Veterans and War Memorial Grant Program 2027 Information

OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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The Veterans' and War Memorials Grant Program was created and established to provide funding assistance to local governments for the construction and restoration of veterans' and war memorials. The program will help honor Oregon's soldiers and veterans by commemorating their service to the country. This grant will be offered once per biennium.

Grant Timeline:

Deadline – February 14, 2027 (11:59pm)
Notification – May 7, 2027
Work can begin with signed agreements – July 1, 2027
Grant completion and final reporting deadline – May 15, 2029

Financial Information:

AWARD AMOUNT:

Grant amounts are generally between $10,000-$80,000. Approximately $300,000 is available to award.

MATCH:

The Veterans' and War Memorial Grant program provides, subject to the availability of funds, for up to 80 percent funding assistance with a minimum of 10 percent cash. Match may include budgeted funds, donated funds, value of equipment use, donated materials, volunteer labor, planning or any combination thereof. The project sponsor may provide the remaining match by planning work done prior to project authorization or planning, construction, or restoration work performed following project authorization. Planning work includes research, design, engineering, environmental, and site survey for any construction or restoration project.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Bids and estimates strengthen the grant request when applicable.

GRANT REPORTING AND PAYMENT:

Awarded projects will be the subjects of binding agreements between the State and the applicants. Grant funds are dispersed on a reimbursable basis. Details of payment arrangements and grant reporting is included in the Veterans and War Memorials Grant Manual.

Eligibility, Standards, Criteria, and Priorities:

ELIGIBILITY:

ORGANIZATIONS: Local government entities and federally recognized tribes in Oregon are eligible to apply. Local governmental entities include cities (municipal corporations); counties (political subdivisions); metropolitan service districts, park and recreation districts, and port districts. The governmental entity must partner with veteran organization. Partner veteran's organizations must meet the following criteria:

A. Represent veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America;
B. Were established for the purpose of supporting or recognizing veterans;
C. Have an established membership, that includes officers, and bylaws; and
D. Are physically located in Oregon or have a Chapter that is physically located in Oregon.

SITE/LOCATION: To be eligible for a grant, veterans' and war memorials must be placed on public property in Oregon owned and controlled by a government entity. A government entity is a body of government, whether district, local, state, federal, or Tribal that owns or leases the property on which the project is to reside. The property can be owned by a government entity that is not the applicant, when there is an agreement in place between the two.

The named government entity must agree to the memorial's siting and maintenance for not less than 25 years from completion of the project.

For a construction project, an applicant must demonstrate that the government entity that owns or controls the public property will accept the memorial on that site. For a restoration, an applicant must demonstrate the government entity that owns or controls the public property will authorize restoration activities on the memorial.

PROJECTS:

The types of eligible projects include construction of a new memorial or restoration of an existing memorial. A memorial is a monument or place designated to commemorate or preserve the memory of wars involving the United States of America or to honor veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Maintenance projects are NOT eligible for grants.

CRITERIA:

- The capability of the applicant to carry out the proposed project.
- The effectiveness of the proposed project to recognize veterans and/or wars.
- The level participations of veteran organization partners in the project.
- The level of commitment to long term maintenance of the memorial.

PRIORITIES

- Geographic diversity.
- Project readiness, including matching dollar share in-hand.
- Projects that are part of a long-range plan.

ASSISTANCE:

For grant questions, translation assistance, and OPRD: Grants Online support, contact: Kuri Gill, kuri.gill@oprd.oregon.gov, 503-986-0685.

Application Process

GRANT ANNOUCEMENT: The grant application will be announced through various media outlets. Grant application information and online system instructions can be found at https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/Grants.aspx.

REGISTER ON TO APPLY ONLINE: Visit the OPRD: Grants Online at www.oprdgrants.org to request an account and receive your login. Please use the instructions for OPRD: Grants Online which can be found at https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/Grants.aspx

NOTE: Account registration can take up to three days and cannot be completed outside regular business hours.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: Applications must be submitted online. 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. https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/Grants.aspx.

The application must be complete and submitted online by the grant application deadline. Contact Karen Litvin, karen.litvin@oprd.oregon.gov or 971-720-0852, for accessibility or translation support.