

Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant

OREGON HERITAGE, OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Basics:

- Funds are awarded to Main Street Network organizations – there are 101 communities currently participating.
- The funds, which can come from any source, must be used to acquire, rehabilitate or construct buildings to facilitate community revitalization.
- At least 50 percent of the funds go to rural communities with population under 30,000 and outside of the Portland METRO Urban Growth Boundary.
- Three years to complete projects.

Timeline:

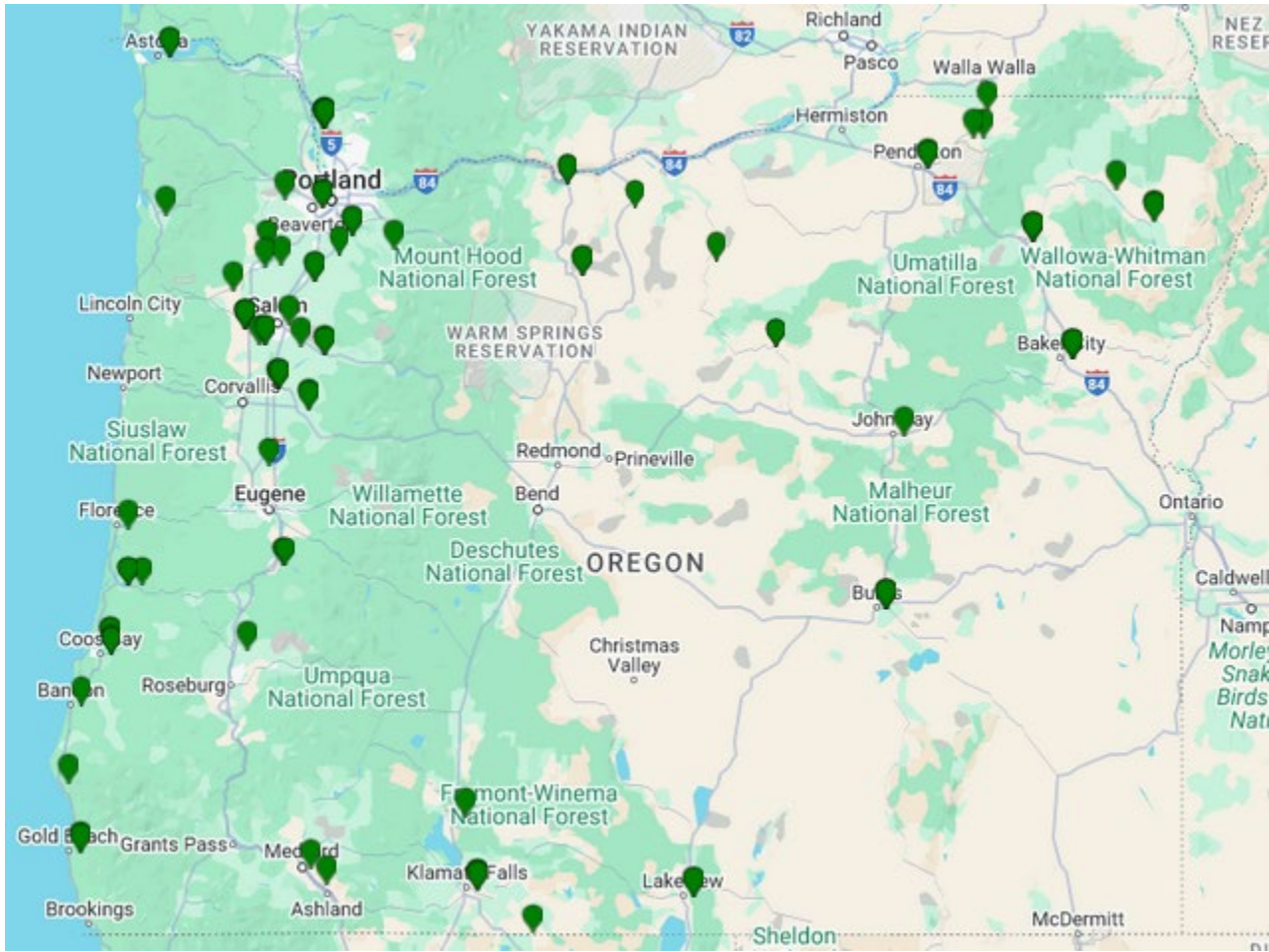
- 2015: Grant, fund and initial lottery bond funding (\$2,500,000) approved by the legislature.
- 2017: First grant round awarded. Second lottery bonding funding approved for \$5,000,000.
- 2019: Second grant round awarded. Third lottery bond funding approved for \$5,000,000.
- 2020: Due to COVID, sale of 2019 lottery bond package was cancelled.
- 2021: The legislature approves lottery bond funding, \$5,000,000 for 2022 grants and \$5,000,000 for 2023 grants.
- 2022: Third grant round awarded.
- 2023: Fourth grant round awarded. Legislature approves lottery bond funding, \$10,000,000 for 2025 grant awards.



Malmgren Garage, Talent 2022 Project. Restoration the historic building following the Almeda fire.



Grant Award Information 2019, 2022, & 2023



2019, 2022, & 2023 Grant award locations.

	2019	2022	2023
Total awarded	\$5,244,261*	\$5,000,000	\$4,997,535
Total matching source	\$4,713,101	\$5,038,750	\$13,470,908
Grants awarded	30 of 47, 64%	28 of 36, 78%	27 of 35, 77%
Number of grants	30 grants in 30 communities	28 grants in 28 communities	27 grants in 25 communities
Award range	\$56,731 to \$200,000	\$23,850 to \$200,000	\$23,850 to \$200,000
Percent rural	93%	93%	77%
Completed	30	10	4
Canceled	0	1	0

*Amount from lottery bond sale \$5,000,000. Additional award from unawarded, canceled and underbudget grants from previous rounds.

Completed Project Impacts

- 92 buildings improved
- 101 housing units added
- 5 properties purchased
- 12 vacant buildings filled
- 5 ADA improvement
- 1 new construction
- 7 structural re-enforcement projects
- 14 roof projects
- 31 facade restoration projects

Community Comments on Results

- Albany – “I can't overstate how important this grant program is to our community and small business owners. With limited financial assistance tools for building restoration and revitalization projects, this program has filled a crucial need in Albany and around the state. The impacts are tangible and lasting.”
- Baker City – “The City of Baker City is very excited about the transformation that this block is taking. The last vacant building on the block was [recently] purchased.”
- Burns – “...property values are going up on our block. Our neighbors have made improvements to their buildings and businesses as well!”
- Coos Bay – “The apartments in the Bugge Bank Building have been filled with nurses from OHSU. The tenants can be seen walking the downtown, shopping and dining out and especially attending our local Farmers Market. It has increased the ratio of buildings on the block and in our footprint overall that are in good repair.”
- Dallas – “The building was completely revitalized and restored on both the interior and exterior of the building which allowed the building to be a contributing building to the vitality of downtown, rather than continue to deteriorate.”
- Gold Beach – “The availability of funding like this is huge. Trying to operate a small business in a small town is difficult because of the lack of volume, [according to the owner] "It would have taken five years to save up the funds to make improvements to the facade.”
- Klamath Falls – “I feel that the education I got from the process has increased the organizations capacity to handle complicated projects in the future.”
- Maupin – “What started with Maupin Works, continues with Richmond’s Service Station, and now has grown into a separate façade improvement program funded by other sources. Providing space for entrepreneurs in a rural environment could not have happened without the Main Street grant, which helped to provide accessible, welcoming, affordable space for at least 26 emerging small businesses and entrepreneurs.”
- Port Orford – “The project – dealing with a derelict property in the heart of Main Street has impacted the community greatly. A new business was built across the street. An empty commercial space diagonally across the street is now a business.”
- Reedsport – “The new roof has allowed the property to be inhabitable.”
- Stayton – “The OMS Grant also spurred private investment in three buildings not involved in the grant. Two building owners improved their facades and added businesses. The third building owner sold his building for a good price and the new owners relocated their business to downtown and improved the building.”

