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New Rule Advisory Committee to discuss updates to the County Opportunity Grant Program rules

SALEM, Oregon— A new Rule Advisory Committee (RAC) will review proposed updates to the County Opportunity Grant Program (COGP) rules and provide feedback on draft rule changes.

The Rule Advisory Committee will meet from **2 to 4 p.m. Monday, April 13**. The public can watch the livestream on the [OPRD Director's Office](#) channel on YouTube. A recording will be available after the meeting.

The Rule Advisory Committee includes representatives from local governments, recreation providers and other stakeholders with experience in park and recreation planning, development and management.

Staff will incorporate the committee's feedback into the proposed draft rules and then open them for public comment. Following the public comment period and hearing, staff will present the proposed rules to the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration of adoption.

The County Opportunity Grant Program (COGP), administered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), provides financial assistance to counties for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation and planning of county park and recreation areas that provide camping facilities.

OPRD is proposing updates to portions of the rules to reflect modern program practices, improve administrative clarity and ensure consistency with related state and federal grant programs.

The proposed changes include updating definitions, formalizing administrative processes, clarifying grant application requirements and scoring criteria, and increasing administrative flexibility. The proposal also includes adding an emergency procedure rule

and a conversion rule to establish long-term stewardship requirements that align COGP with other OPRD grant programs.

The proposed rule changes are intended to update and clarify grant program practices without altering the core purpose or structure of the program.

Interested individuals can follow updates, read the draft rules, and learn more about the rulemaking process on the [OPRD rulemaking webpage found here](#).

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