

# Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

September 20, 2023

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Agenda Item:	<b>6c</b>	<b>Action</b>
Public Comment Allowed:	<b>Yes</b>	
Topic:	Local Government Grant Program – 2023 <b>Planning</b> Grant Awards	
Presented by:	Michele Scalise, Grants and Community Manager	

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Originally established by the 1999 Legislature under ORS 390.180, the lottery-funded **Local Government Grant Program (LGGP)** is a competitive grant program designed to help local government agencies fund projects to acquire, develop, and rehabilitate local and community parks and public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 736-006 provides structure for the program’s implementation.

Eligible applicants to the program are **Cities, Counties, Park and Recreation Districts, Port Districts** and **Metro**. Applicant agencies must provide a match of at least 20%, 40% or 50% based on their population.

In past years, the Oregon Constitution required that at least 12% of OPRD’s share of net Lottery proceeds be distributed as community grants. Historically, staff has targeted approximately 50% of the biennium’s projected grant funds to be allocated in the first year of the biennium, with the remaining balance allocated for the second year of the biennium. This year (and this biennium) will be different because LGGP funding has increased from 12% of OPRD’s share of Lottery funds to 25%.

The three-member OPRD grants staff scoring committee met August 17, 2023, to review and score small community park Planning grant requests (requests up to \$40,000). The scoring committee evaluated and ranked project applications based on established criteria including the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). There were 5 Planning grant applications submitted to OPRD requesting a total of \$199,930 in funding assistance.

**Prior Action by Commission:** In the second year of the 2021-23 biennium, (the 2022 grant cycle), the Commission approved all 10 Planning grant requests recommended by the LGGP Advisory Committee, totaling \$313,000.

**Action Requested:** In the first year of the 2023-25 biennium, (the current 2023 grant cycle), staff seeks Commission approval of the ranking and distribution of Planning grant requests recommended by the scoring committee, and to award funds as they are available as detailed on the attached spreadsheet.

**Attachments:** **6c Attachment A) LGGP Planning Grant Recommendations / Ranking**  
**6c Attachment B) LGGP Planning Grant Award Map**

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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department September 20, 2023 <b>Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) Project Ranking</b> Planning Grant Requests (up to \$40,000) <b>\$200,000 Available for Planning Grant Awards (Projected)</b>						
Rank	Project Name	Applicant	Brief Project Description	County	Total Project Cost	Grant Funds Requested
1	Phoenix Parks Master Plan Update	City of Phoenix	The project will update the Parks Master Plan to accommodate growth in the city's newly amended urban growth boundary and other areas within the city of Phoenix, Oregon.	Jackson	\$ 66,550	\$ 39,930
2	Columbia Heritage Trail Master Plan	Morrow County	The project will create a trail master plan for the development and expansion of the Columbia Heritage Trail in Morrow County, Oregon.	Morrow	\$ 85,000	\$ 40,000
3	Salmon Creek Trestle Bridge	City of Oakridge	The project will facilitate a feasibility study for converting an abandoned railroad bridge to pedestrian, bicycle, and non-motorized use in Oakridge, Oregon.	Lane	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000
4	Jefferson County Park Planning	Jefferson County	The project will create a parks master plan for improvements to existing parks and potential new locations within Jefferson County, Oregon .	Jefferson	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000
5	Metolius Community Parks Planning Project	City of Metolius	The project will create a citywide parks and recreation plan for the city of Metolius, Oregon.	Jefferson	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000
Total Project Costs .....					\$ 301,550	
<b>Total Planning Grant Awards .....</b>						<b>\$ 199,930</b>

**NOTE:** There is enough funding available in the Planning Grant allocation to fund all Planning Grant requests.

**2023 LGGP Planning Grant Awards - \$199,930**

