

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH GRANT

2023 INFORMATION

OREGON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE, OREGON HERITAGE

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is committed to valuing and serving everyone by actively working to provide safe and equitable access to state parks and agency programs. To this end, the department will not tolerate racism, harassment, discrimination, or intimidation in any form.

"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).

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.

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 – (11:59pm) May 8, 2023

Work can begin with signed agreement – July 1, 2023

Project completion and Reporting deadline – April 30, 2024

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.
- Projects with a well-prioritized, clearly explained work plan with an appropriate level of detail and realistic cost estimates.
- 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 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, OPRD Grants Online system questions, translation and accessibility needs contact Kuri Gill, kuri.gill@oprd.oregon.gov, 503-986-0685.

