

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

September 18, 2024

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Agenda Item: 5b Action

Public Comment Allowed: Yes

Topic: Local Government Grant Program - 2024 Small Grant Awards

Presented by: Michele Scalise, Grants and Community Programs Manager

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**Background:** 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 requires 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) has been drastically different because LGGP funding has increased from 12% of OPRD’s share of Lottery funds to 25%.

The four-member OPRD grants staff scoring committee met August 12, 2024, to review and score small grant requests (requests up to \$100,000). The scoring committee evaluated and ranked project applications based on established criteria including the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). There were 12 eligible small grant applications submitted to OPRD requesting a total of \$884,226 in funding assistance.

**Prior Action by Commission:** In the first year of the 2023-25 biennium, (the 2023 grant cycle), the Commission approved all 13 Small grant requests recommended by the LGGP Advisory Committee, totaling \$825,080.

**Action Requested:** In the second year of the 2023-25 biennium, (the current 2024 grant cycle), staff seeks Commission approval of the ranking and distribution of small grant requests recommended by the scoring committee, and to award funds as detailed on the attached spreadsheet.

**Attachments: Attachment A) Small Grant Ranking Report  
Attachment B) Small Grant Award Map**

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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
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**Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) Project Ranking**  
Small Grant Requests (up to \$100,000)  
**\$952,422 Available for Grant Awards**

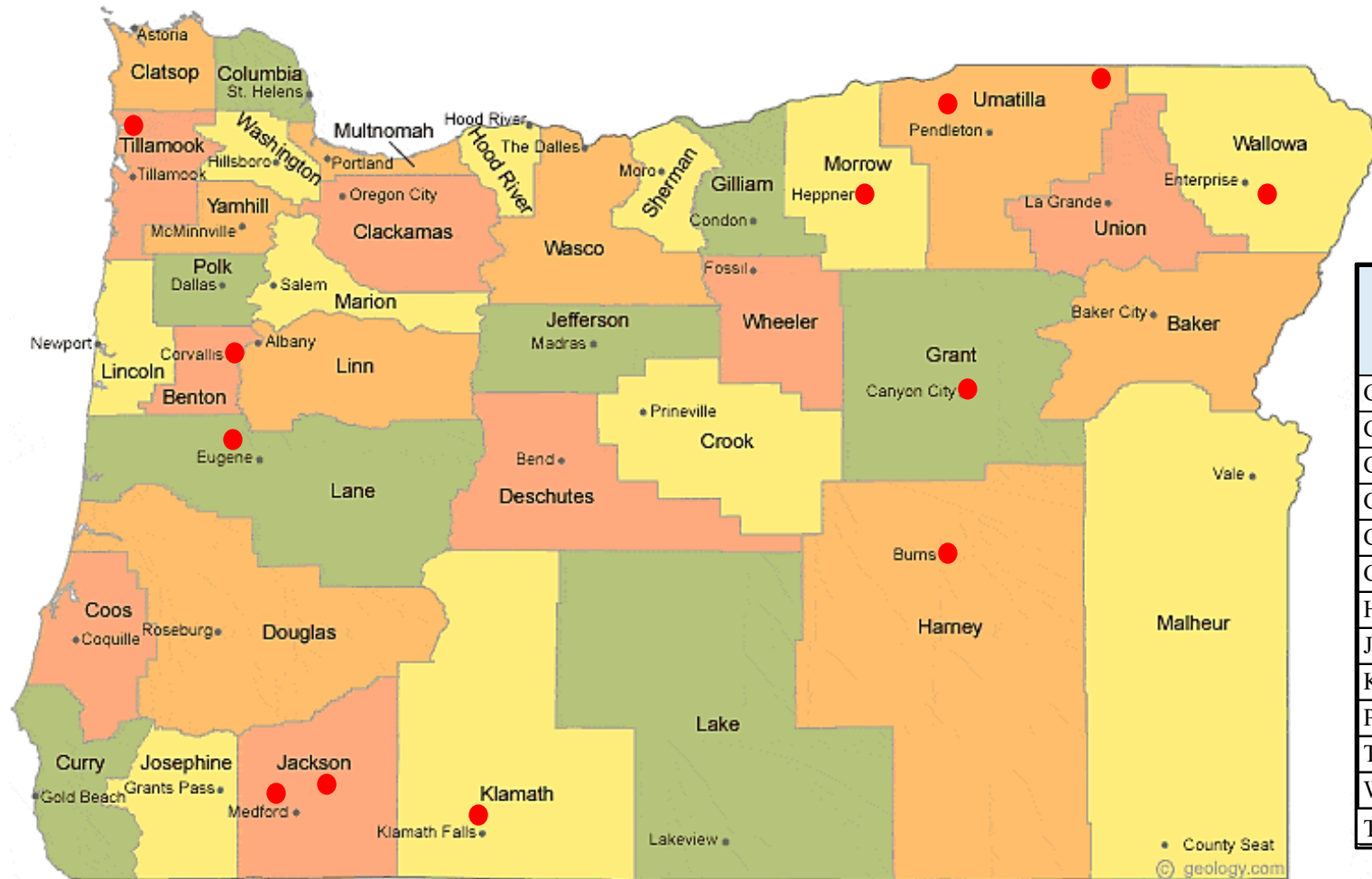
Rank	Project Name	Applicant	County	Brief Project Description	Total Project Cost	Grant Funds Requested
1	Marie Dorian Park Upgrades	City of Milton-Freewater	Umatilla	The project will upgrade park bathroom fixtures to make them accessible, re-roof the bathroom and pavilion, install a playground with fall surfacing, repair sidewalks and add accessible parking stalls, install park benches, signs and security cameras, at Marie Dorian Park in Milton-Freewater, Oregon.	\$ 129,250	\$ 77,500
2	WC EMCF Trailhead Improvement	Wallowa County	Wallowa	The project will install a vault toilet at the Turner Lane Trailhead near Joseph, Oregon.	\$ 96,550	\$ 76,550
3	Heppner City Park Remodel	City of Heppner	Morrow	The project will replace existing playground equipment with new accessible play equipment, add new fall surfacing, a picnic shelter and picnic tables, new fencing and accessible sidewalks at City Park in Heppner, Oregon.	\$ 409,876	\$ 100,000
4	Veneta Dog Park	City of Veneta	Lane	The project will improve an existing dog park by adding paved trails, pet water station, dog waste stations, a pavilion, tables and benches, fencing, gates, landscaping, and trash receptacles, at Veneta Dog Park in Veneta, Oregon.	\$ 799,770	\$ 100,000
5	Butte Falls Viewing Platform and Picnic Area	Town of Butte Falls	Jackson	The project will replace an existing viewing platform above Butte Falls, and create an adjacent picnic area with benches and a barbeque grill, in Butte Falls, Oregon.	\$ 95,000	\$ 76,000
6	Garfield Sports Courts Enhancement Project	City of Corvallis	Benton	The project will resurface the existing roller sports, tennis, pickleball and street soccer court, and replace the chain-link fencing and the dasher board rink system at Garfield Sports Courts in Corvallis, Oregon.	\$ 200,000	\$ 100,000
7	Spence Mountain Vault Toilet	Klamath County	Klamath	The project will replace existing porta-potties with permanent vault toilets at the Spence Mountain trailhead in Klamath County, Oregon.	\$ 99,865	\$ 49,930
8	Stanfield Veteran's Memorial Park Restroom	City of Stanfield	Umatilla	The project will install a new accessible restroom at Veteran's Memorial Park in Stanfield, Oregon.	\$ 124,931	\$ 100,000
9	Tennis Courts Rehabilitation	High Desert Parks and Recreation District	Harney	The project will resurface Tennis and Basketball courts, transform one court into a pickleball court, and add an accessible parking spot and walkway, at Anderson Park in Burns, Oregon.	\$ 99,920	\$ 79,936
10	Jacksonville Tennis Courts Rehabilitation	City of Jacksonville	Jackson	The project will resurface the tennis courts at Pheasant Meadow Park in Jacksonville, Oregon.	\$ 76,000	\$ 60,500

<b>11</b>	Blimp Base Disc Golf Course and Recreation Area	Port of Tillamook Bay	Tillamook	The project will install the 2nd 9 holes of a disc golf course and enhance the existing 1st 9 holes and a recreational trail. Improvements will include benches, tee pads, trash bins and dog waste stations, a foot bridge, landscaping and a parking payment kiosk at the Port of Tillamook Bay Navy Base property in Tillamook County, Oregon.	\$ 22,980	<b>\$ 34,469</b>
<b>12</b>	7th Street Sports Complex Court Revitalization	John Day Canyon City Parks and Recreation District	Grant	The project will resurface the tennis courts and add two benches at the 7th Street Sports Complex in John Day, Oregon.	\$ 36,841	<b>\$ 29,341</b>
	Total Project Costs .....				\$ 2,190,983	
					<b>Total Grants Recommended for Funding</b>	
						<b>\$ 884,226</b>

**Summary**

LGGP Funding Available to Award in the 2024 Grant Cycle for Small Grants	\$ 952,422
Total Amount Recommended for Funding in 2024 Grant Cycle for Small Grants	\$ 884,226
<b>LGGP Funds that will be Carried Forward and Awarded in the 2025 Grant Cycle</b>	<b>\$ 68,196</b>

**2024 LGGP Small Grant Awards - \$884,226**



Applicant	Grant Funds Requested
City of Corvallis	\$ 100,000
City of Heppner	\$ 100,000
City of Jacksonville	\$ 60,500
City of Milton-Freewater	\$ 77,500
City of Stanfield	\$ 100,000
City of Veneta	\$ 100,000
High Desert PRD	\$ 79,936
John Day Canyon City	\$ 29,341
Klamath County	\$ 49,930
Port of Tillamook Bay	\$ 34,469
Town of Butte Falls	\$ 76,000
Wallowa County	\$ 76,550
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 884,226</b>