Oregon Museum Grant
2020 Guidelines
Oregon Heritage Commission, Oregon Heritage

Oregon Museum grant funds are for Oregon museums to collect, preserve, interpret and promote the collective history of Oregon for all. Awards are given to museums conducting projects for the care and management of heritage collections, for heritage-related tourism, and heritage education and interpretation. Grant proposals from museums of all sizes and purposes that meet eligibility requirements are encouraged and will be considered.

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: Generally awards are $1000-$8000.

MATCH: A dollar match for funds requested is not required, though we encourage you to seek local funding and donations in addition to your grant request. Local support allows the program to assist more museums and shows community value of the project and makes your application more competitive. 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 when applicable. If awarded the grant requires at least three estimates for work over $10,000.

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS: The application must convey that all work will be completed using appropriate museum practices.

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.

GRANT TIMELINE:
Deadline – April 30, 2020 (11:59pm)
Notification – July 1, 2020
Reporting deadline – April 30, 2021

ELIGIBILITY:
MUSEUMS: Any qualified museum based in Oregon is eligible to apply. Museums are defined by statute as public institutions or private nonprofit Oregon corporations primarily devoted to the acquisition and public exhibition of specimens, artifacts, articles, documents and other items that relate to history, anthropology, archaeology, heritage, science or art and that have historical significance. Museums must meet the following requirements:

- Be in operation in Oregon as a public or private nonprofit for a period of at least two full years prior to the date of the application. The private nonprofits must be incorporated in the State of Oregon.
• Provide museum services open to the public at least 120 hours per year at designated and reasonable hours and places;
• Have a responsible, competent attendant on duty when museum services are provided to the public;
• Be organized as a public or private non-profit institution that exists on a permanent basis for essentially educational or aesthetic purposes;
• Care for and own or use tangible objects; and
• Exhibits the objects to the public on a regular basis through facilities the museum owns or operates.

PROJECTS: These grants support projects for the collection and management of heritage collections, for heritage-related tourism, or heritage education and interpretation.
• “Heritage collections” includes artifacts and other manifestations of material culture, documents, publications, photographs and film, heritage recordings, music and songs gathered for study, comparison or exhibition, and their management.
• “Heritage-related tourism” means the practice of traveling for recreation to learn, enjoy or appreciate heritage.
• “Heritage education and interpretation” means the action or process of educating or of being educated about heritage.
• Projects that will begin and end during the grant cycle qualify. Grant cycle extensions are extremely rare.
• Capital projects are eligible for funding, however building preservation projects are a lower priority unless the work impacts the care of collections.

STANDARDS:
• All projects must meet professional museum or archival standards. Please specify in the application which standards will be followed for the project. For digitization projects recommended minimum standards are those promoted by the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services. [http://www.ala.org/alcts/resources/preserv/minimum-digitization-capture-recommendations#top](http://www.ala.org/alcts/resources/preserv/minimum-digitization-capture-recommendations#top)

ASSISTANCE:
Grant questions and OPRD: Grants Online: Kuri Gill, kuri.gill@oregon.gov, 503-986-0685.
APPLICATION PROCESS

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT: The grant application will be announced through various media outlets. Grant application information and online system instructions can be found at http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/FINASST/Pages/grants.aspx.

REGISTRATION FOR THE ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM: To access the application, register at oprdgrants.org. If you already have an account, then request through Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov or 503-986-0685 to add this grant option to your account. If you have used the system for this program before, there is no need to register. Log in using your email address and your password. See online registration and application instructions for detailed directions to use the online grant system. http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/FINASST/Pages/grants.aspx#Grant_Planning,_Application_&_Administration

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

APPLICATION QUESTIONS: The following items will be required on the online application. Be sure to use the OPRD GrantsOnline instructions as you enter the information.

- Contact Information
  - Applicant – Enter the organization
  - Project Contact – This is the person we contact to discuss details of the project. If you are submitting the application, but you will not be the project contact, the project contact must have an account in the system to be entered. Please request an account or use the online registration to create one.
  - Address
  - Reimbursement Contact – This is the person who we contact to handle the financial side, may organization have a person managing the books who is not the project contact. The reimbursement contact must have an account in the system to be entered. Please request an account or use the online registration to create one.

- Project Information
  - Project title – make a clear, short project title (ex. Jones Collection Cataloging)
  - Brief Project Description – please keep this brief and specific. Only state what the project is, not why it is important.
  - Project start date
  - Project end date
  - Site name – if the building has a name, or enter NA
  - Site city/town/area
  - Site county
  - Site description - provide a short description of the building(s) and the setting of the project.
  - Site acreage – enter ‘1’
  - Latitude & Longitude – use the ‘find lat/long’ button fill this field.

- Financial Information
- Requested amount
- Match amount
- Total amount
- Budget grouped by category
  - Contractor/Consultant
  - Staff time
  - Volunteer time
  - Materials & equipment
  - Printing, publication & design
  - Travel
  - Other (specify)
- Show source of funding using categories like, volunteer time, in-kind donations, staff time, organizational cash, donations, grants.
- Budget must include both expenses and income sources of funding.
  - 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. For example, if a carpenter or bookkeeper donates carpentry or bookkeeping services to the project, these services may be valued at the hourly rate the carpenter or bookkeeper would normally charge.
  - Contingency is not allow to be funded by grant dollars and cannot be consider part of the required match amount.
  - Grant administration is limited to 6% of the project cost.

- Supplemental
  - Museum Annual Budget (total)
  - The organization (select the items that apply)...
    - Has been in operation in Oregon as a public or private nonprofit for a period of at least two full years prior to the date of the application. The private nonprofits must be incorporated in the State of Oregon.
    - Provides museum services open to the public at least 120 hours per year at designated and reasonable hours and places;
    - Has a responsible, competent attendant on duty when museum services are provided to the public;
    - Is organized as a public or private non-profit institution that exists on a permanent basis for essentially educational or aesthetic purposes;
    - Cares for and owns or uses tangible objects; and
    - Exhibits the objects to the public on a regular basis through facilities the museum owns or operates.
  - Project Need – Describe the project need in terms of collection condition, collection significance, historic information value and access, etc. Describe the project's anticipated impact on this need. Describe the numbers and types of people who are expected to benefit from the project.
    - Collections - Describe how heritage collections are threatened and/or are of community or statewide significance. Do collections like this exist elsewhere, what important stories do they tell? Explain how the collection was prioritized for the project. These may be collections projects that address previously undocumented or researched perspectives and histories of people frequently excluded from historic interpretation. Examples include community populations
based on race, ethnicity, LGBTQ+, gender, etc. or themes like labor, immigration, etc.

- **Heritage Tourism** – Describe the tourism need and value and the target audience and describe the project’s potential to promote heritage-related tourism. This may include projects to increase access to people who are not currently visiting.

- **Heritage Education and Interpretation** - Describe how interpretation is lacking, what information is not accessible, need for a specific understanding, what is missing from a community story. These may be previously untold perspectives and histories of people frequently excluded from historic interpretation. Examples include community populations based on race, ethnicity, LGBTQ+, gender, etc. or themes like labor, immigration, etc. If this is the case, explain the stories and how it has been excluded.

  - **Project Value** – Describe the value of the project in terms of the need. How will this project address the need?
    - **Collections** - Describe how your project will preserve or support management of heritage collections.
    - **Heritage Tourism** – Describe how the project will address the tourism need (draw target audience, enhance a facility, etc.)
    - **Heritage Education and Interpretation** - Describe how the project will broaden and/or deepen public knowledge and understanding of heritage.

  - **Project Goals** –
    - Describe the project’s goals. Explain the MEASURABLE products or outcomes of the work. This may include number of artifacts cataloged, number people served, learning outcomes, professional standards met, specific audience reached, etc.
    - How does your project address the purpose of this grant program? For Oregon museums to collect, preserve, interpret and promote the collective history of Oregon for all.

  - **Project Timeline** - List your major objectives and approximate dates they will be completed.

  - **Project Detail** – Provide details about the execution of the project (when, where, how, etc.) Include information about the professionalism in how the work will be performed (how scans will be made and stored, how repairs will be made following preservation standards, how student programs will meet educational standards, interpretive themes, how partner organizations will be involved, quality of experience, historical information learned, relationships developed, etc.) Describe the project director’s experience related to this or similar projects. List any “experts” - their qualifications and how they will be involved. Describe how the project will be monitored and evaluated. Describe how the project will be maintained if applicable.

  - **Ability to Complete the Project** - Describe your organization’s history and past successes related to this project, any partnerships on this project, volunteer or community support for this project, and any other evidence of your ability to complete the project.

  - **Organizational Impact** – Explain how this project fits into organizational plans (strategic, interpretive, collection, outreach, etc.). Why is this project a priority for the organization at this time? How will this move the organization forward?
Applications Process

- Budget Narrative - Provide information about the appropriateness of the estimate (research, bids, qualified personnel, etc.). Describe other sources of funding (such as other grants) and indicate whether it is committed or not.
- Use of Grant Funds – Specifically explain what parts of the project the grant will fund.

- Attachments:
  - Required
    - Budget detail (this can be whatever format you chose, but should show expense detail)
    - Vicinity map
  - If applicable
    - Photos
    - Resumes of key contractors, staff and volunteers
    - Letters of commitment
    - Technical information (equipment specifications, exhibit plans, etc.)

- Submission
  - Double check your application, use the Museum and Heritage Grant Application Checklist (Appendix A) to ensure you provide complete information.
  - Be sure to click submit, you will receive confirmation of the submission
GRANT REVIEW AND AWARD PROCESS

MUSEUM BEST PRACTICES: Plans, policies, and procedures help museums align their operations and help staff and volunteers make informed and consistent decisions in support of their mission. Review the list of best practice methods below. Successful applications tend to come from organizations that implement some of these practices. Consider the plans your organization has established and how your proposed grant project fits into those plans. If you have implemented this and they relate to your project be sure to reference them in the grant narrative. If your organization would like assistance in any of the areas listed below, free support is available. Please contact heritage.mentorcorps@oregon.gov.

- Mission & Goals
- Long Range/Strategic Plans
- Collections Policy and Training
- Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Statement, Training, and Policy

GRANT REVIEW AND SELECTION: Following the grant deadline the application will be reviewed by staff to make sure it is complete. You will be contacted if the application needs any technical revision. Once applications pass the technical review a committee will review and score them using the following criteria and priorities. The recommendations are considered and the final selection is made by the Oregon Heritage Commission.

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 in the collection and management of heritage collections, the promotion of heritage-related tourism, or the provision of education and other interpretations related to heritage.
- The commitment of other significant monetary or in-kind support to the goals of the project.

PRIORITIES:
- Projects with a well-prioritized, clearly explained work plan with an appropriate level of detail and realistic cost estimates.
- Geographic diversity.
- Museum size diversity.
- Projects that document, preserve, or interpret the history of voices previously marginalized or excluded. For example, this may include ethnicities, races, genders, classes, etc. or themes like labor, immigration, etc.
- Project readiness, including matching dollar share in-hand.

GRANT AWARD: The grant award will be made by the Oregon Heritage Commission. Applicants will be notified by mail following the award decision.

GRANT AGREEMENT: Shortly after you are notified that you have been awarded a grant, you will receive a Grant Agreement. By signing the Grant Agreement, you attest acceptance of a state grant for the purposes outlined in your grant application and those outlined in the Agreement. This manual is considered to be part of your Grant Agreement. Some of the items in the Agreement include:
1. An approved Project Budget with line items specifying project expenses covered by grant funds and specific project expenses covered by the applicant match.
2. Grant starting date and grant completion & final report date.
3. Special conditions for the project.
4. Specific language for the acknowledgement of public funds provided by the State of Oregon.
5. Requirements for submitting reports and reimbursement requests.
6. Requirements for inspections and audits.

Wet signature is required. Please sign both copies of the agreement and return both copies. We will sign both and return one fully executed copy to you.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT:**
You may not, without prior written approval from us, make changes that would substantively alter the scope of work stipulated in the Agreement, or make any changes that authorized the award of the grant. The contract was with the assumption that the work would be completed as agreed. If an issue arises that you think may require an amendment, contact us immediately.
GRANT MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

GRANT MANAGEMENT:
Because the Grant Agreement involves the use of public funds from the State of Oregon, you are expected to follow certain requirements for their use. These requirements will affect consultant or contractor selection, public notices, work plans, progress reports and billings, project photographs, final reports and billings, and recordkeeping.

Consultants/Contractors
Evidence of competition for direct negotiated professional services of under $10,000 is not mandatory.

Services and materials that cost $10,000 to $75,000 must show evidence of competition, including soliciting proposals from at least three potential contractors. We must approve your selection prior to the consultant or contractor being hired. Please check the references of any contractor you review. To obtain approval please send the following to the Grants Coordinator:
• How contractor was solicited;
• Summary of experience and qualifications; and
• Why contractor was selected (references, quality, previous work, time frame, cost, etc.)

Work Plans
Work plans must be approved by the State Historic Preservation Office before work begins. For approval submit the following to the Grants Coordinator:
If no changes have been made to the plan...
• An email indicating that the plan remains as proposed in the application
If the plan is different than the one proposed in the application...
• Before photographs
• Plan drawings
• Work description including materials, tools and processes to be used
• Timeline

Public Notice Requirement
It is in your best interest to spread the news about the grant award and the project progress. Upon grant award, at key project points and upon completion you should do the following.
• Send a news release to local media
• Inform your members and interested parties
• Post on social media
• Inform your public officials (local, state and federal)
• Have celebratory and/or informational events (construction tour, ribbon cutting, etc.)

During the life of the project, place a sign in a prominent and readable location on your site, stating: “This project has been funded in part by the Oregon Heritage Commission, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.” A simple temporary sign is acceptable; call the grant coordinator for suggestions. Include a photograph of the sign in place with your final report. Exhibits, documents, publications, and publicity about this project must also include this funding credit.
You may be asked to contribute to the Oregon Heritage Exchange blog following project completion.

**Photographs**
Before, during and after photographs are required for the interim and final report reports that request reimbursement. Photos are required in a digital format (300dpi or higher, jpeg or tiff).

**GRANT REPORTING:**

**Interim reports:** Grant reports are required once during the grant cycle. You will be sent a report reminder to submit it. Reports are submitted through OPRD GrantsOnline. Reports must include the current status of the project and summary of work completed, a timeline for completion, and any issues or challenges. Submit supporting attachments like photographs, professional review, inspection results, etc. Oregon Heritage staff will review and approve reports. A site visit may be required for approval. You will be notified if a site visit must be scheduled.

**Final report:** A final report is required within 45 days of completing the project or by the final deadline on your grant agreement, whichever is first. Reports are submitted through OPRD GrantsOnline. Reports must include a summary of work completed, results of the work and any changes to the original plan. Submit additional documentation including:

- Photographs before, during and after the project is complete (300 dpi or higher),
- Contractor specifications and invoice, inspection report, and other evidence of work completed.
- Collections project reports should include summary of items cataloged, rehoused, sample catalog records, photos of people cataloging and rehousing, screen shots of online related projects, etc.
- Interpretation/Education project reports should include summaries of events and participants, evaluations from participants, photos of events, summary of events and topics, etc.
- Tourism project reports should include results of outreach, marketing, etc., submit marketing materials, etc.
- **Grant Evaluation and Project Impact Form (Appendix B) required**—This information is used to improve our grant processes and services and to measure the value of our grant programs.

Oregon Heritage staff will review and approve reports. A site visit may be required for approval. You will be notified if a site visit must be scheduled.

See OPRD Grants Online Reporting & Reimbursement Instructions [http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/FINASST/Pages/grants.aspx#Grant_Planning,_Application_&_Administration](http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/FINASST/Pages/grants.aspx#Grant_Planning,_Application_&_Administration) for a detailed guided to completing your report online.

**GRANT REIMBURSEMENT:** Grant funds are dispersed on a reimbursable basis. A project report and a reimbursement request are required to receive a reimbursement.

The reimbursement request must include expense information for the period the request covers, including costs covered by match. Submit the following attachments.
• Copies of invoices or receipts for expenses over $500
• Itemized list of expenses under $500
• Volunteer time tracking
• Staff time tracking
• Evidence of in-kind donation value
• See OPRD Grants Online Reporting & Reimbursement Instructions http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/FINASST/Pages/grants.aspx#Grant_Planning,_Application_&_Adminstration for a detailed guided to completing your report online.
• DO NOT submit canceled checks as proof of payment. Only proof of expense is required.

PAYMENT: Once complete progress reports and reimbursement requests are submitted, they will be reviewed by OPRD staff – program staff and finance staff. Reimbursements are in the form of a check. State agencies and universities are required to submit an invoice for electronic funds transfer. The process takes 2-4 weeks.

AUDITS: A field or desk audit may be made after completion of the project to verify your expenditures. The auditor will contact you several days in advance to arrange a convenient time if a field audit is necessary. To expedite this audit, all supporting documents should be readily available.

RECORD KEEPING: Keep records of your grant management for five years. For details about accounting procedures see Appendix C.

ASSISTANCE:
Grant questions and OPRD: Grants Online: Kuri Gill, kuri.gill@oregon.gov, 503-986-0685.
APPENDIX A

OREGON MUSEUM AND HERITAGE GRANT CONTENT CHECKLIST

To be as competitive as possible, be sure to include the following information in your grant application.

Collections Cataloging
- ✓ Current condition
- ✓ How the objects to be cataloged in the project were selected and prioritized
- ✓ If it is a previously undocumented or researched history, describe how it was excluded and why it should be included now
- ✓ Historical and organizational significance of the collection
- ✓ Cataloging process details
- ✓ Expertise that will be used (experts, resumes, training, etc)
- ✓ Estimated number of objects, boxes, linear feet to be cataloged

Collections Housing and Storage
- ✓ Current condition
- ✓ How the objects to be rehoused in the project were selected and prioritized
- ✓ Historical and organizational significance of the collection
- ✓ If it is a collection related to a population or theme with limited documentation or research history, describe how it was excluded and why it should be included now
- ✓ The process and materials that will be used
- ✓ Expertise that will be used (experts, resumes, training, etc)
- ✓ Estimated number of objects, boxes, linear feet to be cataloged

Collections Digitization
- ✓ How the objects to be digitized in the project were selected and prioritized
- ✓ Historical and organizational significance of the collection
- ✓ If it is a collection related to a population or theme with limited documentation or research history, describe how it was excluded and why it should be included now
- ✓ The process that will be used (standards of digitization, metadata, size of file, etc.)
- ✓ The storage method and level of public access (online, at the organization, etc.)
- ✓ Expertise that will be used (experts, resumes, training, etc)
- ✓ Estimated number of objects, boxes, linear feet to be cataloged
- ✓ Materials to be used (equipment specifications)
Education Projects – working with schools and school programs

✓ Information that will be included, learning goals, how and why these were selected
✓ If it is interpreting a previously untold or limited history of a population or theme, describe how it was excluded and why it should be included now
✓ Teaching methods to be used
✓ Planning with schools, districts, teachers
✓ Expertise that will be used (experts, resumes, training, etc)
✓ How the program meets the targeted state core requirements
✓ Evaluation of learning beyond teacher survey

Interpretation – Exhibits

✓ Topic and main themes of the exhibit, how and why the theme was selected
✓ If it is interpreting a previously untold or limited history of a population or theme, describe how it was excluded and why it should be included now
✓ Learning goals and evaluation of the learning
✓ Exhibit design (if the application is requesting funding for the design, then this is not needed)
✓ Planning partners, subject experts, representatives of the community associated with the topic
✓ Expertise that will be used (experts, resumes, training, etc)
✓ Goals for numbers and type of audience
✓ Marketing and outreach plan

Interpretation – Panels and Online Information

✓ Topic and main themes of the interpretation, how and why the theme was selected
✓ If it is interpreting a previously untold or limited history of a population or theme, describe how it was excluded and why it should be included now
✓ Design (if the application is requesting funding for the design, then this is not needed)
✓ Planning partners, subject experts, representatives of the community associated with the topic
✓ Expertise that will be used (experts, resumes, training, etc)
✓ Marketing and outreach plan

Tourism

✓ Topic and main themes of the project
✓ If it is interpreting a previously untold or limited history of a population or theme, describe how it was excluded and why it should be included now
✓ Why the project is a priority
✓ Goals for tourism numbers and target audience – Evaluation methods
✓ Design (if the application is requesting funding for the design, then this is not needed)
✓ Planning partners, subject experts, representatives of the community associated with the topic
✓ Expertise that will be used (experts, resumes, training, etc)
✓ Marketing and outreach plan

Oral History
Topic and main themes of the project, how and why the themes were selected
Who's stories will be recorded, how they will be reached
If it is interpreting a previously untold or limited history of a population or theme, describe how it was excluded and why it should be included now
Oral history method (equipment, interview type, etc.)
How will they be accessible stored
Long term goals for the use of the information
Planning partners, subject experts, representatives of the community associated with the topic
Expertise that will be used (experts, resumes, training, etc)

Public Education - events
Topic and main themes of the event, how and why the theme was selected
If it is interpreting a previously untold or limited history of a population or theme, describe how it was excluded and why it should be included now
Learning goals and evaluation of the learning
Planning partners, subject experts, representatives of the community associated with the topic
Expertise that will be used (experts, resumes, training, etc)
Goals for numbers and type of audience
Marketing and outreach plan
APPENDIX B

Oregon Heritage Grant Evaluation and Impact Form

Thank you for completing this form. This is valuable information we use to improve our programs and document their value. Don’t worry if your project did not address some of the questions, we are attempting to track the performance of our grants overall. If you want to include additional detail, please use the comment boxes.

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Project Impact Form

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APPENDIX C

RECOMMENDED ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

In any program where reimbursement is requested for a portion of project costs, or matching share is claimed, adequate records are essential. There should be definite supporting evidence for EACH item of cost claimed, estimates are not sufficient. While these may not be required for reporting purposes, they are recommended for your record keeping in case of audit. The procedures below may not apply in every case, so look through them and identify and use those that are relevant to your project.

Contact Kuri Gill at Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov, or phone 503-986-0685 if you have questions.

In order to promote a better understanding of the records required and to avoid the possibility of having costs disallowed at the time of audit, the following accounting procedures are suggested:

- Establish a separate account for each agreement project.
- Maintain the account so that it includes the project name, and lists payment for salaries and wages, contracts, equipment, materials and supplies, and other items that conform to categories listed on the grant reimbursement request.
- Each entry in the account must be cross-referenced to a voucher, payroll invoice or other supporting document. Each payment must be supported by a cancelled check or warrant, available in the grantee’s records in the event of an audit. DO NOT SUBMIT CANCELED CHECKS.

The following paragraphs provide you information about the specific budget categories:

**Professional Contractor or Consultant**
Proper contractor or consultant selection procedures must be followed and proper documentation maintained for audit, or contract costs are subject to disallowal.

Payments made by the grantee should be supported by a statement or invoice from the consultant. The consultant hours do not need to be broken down if contracted in a lump sum, since the consultant agreement should state a total contracted amount.

Payments made include fee for service, salary, per diem, payment for the travel, or other allowable services.

**Employees**
When a staff member is involved in a grant project, payrolls should be signed by an authorized person and wages paid should be supported by time and task tracking records for each employee. Records (daily, weekly, or monthly) must show total daily hours for each project and description of work performed. Fringe benefit rates should be developed using actual costs, and individual components should be identified. Documentation should show how rate or cost was derived. This amount must be traceable through the grantee’s records.

**Travel**
State guidelines require that all mileage rates do not exceed the maximum state rate, which is generally the same as the standard Internal Revenue Service rate. The reimbursement request must show the name of the individual, time of departure and return, dates, mileage (odometer readings or locations),
meals claimed, and purpose. A copy of lodging receipts for overnight travel must be maintained. Contact Kuri Gill at Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov or (503)986-0685 for current rates.

**Materials and Equipment**  
**Value and Use of Owned Equipment**  
Equipment value (for owned equipment) should be supported by time records and by a schedule of hourly rates developed from actual historical costs, or in the event no previous cost data exists, from reasonable estimates of such factors as useful life, annual hours or use, insurance premiums, etc. These estimated rates must be adjusted each year based on the previous year’s actual costs.

**Equipment Rental (Outside)**  
Payments made by the grantee for equipment rented for specific project area are generally allowable under state regulations. Payments made by the grantee must be supported by a statement or invoice from the vendor that indicates the time period the equipment was rented.

**Materials and Supplies**  
Supplies and materials charged to the project must be supported by supplier’s invoices or receipts. The original or a photocopy of the cancelled checks must be available for a field audit. DO NOT SUBMIT CANCELLED CHECKS IN YOUR REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST.

**Printing, Publication Design, etc.**

If you make, design or print a publication as part of your project, include those costs here. The costs can only be paid if a statement recognizing the grant contribution is included.

**Value of Contributed Goods and Services**  
**Valuation of In Kind Contributions from Third Parties**  
The value of labor, materials, equipment usage, etc., donated by sources other than the grantee may be included on the Payment Request Form only if documented. Documentation can be a sheet with work done and hours worked recorded and signed by the project manager and the volunteer.

a. Valuation of volunteer service  
- Volunteer services may be furnished by professional and technical personnel, consultants, and other skilled and unskilled labor. Volunteered services may be counted as matching share if they are a necessary part of the project.  
- 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. For example, if a carpenter or bookkeeper donates carpentry or bookkeeping services to the project, these services may be valued at the hourly rate the carpenter or bookkeeper would normally charge. In such cases, the donor must sign a brief statement that notes the donor’s usual occupation, intent to donate their usual services, and the date. These statements are then submitted with the reimbursement request.

b. Donated Materials Invoices, where applicable, must be marked “donated” and signed, and submitted with the reimbursement request.

c. Donated Equipment Invoices, where applicable, must be marked “donated” and signed, and submitted with the reimbursement request.
APPENDIX D
OREGON MUSEUM GRANTS ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

736-053-0100
Purpose
The purpose of OAR 736-053-0100 to 736-053-0140 is to establish the procedures and criteria that the Oregon Heritage Commission, with the advice of the Oregon Historical Society and the Oregon Museums Association, will use when awarding Museum Grant Funds as provided in ORS 358.583.
Stat. Auth.: ORS 390.124 & 358.585
Stats. Implemented: ORS 358.583
Hist.: PRD 3-1998, f. 2-11-98, cert. ef. 2-17-98; PRD 2-2006, f. & cert. ef. 2-27-06; PRD 3-2013, f. & cert. ef. 7-19-13

736-053-0105
Definitions
As used in OAR 736-053-0100 to 736-053-0140, unless the context requires otherwise:
(1) "Commission" means the Oregon Heritage Commission.
(2) "Department" means the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.
(3) "Museum" means a public institution or private nonprofit Oregon corporation primarily devoted to the acquisition and public exhibition of specimens, artifacts, articles, documents and other items that relate to history, anthropology, archaeology, science, heritage, or art and that have historical significance.
(4) "Grant" means an award from the Oregon Museum Grant Program.
(5) "Museum Grant Review Committee" means the committee that reviews grant applications and makes funding recommendations to the commission.
(6) "Heritage" means the array of significant things, thoughts, and activities associated with past human experience in Oregon.
(7) "Heritage collections" includes artifacts and other manifestations of material culture, documents, publications, photographs and film, heritage recordings, music and songs gathered for study, comparison or exhibition, and their management.
(8) "Heritage-related tourism" means the practice of traveling for leisure to learn, enjoy or appreciate heritage.
(9) "Heritage aspects of education and interpretation" means the action or process of educating or of being educated about heritage.
(10) "Grantee" means an eligible applicant museum legally capable of executing and which has executed a grant agreement for project awarded a Museum Grant.
Stat. Auth.: ORS 390.124 & 358.585
Stats. Implemented: ORS 358.583
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736-053-0110
Eligible Applicants
In order to be eligible for a grant, museums must meet the following requirements:
(1) Be in operation for a period of at least two years;
(2) Provide museum services open to the public at least 120 hours per year at designated and reasonable hours and places;
(3) Have a responsible, competent attendant on duty when museum services are provided to the public;
(4) Be organized as a public or private non-profit institution that exists on a permanent basis for primarily educational or aesthetic purposes;
(5) Care for tangible objects that the museum owns or uses; and
(6) Exhibit tangible objects to the public on a regular basis through facilities the museum owns or operates.
Stat. Auth.: ORS 390.124 & 358.585
Stats. Implemented: ORS 358.583
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736-053-0115
Application Procedure
(1) The Commission shall announce the availability of procedures, and deadlines for applying for Oregon Museum Grants, for at least two weeks prior to the application deadline.
(2) To apply for Oregon Museum Grants, museums must submit their applications by the specified deadline. In addition, applications must meet the format prescribed by the Commission and demonstrate the following:
(a) The museum is eligible for a grant;
(b) The proposed project qualifies for a grant;
(c) The museum is capable of carrying out the proposed project; and
(d) The proposed project is related to the collection and management of heritage collections, or for heritage-related tourism, or to assist in projects related to the heritage aspects of education and interpretation.
Stat. Auth.: ORS 390.124 & 358.585
Stats. Implemented: ORS 358.583
Hist.: PRD 3-1998, f. 2-11-98, cert. ef. 2-17-98; PRD 2-2006, f. & cert. ef. 2-27-06; PRD 3-2013, f. & cert. ef. 7-19-13

736-053-0120
Evaluation of Applications
(1) Eligible applications received by announced deadlines shall be evaluated by the department’s Museum Grant Review Committee.
(2) The Museum Grant Review Committee shall rank applications in order of priority based on an evaluation of:
(a) The museum's capability of carrying out the proposed project;
(b) The anticipated results of the proposed project in the collection and management of heritage collections, the promotion of heritage-related tourism, or the provision of education and other interpretations related to heritage; and
(c) The commitment of other significant monetary or in-kind support to the goals of the project, or both.
Stat. Auth.: ORS 390.124 & 358.585
Stats. Implemented: ORS 358.583
Hist.: PRD 3-1998, f. 2-11-98, cert. ef. 2-17-98; PRD 2-2006, f. & cert. ef. 2-27-06; PRD 3-2013, f. & cert. ef. 7-19-13

736-053-0125
Award of Grants
(1) The Commission shall, at a public meeting, consider and approve or disapprove, in part or in full, the recommendations of the Museum Grant Review Committee. The department shall then award grants based on the Commission’s decision.
(2) All awards must be the subject of binding grant agreements between the department and grantees.
(3) Grant agreements must specify total project costs, participant’s share, department share, work to be accomplished, products to be delivered, and deadlines for accomplishing work and delivering products.
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Stats. Implemented: ORS 358.583
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736-053-0130
Museum Grant Review Committee
(1) Department staff appoints the Museum Grant Review Committee, which must be composed of Commission representatives and museum or heritage professionals.
(a) The committee must have a minimum of five members, and include individuals with professional knowledge related to the type of projects submitted, and individuals with a direct understanding of small museum operations.
(b) The department may consult with appropriate organizations including the Oregon Historical Society and Oregon Museums Association for committee member recommendations.
(2) The Museum Grant Review Committee shall follow current statutory conflict-of-interest provisions.
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736-053-0135
Disbursement of Grant Funds
The department will distribute grant funds to participants on a reimbursable basis after submission of billings on approved schedules specified in grant agreements. Participants will supply information substantiating billings if requested by the Commission. Grant funds may be disbursed in advance if participants can demonstrate a compelling need.
Stat. Auth.: ORS 390.124 & 358.585
Stats. Implemented: ORS 358.5830
Hist.: PRD 2-2006, f. & cert. ef. 2-27-06; PRD 3-2013, f. & cert. ef. 7-19-13

736-053-0140
Recovery of Grant Funds
(1) Participant museums who fail to complete approved projects to the Commission’s satisfaction shall return all unexpended grant funds.
(2) Participant museums must maintain records adequate for audit purposes for a period of not less than five years after project completion and shall reimburse the commission for any costs disqualified through audit findings.
Stat. Auth.: ORS 390.124 & 358.585
Stats. Implemented: ORS 358.5830
Hist.: PRD 2-2006, f. & cert. ef. 2-27-06; PRD 3-2013, f. & cert. ef. 7-19-13