

Oregon Heritage Commission- Minutes

June 3, 2019, 10 a.m.

Grants Approval Conference Call

Commissioners: Todd Kepple, Matias Trejo de Dios, Layne Sawyer, Kimberly Moreland, Rosemary Johnson, Chelsea Rose, Anne LeVant Prah, Larry Landis, Sarah LeCompte, Amit Kobrowski

Staff: Kuri Gill, Beth Dehn

1. Call to Order

2. Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

Johnson motioned to approve the agenda. Moreland seconded; approved.

4. Approval of Minutes April 25

Johnson motioned to approve the minutes. Rose seconded; approved.

5. Public Comment

6. Museum Grant Approval, Action Item

Gill reported that 33 Museum grant applications were received in 2019. This is an increase from past years. The MentorCorps program is helping to gradually increase the number. Gill noted that applications were submitted from all seven regions of the state. A higher ratio of grants was awarded to in Portland than other regions. Applications were received for all three project categories: collections, interpretation, and tourism. A solid ratio of collections and tourism grants were funded. Only two of eleven interpretation grants were funded, which demonstrates this is a challenging category. The ratio of size of museums funded has adjusted over time. Ten new applicants applied in 2019. Three of them are recommended for funding.

Gill reported that OPRD requested an additional 40K in funding for the Museum Grant. The recommendations from the grant review committee include two tiers. The first tier is recommendations for projects that would be fully funded with the current grant money. The second tier is recommendations if additional funding comes through.

Commissioners discussed how common it is for higher education organizations to apply for Museum Grants and how many matching funds are required. The review panel mentioned the thoughtfulness of the applications and the improvements seen in applications since the beginning of the grant program.

Trejo de Dios motioned to approve the 2019 Museum grant recommendations with the approved funding. LeVant Prah recused herself. Rose seconded; approved.

Johnson moved to approve funding additional grant recommendations dependent on approval of additional grant funding. Moreland seconded; approved.

7. Reports by Commissioners

LeVant Prah- Nothing to report

Johnson- Nothing to report

Trejo de Dios- Reported on successful event in Salem. Waiting for images from Spain and Mexico for next steps with publication. Reported that he will present the Heritage Tradition designation to Oregon Country Fair on June 8.

Moreland- Reported that Oregon Black Pioneers is working with the National Trust for Historic Preservation on a tour of African American sites in Portland. There is great momentum in the historic district in Albina.

Rose- Reported that she's in the field for summer with the Oregon Chinese Diaspora. Will send information about free talk before next meeting.

Landis- Reported that Benton County had successful Preservation Month activities, pulling 40 people for a rural event outside Corvallis. Also reported that Century Farm and Ranch program has 22 applications to review.

Sawyer- Nothing to report

LeCompte- Nothing to report

Kobrowski- Introduced himself to group.

Kepple- Nothing to report.

8. Adjournment