunteer is using their professional skills for the grant assisted work.

BUDGET INFORMATION: Bids and estimates strengthen the grant request.

PRESERVATION REQUIREMENTS: The application must convey that all work will be completed using the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties.

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 12, 2021 (11:59pm)

Notification – July 1, 2021

Reporting deadline – April 30, 2022

ELIGIBILITY:

- Buildings must have heavily modified primary facades and
 1. Clear evidence that substantial portions of the historic facades are still there, covered by newer materials, or
 2. Historic photos or original drawings that provide clear evidence for guiding the restoration/reconstruction. Lower priority will be given to applications that propose work based on speculation or generic designs rather than historical evidence for that specific building.
- Funds from this grant program may not be claimed for the federal rehabilitation tax credits.
- Buildings taking advantage of Oregon's Special Assessment of Historic Properties program may qualify if they meet the "heavily modified primary facade" requirement.



- All work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties; see <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax/rhb/stand.htm>.
- New additions are not eligible for funding.
- Nonprofits, local governments, and private property owners are eligible to apply.

CRITERIA:

- The level of preservation of character-defining features.
- The work plan is well developed and described and the corresponding cost estimates.
- Demonstrated project readiness and the matching dollar share in-hand commitment.
- Demonstrated community need for and benefit from the project.

PRIORITIES:

- Commercial or public buildings in Certified Local Government communities, designated Main Street areas, or local or National Register historic districts.
- Projects with a well-prioritized, clearly explained work plan with an appropriate level of detail and realistic cost estimates.
- Projects that will generate dramatic "before-and-after" results, a high level of transformation.
- Geographic diversity.
- Project readiness, including matching dollar share in-hand.

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

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. For [instructions](#) for [OPRD GrantsOnline](#) visit our website.

ASSISTANCE:

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

