

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

February 27, 2024

Agenda Item:	6a	Action
Public Comment Allowed:	Yes	
Topic:	County Opportunity Grant Program - 2024 Grant Awards	
Presented by:	Michele Scalise, Grants and Community Programs Manager	

Background:

The County Opportunity Grant Program (COGP) is funded by a portion of Recreational Vehicle Licensing Fees as prescribed in Oregon Administrative Rules – Division 7: 736-007-0000 through 736-007-0040. The program provides grant funding on a project basis for the **acquisition, development, rehabilitation, and planning** of county park and recreation sites that provide camping facilities. All Oregon Counties are eligible applicants. Counties must provide a 25% or 50% match depending on county population.

The County Parks Assistance Advisory Committee reviews applications and recommends funding priorities. For the FY2024 County Opportunity Grant cycle, \$1,419,118 is available for grants.

Five County Opportunity Grant applications were submitted to OPRD totaling \$1,404,228 in funding requests. After scoring project applications against established criteria, four of the five projects are recommended for funding. The total amount recommended for funding is \$1,087,158. The remaining available grant balance of \$317,070 will be carried forward to the FY2025 grant cycle.

Although funding is available to award all requests, the committee did not recommend funding for one application due to readiness to proceed concerns and insufficient progress on the applicant’s current COGP funded grant project. The committee and staff asked that the applicant resubmit the application in the 2025 grant cycle.

Prior Action by Commission: In the FY2023 cycle, the Commission approved six out of six COGP project applications submitted, totaling \$1,373,629.

Action Requested: Staff seeks Commission approval to award County Opportunity Grant requests as detailed on the attached spreadsheet, as funds are available, in the amount of **\$1,087,158**.

Attachment: **Exhibit A** – County Opportunity Grant Recommendations / Ranking Results
Exhibit B – County Opportunity Grant Award Map

Prepared by: Mark Cowan, Grant Program Coordinator

2024 County Opportunity Grant Program
 County Parks Assistance Advisory Committee
 December 14, 2023 Meeting - Ranking Results
Funding Available: \$1,419,118

Rank	Applicant	Project Name	Brief Project Description	Grant Funds Requested	Local Matching Funds	Total Project Cost
1	Hood River County Forestry Department	Kingsley Lakeside Loop Campground	The project will add 16 new campsites including road construction, 3 new single vault restroom units, picnic tables, fire rings, pay station, kiosk, signage and two hand-pump wells at Kingsley Reservoir Campground in Hood River County, Oregon.	\$ 262,306	\$ 162,872	\$ 425,178
2	Jackson County Parks	Howard Prairie Campground Overlay Paving	The project will re-pave all existing roads and parking area at Howard Prairie Resort Campground in Jackson County, Oregon.	\$ 300,000	\$ 422,400	\$ 722,400
3	Douglas County Parks Department	Whistler's Bend Phase II Rehabilitation	The project will pave the upper campground loop, upgrade utilities, replace four single vault restrooms, and add a new shelter and benches at Whistler's Bend Campground in Douglas County, Oregon.	\$ 482,000	\$ 482,000	\$ 964,000
4	Columbia County	Camp Wilkerson Playground	The project will install accessible playground equipment with new safety ground covering at Camp Wilkerson Campground in Columbia County, Oregon.	\$ 42,852	\$ 42,852	\$ 85,704
Totals Recommended for Funding:				\$ 1,087,158	\$ 1,110,124	\$ 2,197,282

Not Selected for Funding: The following project was not recommended for funding by the COGP Advisory Committee because the project is not ready to proceed and Wasco County has not been able to make sufficient progress on its current Hunt Park

5	Wasco County	RV Park Revival	This project will install new pedestals, electrical connections, water line repairs, and add picnic tables and fire rings at 48 RV sites at Oak Ranch RV Park in The Dalles, Oregon.	\$ 317,070	\$ 105,690	\$ 422,760
Totals NOT Recommended for Funding:				\$ 317,070	\$ 105,690	\$ 422,760

SUMMARY:

Grant Funds Available in the 2024 COGP cycle:	\$ 1,419,118
Grant Funds Awarded in the 2024 COGP cycle:	\$ 1,087,158
Grant Funds to be carried forward to the 2025 COGP cycle:	\$ 331,960

2024 County Opportunity Grant Awards - \$1,087,158

