

# PRESERVING OREGON 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.*

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Preserving Oregon Grant Programs funds are to be used for:

- rehabilitation work on properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places, or
- significant work contributing to identifying, preserving and/or interpreting archaeological sites.

Grants must be submitted through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Grants Online program. A Letter of Intent to apply and approval is required to apply for the Preserving Oregon Grant.

**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. 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.

**PRESERVATION REQUIREMENTS:** The application must convey that all work will be completed using appropriate preservation practices, for example, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties, SHPO regulations for archaeological work, etc.

**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:**

Letter of Intent Deadline – (11:59pm) April 11, 2023

Deadline – (11:59pm) May 8, 2023

Project start with signed agreement – July 1, 2023

Project completion and Reporting deadline – April 30, 2024

### **HISTORIC PROPERTIES GRANTS ELIGIBILITY, PRIORITIES AND CRITERIA:**

- Properties must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, either individually or as a "contributing" property in a Historic District, to qualify for funding.
- Higher priority will be given to publicly owned resources and private nonprofit resources, and properties that offer the greatest public benefit through visual access and interpretive/educational value.



- Properties that are not publicly owned or nonprofit-owned must have exceptional significance and/or extraordinary public benefit to compete.
- Commercial or depreciable properties that are taking advantage of the federal investment tax credit cannot include these grant dollars in the expenses for the tax credit.
- Interior work will be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the significance of the interior and its public value.
- 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>. Examples of eligible projects include: roof and gutter repair, foundation work, structural stabilization, replacement of deteriorated historic features, and weatherization.
- Remodeling, new additions, or solely cosmetic efforts are not eligible for funding.

The review panel will evaluate each project proposal by the following criteria.

**CRITERIA FOR PRESERVATION PROJECTS:**

- How significant the work is to the structure's integrity.
- The level of preservation of character-defining features.
- How well the work plan and cost estimates are developed and described.
- How well the project is shown to meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties.
- Historic significance of the property.

**PRIORITIES FOR PRESERVATION PROJECTS:**

- Higher priority will be given to publicly owned resources and private nonprofit resources, and properties that offer the greatest public benefit through visual access and interpretive/educational value.
- Properties that are not publicly owned or nonprofit-owned must have exceptional significance and/or extraordinary public benefit to compete.
- Properties associated with untold perspectives and histories of people frequently excluded from historic interpretation.
- Geographic distribution.
- Additional evaluation will be based on demonstrated project readiness and the matching dollar share in-hand commitment.

**ARCHAEOLOGY GRANTS ELIGIBILITY, PRIORITIES AND CRITERIA:**

Priority will be given to field-based research projects concerning the documentation of archaeological sites, structures, and artifacts, including:

- conservation and stabilization of specific archaeological sites and monuments;
- field or experimental testing of new or developing methods and materials for identification or conservation;
- development, testing or implementation of heritage management plans;
- programs promoting public awareness of and education about the value and fragility of cultural resources;
- developing and/or implementing innovative techniques in dating, monitoring, analysis, remote sensing of and predicting locations for archeological sites and artifacts;
- projects that discover or study previously untold perspectives and histories of people frequently excluded from historic interpretation;



- conducting surveys and preparing contexts of archaeological sites
- documenting archaeological resources at risk; and
- preparing National Register nominations of archaeological sites.

The review panel will evaluate each project proposal by the following criteria. The proposed project should:

**CRITERIA FOR ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECTS:**

- The significance of the contribution to the field of archaeology.
- The demonstration of technically sound methodology.
- Includes a principal investigator who is a professional archaeologist.
- Disseminate project results effectively
- Historic significance of the property.
- Is cost effective given the scope of work and the audience.
- The capability of the applicant to carry out the proposed project.

**PRIORITIES FOR ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECTS:**

- Projects that discover or study previously untold perspectives and histories of people frequently excluded from historic interpretation.
- Projects with a well-prioritized, clearly explained work plan with an appropriate level of detail and realistic cost estimates.
- Geographic diversity.
- Project readiness, including matching dollar share in-hand.
- Shows that it is part of a larger project, or has far reaching results and uses beyond the submission of the product to SHPO.

**LETTER OF INTENT SUBMISSION:** Visit the OPRD: Grants Online at [www.oprdgrants.org](http://www.oprdgrants.org) and register to submit the letter of intent. The online letter of intent includes a very short project description, estimated cost, estimated request, and physical location of the property. The project will be reviewed and, if necessary, a site visit will be scheduled. You will receive follow up information or approval to apply following the review. Instructions for OPRD: Grants Online visit our website.

<https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/Grants.aspx#ten>

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION:** Once you receive notification that you are eligible to apply you will receive an email from the OPRD: Grants Online. At that time 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.

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**ASSISTANCE:**

Please read the Preserving Oregon Grant Guidelines

<https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/Grants.aspx#ten> for details on the application, review, award, grant management, reporting, and reimbursement.

For grant questions, [OPRD GrantsOnline](http://www.oprdgrants.org) system questions, translation and accessibility needs contact Kuri Gill, [kuri.gill@oprd.oregon.gov](mailto:kuri.gill@oprd.oregon.gov), 503-986-0685.

