

# Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant 2025 Guidelines

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE, OREGON HERITAGE

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The Oregon Main Revitalization Street Grant supports downtown revitalization efforts in communities participating in the Oregon Main Street Network.

The purpose of the program is to:

- Acquire, rehabilitate, and construct buildings on properties in designated downtown areas statewide; and
- Facilitate community revitalization that will lead to private investment, job creation or retention, establishing or expanding viable businesses, or creating a stronger tax base.

This grant is awarded when the Oregon legislature provides funding. The program has been funded every biennium since 2015. Grants must be submitted through the [Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Grants Online](#) system.

## Grant Timeline:

- Application Deadline: March 13, 2025 (11:59 pm)
- Notification: May, 2025
- Project Start: Projects may start once the grant agreement is executed and funds are available. Do not plan to begin work any earlier than July 1, 2025.
- Project Completion and Reporting Deadline: March 31, 2028
- Project Impact reports: At final report and one year after project completion.

## Workshop Timeline:

- Grant Orientation Workshop: January 9, 2025 1:00pm – 4:00pm
  - Online, [register](#) for access.
- Grant Progress and Reimbursement Request Workshop: July 22, 2025 10:00am – 11:00pm
  - Online, [register](#) for access.

## Financial Information:

### AWARD:

Grant funds may be awarded for amounts up to \$400,000.

- The State Historic Preservation Office attempts to fully fund grant requests.
- Projects requesting less than the full amount are equally competitive. A project may achieve all the criteria and be a smaller amount like \$20,000.
- The funding is by reimbursement for work completed. A portion of the work must be completed and a report submitted before the funds are reimbursed to the grantee.



- Matching source is required with each reimbursement request until the match requirement is met.
- Indirect costs (general operations costs associated with the grant funded project) and contingency are not allowable costs.
- 10% of grant funds will be withheld until all grant related work is complete.
- Project costs that occur outside of the grant period do not qualify for funding or as match.

#### **MATCH:**

Matching funds of at least 30% of the award is required.

- Match can be in the form of cash, in-kind donations and volunteer time directly related to the capital improvements. The match requirement may include necessary project “soft” costs for professional services (i.e. architectural or engineering studies directly related to the project/property).
- Rates for volunteer services may not exceed Oregon minimum wage, except in those instances in which the volunteer is using their professional skills for the grant assisted work. Then, documentation of their rate is required.
- Grant administration costs (staff time managing grant reporting and reimbursement) can be applied as match only and are limited to 4% of the award amount.

#### **BUDGET INFORMATION:**

Bids and estimates strengthen the grant request when applicable. If awarded the grant requires at least three estimates for work over \$25,000.

#### **GRANT REPORTING AND PAYMENT:**

Awarded projects will be the subject of binding agreements between the State and the grantee. Grant funds are dispersed on a reimbursable basis. Details of payment arrangements and grant reporting are included in the grant guidelines.

## **Applicant, Property and Project Eligibility**

#### **APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:**

- Must be organizations that participate in the Oregon Main Street Network. To find out if your organization is in the network visit [www.oregonmainstreet.org](http://www.oregonmainstreet.org). Oregon Main Street is the entity administered by the State Historic Preservation Officer designated under ORS 358.565 to provide assistance, training, and technical services to communities in Oregon desiring to strengthen, preserve, and revitalize their historic downtown commercial districts as defined in ORS 390.262(1)(b). The organization must remain active in the Oregon Main Street Network at some level for the entire life of the grant. Awards will be made to the applicant Main Street organization for disbursements to locally designated grant beneficiaries if the applicant is not the beneficiary of the grant.
- Must demonstrate the past or prospective capacity to work with project leaders in designated local communities or downtown Main Street districts.
- Must have the ability to receive and expend grant funds and manage all fiscal responsibilities.

#### **PROPERTY ELIGIBILITY:**

- Must be within a designated Main Street district boundary and in the primary focus area of the local downtown or neighborhood revitalization effort. A map defining the primary focus area must be submitted by the Oregon Main Street Network member organization to, and approved by, Oregon Main Street prior to submitting a grant application.
- If applicant is not the owner, a signed agreement between the Oregon Main Street Network member organization and the property owner is required with the application. A letter of support from the property owners of neighboring buildings and businesses will make a stronger application.



## PROJECT ELIGIBILITY:

### ***Eligible Projects:***

- Rehabilitation/Restoration of properties. This can include, but is not limited to:
  - Façade improvements (front, rear, side)
  - Upper floor interior rehabilitation
  - Structural repairs/improvements
  - Code compliance
  - First floor interior rehab
  - Energy efficiency (window repair, insulation, awnings, etc.)
  - Single specific phase of a large rehab. The project must have a specific defined focus and clearly identifiable scope of work including start/end dates and milestones for completion.
- Compatible new construction including building additions and new buildings with first floor commercial space and upper floor(s) commercial or residential space. Razing of an existing structure to allow for new construction will not be considered an eligible use of funds or as match.
- Rehabilitation/Restoration of multiple properties committed to a mutually agreed upon improvement. This may include, but is not limited to:
  - Improvements to the facades (front or rear) of a highly visible group or block of buildings
  - Installation of an elevator and common hallway linking several buildings
  - Handicapped accessibility improvements serving multiple buildings/storefronts like a common ramp or lift
  - Fire sprinkling of multiple properties with a central master control room
  - Energy efficiency/sustainability upgrades like green roofs for multiple buildings, geo-thermal well fields, etc.
  - Upper floor rehabilitation of a number of spaces for residential uses.
- Acquisition of properties within the designated district if a development plan is in place that meets the grant criteria.

All work must be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties. If the building is not historic, the Standards for compatible additions within a historic district apply. See <https://www.nps.gov/crps/tps/rehab-guidelines/index.htm>.

### ***Compatibility with Other Incentives:***

- Projects using the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit program may not claim grant funds for the federal rehabilitation tax credits.
- Properties under Oregon's Special Assessment of Historic Properties program may qualify.

### ***Not Eligible:***

- Work not attached to a building except for ADA accessibility features to access the building.
- No patios, parking lots, signs not attached to the building, exterior features for food trucks, furnishings, etc.
- Non-historic materials on historic buildings.
- Removal of original material on historic buildings unless condition merits it. Removal of historic materials solely for energy efficiency is not allowed.
- Solely architectural, engineering, design plans. These can be a portion of the rehabilitation work, but can't be funded alone.

## CRITERIA:

- The community's level of need for main street revitalization and economic development. Indicators may include:
  - Area median income
  - % renters



- % families below federal poverty rate
- % individuals below federal poverty rate
- Building vacancy rates
- Business rates
- Housing rates
- Anticipated results of how the project will enhance community vitality.
- How well the project impacts the goals of the plan for downtown vitality.
- Level of community engagement in the development of the plan for downtown vitality and in the project selection.
- Level of support from the community for the project, as demonstrated by the level of Main Street participation and other evidence (e.g., how the community was engaged in establishing priorities for overall downtown revitalization and how the project meets these priorities).
- The capability of the applicant to complete the project and manage the grant.
- The work plan is well developed and clearly described in the application and the corresponding cost estimates are reasonable and supported.
- Level of capacity to work with project leaders in designated local communities or downtown areas including, but not limited to local officials, business and property owners, or other partners.
- Consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties.

#### **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Projects submitted by organizations participating in the Main Street Track (Accredited, Designated, or Affiliated tiers) or in a Rural Regional Main Street hub of the Oregon Main Street Network are a higher priority.
- Commercial buildings within designated Oregon Main Street Network communities that are also in Certified Local Government communities or local or National Register historic districts are a higher priority.
- Projects located in traditionally underserved communities, including rural areas and communities that demonstrate significant financial barriers to redevelop or rehabilitate downtown areas are a higher priority.
- A minimum of 50% of the funds go to rural areas.
  - Outside acknowledged Portland Metro Urban Growth boundary.
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- Geographic diversity.
- Project readiness, including matching dollar share in-hand.

#### **ASSISTANCE:**

For grant questions, translation assistance, and OPRD: Grants Online support, contact: Kuri Gill,  
[kuri.gill@opr.d.oregon.gov](mailto:kuri.gill@opr.d.oregon.gov), 503-986-0685.



## Application Process

**GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT:** The grant application will be announced through various media outlets. Grant application information and online system instructions can be found at <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/Grants.aspx#nine>.

**REGISTER TO APPLY ONLINE:** To access the application, register at [oprgrants.org](http://oprgrants.org). Please use the [OPRD: Grants Online instructions](#) or [video](#) to set up your account and password. If you have used the system before, there is no need to register again. If you already have an account and you do not see the application in your available grant options, then request through [Kuri.Gill@opr.oregon.gov](mailto:Kuri.Gill@opr.oregon.gov) or 503-986-0685 to add this grant option to your account. Log in using your email address and your password.

See online [OPRD: Grants Online instructions](#) or watch the [How to Navigate the OPRD Grants Online System](#) video for detailed directions to use the online grant system. General system information and additional tutorial videos can be found online. <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/Grants.aspx#one>

**NOTE:** Account registration can take up to three days and cannot be completed outside regular business hours.

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION:** Once you have a login, you will be able to create, edit, and submit your application. You can enter information, save, log out, log back in, enter more, etc. as many times as you would like before you submit. It will be helpful for you to know what to enter in the system, please use the [OPRD: Grants Online instructions](#) for this information.

The application must be complete and submitted online by the grant application deadline. Contact Kuri Gill, [kuri.gill@opr.oregon.gov](mailto:kuri.gill@opr.oregon.gov) or 503-383-6787, for accessibility or translation support.

**APPLICATION PREPARATION RESOURCES:** Please contact the grant coordinator to talk through project ideas. Also use Oregon Heritage resources to develop your application.

- [Heritage Bulletins](#)
- [Prepping for the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant](#)
- Project plan review is available up to three weeks before the grant deadline to ensure that they project meets the grant requirements. Email plans and photos to Joy Sears, [Joy.Sears@opr.oregon.gov](mailto:Joy.Sears@opr.oregon.gov) to request review.
- Application review is available up to two weeks before the grant deadline to ensure. This review does not guarantee selection, but the review and help refine your application.

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS:** The following questions will appear on the online application. Please be sure to use the [OPRD: Grants Online instructions](#) to assist you.

**Contact Information** – Much of this information will be automatically entered.

- Applicant – This is the Oregon Main Street Network participating organization name.
- Project Contact – This is the Main Street organization representative we contact to discuss details of the project. If you are submitting the application, but you will not be the project contact, the project contact must have an account in the system to be entered. Please request an account or use the online registration to create one.
- Address



- Reimbursement Contact – This is the person who we contact to handle the financial side, may organization have a person managing the books who is not the project contact. The reimbursement contact must have an account in the system to be entered. Please request an account or use the online registration to create one.

### ***Project Information***

- Project title – make a clear, short project title (Example, Jones Building Façade Restoration)
- Brief Project Description – please keep this brief and specific. Only state what the project is, not why it is important. (Example, Restore the façade of the Jones building.)
- Project start date – Enter the date for grant and match related work, it must be within the grant period July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2028.
- Project end date - Enter the date for grant and match related work, it must be within the grant period July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2028.
- Site name – if the building has a name and the street address
- Site city/town/area
- Site county
- Site description - provide a short description of the building(s) and the setting of the project.
- Site acreage – enter '1'
- Latitude & Longitude – use the 'find lat/long' button to fill this field.

### ***Financial Information***

- Requested amount
- Match amount
- Total amount
- Budget grouped by category
  - Contractor/Consultant – If the contractor is providing materials & equipment, travel, etc. in their agreement you do not need to break out those categories in the finances section.
  - Contingency is not eligible.
  - Only work directly on the building is eligible (including plans, engineering, and construction).
  - Staff time – Indirect costs do not qualify for this grant. Grant administration CANNOT be funded by the grant, but does qualify as match, up to 4% of the award amount.
  - Volunteer time
  - Materials & equipment
  - Printing, publication, & design
  - Travel
  - Other (specify)
- Budget must include both expenses and income sources. Show source of funding using categories like, volunteer time, in-kind donations, staff time, organizational cash, donations, grants.
- NOTE: The online system calculates the match percentage based on the entire project cost, not the required match percentage for this program. Only 30% of the grant award is required, this may not match the calculations in the online system.
- Rates for volunteer services may not exceed Oregon minimum wage, except in those instances in which the volunteer is using their professional skills for the grant assisted work. For example, if a carpenter or bookkeeper donates carpentry or bookkeeping services to the project, these services may be valued at the hourly rate the carpenter or bookkeeper would normally charge.
- Contingency is not allowed to be funded by grant dollars and cannot be considered part of the required match amount.
- Grant administration is limited to 4% of the project cost and only qualifies as match.



**Supplemental**

## General Information

- Provide the name of the property owner. If the property owner is not the Oregon Main Street Network participating organization, attach a letter of approval from the property owner. If the property owner is the Oregon Main Street Network participating organization, attach documentation of ownership.
- Property address and, if available, property name.
- Provide the name, phone number, email and organization address of the person with authority to sign the grant agreement.
- Statewide Plan Goals
  - Oregon Heritage Plan Goals – Select all goals of the Oregon Heritage Plan that this project addresses.
    - Include More Voices – including the history documented, preserved and shared and including more voices in doing the work.
    - Increase Access to Heritage – including online access, physical access, removing barriers, etc.
    - Promote the Value of Heritage – including public engagement projects.
    - Pursue Best Practices – including work that increases organizational capacity and follows standards, supports staff and volunteer care and training, planning and partner development, diversity and inclusion efforts, etc.
  - Oregon Preservation Plan Issues – Select all issues from the Oregon Preservation Plan that this project addresses.
    - Issue 1 Building the Heritage Community
    - Issue 2 Preservation Planning: Identifying, Evaluating, Designating, and Treating Cultural Resources
    - Issue 3 Federal, State, and Local Government Statutes, Rules, Ordinances, and Processes
    - Issue 4 Information Technology Tools
- In which Oregon Main Street tier is the organization enrolled? Accredited, Designated, Affiliated, and Connected Communities, or Rural Regional Main Street hub  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/OMS.aspx>
- In which of the following is true? Check all that apply.
  - The project in a Certified Local Government community.  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/CLG.aspx>
  - The project in a local or National Register Historic District.  
<http://heritagedata.prd.state.or.us/historic/>
  - The property listed in the National Register of Historic Places or contributing to a National Register Historic District. <http://heritagedata.prd.state.or.us/historic/>
  - The project also using the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit.  
<http://heritagedata.prd.state.or.us/historic/>
  - The project using the Oregon Special Assessment of Historic Property program.  
<http://heritagedata.prd.state.or.us/historic/>
- Is the project located in urban or rural area? Select one of the two options.
  - Rural - Entirely outside the acknowledged Portland Metropolitan Area Regional Urban Growth Boundary and the acknowledged urban growth boundaries of cities with population of 30,000 or more? <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/urban-growth-boundary> or contact the city for boundary information.
  - Urban - Entirely within the acknowledged Portland Metropolitan Area Regional Urban Growth Boundary and the acknowledged urban growth boundaries of cities with population of 30,000 or more?

## Community Need &amp; Project Value

- Describe the community need for economic development – Describe the need for economic development, consider employment, business success, livability, housing, wages, etc.



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- Describe the value of this Project for Community Revitalization – Describe how this project will enhance community revitalization. Include projected business, employment and quality of life improvements both through the project completion and following completion.
- Poverty Measure Need & Project Value –
  - Provide information for the following measures. Use information from US Census Bureau. <https://data.census.gov> or <https://censusreporter.org/>
  - Percentage of families below federal poverty rate in the city, town or urban neighborhood where the designated downtown district is located.
  - Percentage of individuals below federal poverty rate in the city, town, or urban neighborhood where the designated downtown district is located.
  - Area median income in the city, town or urban neighborhood where the designated downtown district is located.
  - Percentage of renters in the city, town or urban neighborhood where the designated downtown district is located.
  - Will the project address any of the poverty measures discussed in the community need for revitalization? If so, how?
- Vacancy Rate
  - What is the vacancy rate on the block, and in the Main Street district? Number of vacant buildings compared to occupied buildings.
  - Will the project address vacancy rates? If so, how?
- Need to be welcoming to all.
  - Explain the current downtown population and the need to serve that population and the population in the rest of the community. Consider longevity of business owners, affordability, demographics, minority and women owned businesses, etc. <https://opp360.enterprisecommunity.org/opportunity360/measure>
  - Will the project make your downtown welcoming to all? How? Who will be included?

### Other Vitality Measures Need & Project Value

Respond to all needs below that this project will address. Awarded projects don't necessarily have to address all needs. Please DO NOT respond to a need for which your project doesn't DIRECTLY apply. If a need doesn't apply enter N/A.

- New jobs and/or job retention.
  - Explain the need and provide evidence for it. Consider job rates, type of desired jobs, disparity in downtown versus other areas of town, etc.
  - Project value - Will this project create new jobs or retain current jobs? If so, how many and how? Consider both during the project and after it is completed.
- New or retention of a viable business in your downtown district.
  - Explain the need and provide evidence for it. Consider business type, open hours, market analysis, etc.
  - Project value - Will the project create or retain a viable business in your downtown district? How will it achieve this?
- Rehabilitation of properties.
  - Explain the need for rehabilitation of properties. Include the ratio of buildings in good repair to those in disrepair on the block of the project.
  - Project value - Will the project increase the ratio of rehabilitated properties on the block? How?
- Pedestrian traffic.
  - Explain the need and provide evidence for it. Possible evidence of need is tracking pedestrian activity at various times of day and various days of week and sharing goals for traffic.





- Project value - Will the project improve pedestrian traffic? In what way? Possible evidence of need is tracking pedestrian activity at various times of day and various days of week.
- Use upper floor spaces.
  - Explain the need and provide evidence for it.
  - Project value - Will the project address the need of upper floor building use? How?
- Housing.
  - Consider community housing needs and rates, housing type (low-income, workforce, multi-family, density), number of units available, customers for downtown businesses, etc.)
  - Project value - Will the project address the need for housing? How?
- Lodging.
  - Explain the need and provide evidence for it. Consider number of available lodging units tourism studies, demand, nearby attractions, etc.
  - Project value - Will the project address the need for lodging? How?
- Increased rent rate on the block of the project.
  - Explain the rent rate and why it should be increased.
  - Project value - Will the project increase rent on the block? How? By what amount?
- Increased property value for the properties on the block of the project.
  - Share property values and explain the need.
  - Project value - Will the project increase property values on the block? How? By what amount?

### Public Engagement and Needs and Project Impact Related to Downtown Plan or Goals

- Describe the needs and goals addressed in your downtown plan.
- Describe community engagement in the development of your organization's downtown goals.
- Relate this project and its potential impact to your downtown plan or specific goals for your organization. Be sure to discuss why this project is a priority based on your plan or goals.
- Explain how the impacts of the project will be measured.
- Describe any public engagement in the selection of the proposed project.

### Property Need and Project Value

- Need for the Project on the Property
- Describe need in terms of the condition of the property.
- Describe the historical significance of the property.
- Describe the value of the property to the community.
- Value of Project on the Property – Describe how the project will address the needs of the property.

### Project Summary

- Project Timeline - List major benchmarks or tasks and approximate dates they will be completed.
- Property Use – Select all types of resulting property uses that apply to the project.
  - Housing
  - Retail
  - Community/Event Space
  - Office
  - Restaurant/Food Service
  - Government/Public Service
  - Other

### Project Detail

- Describe the work that will be completed.
- Select all areas on the building impacted by the project.
  - Roof – repair, replace, not applicable
  - Structure – repair, replace, stabilize, not applicable



- Façade – repair, replace, restore, not applicable
- Windows/doors – repair or replace, not applicable
- Siding – repoint, repair, or replace, not applicable
- Other
- Will original materials be removed? If yes, what materials and what are the replacement materials?
- How the work will be completed? Describe methods to be used, who will do it and their qualifications, i.e. general contractor, sub-contractors, architects, skilled volunteers, etc.
- Explain how the work will follow the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation.  
<http://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/rehabilitation/rehab/stand.htm>.

### Ability to Complete the Project

- Describe your organization’s history and past successes related to this project.
- Describe any partnerships on this project, volunteer or community support for this project, and any other evidence of your ability to complete the project.
- Explain your capacity to work with project leaders in designated local communities or downtown areas.

Use of Grant Funds – Specifically explain what parts of the project the grant will fund.

### Budget Narrative

- Amount of private investment in this project – provide the amount
- Explain the source of private investment in this project – provide all sources of the investment
- Explain matching sources of funds - grant status, in-kind investments, estimates, etc.
- Provide any other details and explanation for budget numbers.

### **Attachments**

- Required:
  - Proof of board decision to apply for the project (required at time of application, minutes, resolution or other documentation qualifies).
  - Detailed budget – this budget should indicate specific project component costs. In some cases, this may be a construction contract.
  - Current photographs of property (all three views are required)
    - view with surrounding buildings
    - view with individual property
    - views of detailed work areas
  - Letter of Main Street Designation. Email Sheri Stuart at [Sheri.Stuart@opr.oregon.gov](mailto:Sheri.Stuart@opr.oregon.gov) if you don’t have the current letter.
  - Map of approved downtown area with project location indicated. Please confirm with the Oregon Main Street manager before submitting the map to ensure it is the approved map. Email Sheri Stuart at [Sheri.Stuart@opr.oregon.gov](mailto:Sheri.Stuart@opr.oregon.gov).
  - Property owner agreement - If not owned by applicant, attach the agreement between the owner and the applicant (agreement is required at time of application). If owned by the applicant organization, attach documentation of this.
- Other, include these as applicable to your project, they make a stronger application:
  - Estimates
  - Construction drawings, work plans, specifications
  - Historic photographs of property, if available – If not available, upload a document ‘historic photos not available’.
  - Resumes of key staff, volunteers, and contractors
  - Letter of support (neighboring properties, businesses, etc.) – The letter should discuss specific goals or mission alignment. Please do not submit letters that just state it is a good project.

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- Portions of downtown plans or goals related to the proposed project. NOTE: Do not submit entire plans, only applicable portions.

### ***Submission***

- Double check all attachments and requirements.
- Be sure to click submit.



## Grant Review and Award Process

### POSITIVE PRACTICES:

Plans, policies, and procedures help organizations align their operations and help staff and volunteers make informed and consistent decisions in support of their mission. Review the list of best practice methods below. Successful applications tend to come from organizations that implement some of these practices. Consider the plans your organization has established and how your proposed grant project fits into those plans. If you have implemented this and they relate to your project be sure to reference them in the grant narrative.

- Oregon Main Street Network Organization Mission & Goals
- Oregon Main Street Network Organization Long Range/Strategic Plans
- Community Vision for Downtown
- Downtown Specific Plan or Downtown Element in City Comprehensive Plan
- Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Statement, Training, and Policy

### GRANT REVIEW AND SELECTION:

- Technical review: Following the grant deadline the application will be reviewed by staff to make sure it is complete. You will be contacted if the application needs any technical revision. Reviewed items include:
  - Eligibility of the applicant, property, and project.
  - Required attachments.
  - Budget requirements and eligible costs.
  - Project start and end dates.
- Committee review and scoring: Once applications pass the technical review a committee will review and score them using the following criteria and priorities and provide recommendations to the State Historic Preservation Officer.
- Application of previous grant management scores.
- The State Historic Preservation Officer makes the final award selection.
- Notification: Applicants will be notified by email following the selection.

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**PREVIOUS GRANT MANAGEMENT SCORING:** The base scoring of applications for the Oregon Main Street Revitalization grant program is 0-50. The base score will be adjusted following the committee review. The grant coordinator will apply grant management scoring to the ranking based on the previous record of managing an Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant. These points will be subtracted from the scores prior to the evaluation of the applications by the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Historic Preservation Officer for final awards.

Scores will be based on the most recent grant period for the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant, whether complete or not. It will not include other Oregon Heritage grant programs. No score will be applied if the organization has never received an Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant.

The average of the scores from each column will be used to determine the score.

SCORE	PROGRESS REPORTS ON TIME	REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS ON TIME	REPORTS & REQUESTS COMPLETE & CORRECT ON 1 <sup>ST</sup> SUBMISSION	STANDARDS ARE FOLLOWED	CHANGES SUBMITTED & APPROVED BEFORE WORK BEGINS	SUBMISSION OF REPORT ONE YEAR FROM COMPLETION
0	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
-2	80% - 99%	80% - 99%	80% - 99%	80% - 99%		80% - 99%
-3	79%-0%	79%-0%	79%-0%	79%-0%	99%-0%	79%-0%

**GRANT AWARD:** The grant award will be made by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Applicants will be notified by email following the award decision.

**GRANT AGREEMENT:** Shortly after you are notified that you have been awarded a grant, you will receive a Grant Agreement. By signing the Grant Agreement, you attest to acceptance of a state grant for the purposes outlined in your grant application and those outlined in the Agreement. These guidelines are considered to be part of your Grant Agreement. Some of the items in the Agreement include:

- An approved Project Budget with line items specifying project expenses covered by grant funds and specific project expenses covered by the applicant match.
- Grant starting date and grant completion & final report date.
- Special conditions for the project.
- Specific language for the acknowledgement of public funds provided by the State of Oregon.
- Requirements for submitting reports and reimbursement requests.
- Requirements for inspections and audits.

Agreements can be completed electronically or by hard copy, but electronic is preferred.

- For hard copy agreements, wet signature is required. Please sign both copies of the agreement and return both copies. We will sign both and return one fully executed copy to you.
- For e-signature agreements we will need the email and name of the person with authority to sign. These will be sent through Adobe Sign by email for secure e-signature.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT:**

You may not, without prior written approval, make changes that would substantively alter the scope of work, timeline, or budget stipulated in the Agreement, or make any changes that authorized the award of the grant. The contract was with the assumption that the work would be completed as agreed. If an issue arises that you think may require an amendment, contact us immediately.

Submit requests for changes as a progress report in [OPRD GrantsOnline](#), staff will be notified there is a report to review. Be sure to submit and not just save the progress report. If the change is approved, an amendment may be required.

### **SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

The Oregon Main Street Revitalization is funded through the state sale of lottery bonds. As such, the grantee must follow all requirements associated with the source of funding. These will be included in the grant agreement.



## Grant Management

### GRANT MANAGEMENT:

Because the Grant Agreement involves the use of public funds from the State of Oregon, you are expected to follow certain requirements for their use. These requirements will affect consultant or contractor selection, public notices, work plans, progress reports and reimbursement requests, project photographs, final reports and reimbursement requests, and recordkeeping.

### ***Consultants/Contractors***

Evidence of competition for direct negotiated professional services of under \$25,000 is not mandatory.

Services and materials that cost \$25,000 or more must show evidence of competition, including soliciting proposals from at least three potential contractors. We must approve your selection prior to the consultant or contractor being hired. Please check the references of any contractor you review. To obtain approval please send the following to the Grants Coordinator through the online grants system, as a progress report:

- How contractor was solicited;
- Summary of experience and qualifications; and
- Why contractor was selected (references, quality, previous work, time frame, cost, etc.)

Contact the Grants Coordinator if you are having trouble accessing estimates.

### ***Work Plans***

Work plans must be approved by Oregon Heritage before work begins. For approval submit the following to the Grants Coordinator:

If no changes have been made to the plan...

- An email indicating that the plan remains as proposed in the application.

If the plan is different than the one proposed in the application...

- Work description including materials, tools and processes to be used.
- Timeline

### ***Staff Time***

Documentation of staff time for grant funded work and for matching source work is required. Documentation must include the person, the tasks, hours, and rate for each employee. Grant administration CANNOT be funded by the grant, but it qualifies as match.

### ***Volunteer Time***

Documentation of volunteer time for matching source work is required.

- Volunteer work may not be reimbursed by the grant.
- The volunteer rate is Oregon minimum wage.
- If a volunteer is using professional skills, the professional rate must be used. A document from that volunteer indicating the rate is required for each submission.
- Documentation must include the person, the tasks, hours, and rate for each employee.

### ***Indirect Costs***

Indirect costs are not allowable costs in this grant program.



**Contingency Costs**

Contingency costs are not allowable costs in this grant program.

**Public Notice Requirement**

It is in your best interest to spread the news about the grant award and the project progress.

Upon grant award, at key project points and upon completion you should do the following.

- Send a news release to local media
- Inform your members and interested parties
- Post on social media
- Inform your public officials (local, state and federal)
- Have celebratory and/or informational events (construction tour, ribbon cutting, etc.)

During the life of the project, place a sign in a prominent and readable location on your site, stating: “This project has been funded in part by the State Historic Preservation Office Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.” A simple temporary sign is acceptable; call the grant coordinator for suggestions. The sign may also include other project supporters. Include a photograph of the sign in place with your final report. Exhibits, documents, publications, and publicity about this project must also include this funding credit.

You may be asked to contribute to the [Oregon Heritage Exchange](#) blog following project completion.

**Photographs**

Before, during and after photographs are required for the interim and final report reports that request reimbursement. These should include participants at events, people doing the work, etc. Photos are required in a digital format (300dpi or higher, jpeg or tiff).

**Report of Sale or Lease**

The lottery bond funds require that any sale or lease of a grant funded property must be reported to State of Oregon Department of Administrative Services prior to the action for the life of the bond, usually 20 years. This may be reported through the Oregon Historic Preservation Office. Details will be included in the grant agreement.



## Grant Reporting and Reimbursement

### GRANT REPORTING:

All reports are submitted as a progress report through [OPRD GrantsOnline](#).

Resources to assist in reporting:

- [OPRD Grants Online Reporting & Reimbursement Instructions](#) and the [video](#) for detailed instructions to complete your report online.
- [Grant Reporting and Reimbursement Checklist](#)

**Deadlines:** Interim Progress Reports and Reimbursement requests for the prior fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) expenses are REQUIRED.

- December 31, 2025 – Progress Report Required
- July 10, 2026 – Progress Report and Reimbursement Request Required
- December 31, 2026 – Progress Report Required
- July 10, 2027 – Progress Report and Reimbursement Request Required
- December 31, 2027 – Progress Report Required
- March 31, 2028 – Final Report and Reimbursement Request Required

**Interim Progress Reports:** Grant reports are required December 31 and July 10 during the grant period. You will be sent a report reminder to submit it. Interim reports are submitted through [OPRD GrantsOnline](#) as a progress report. Reports must include:

- Start and end dates for the reporting period.
- The current status of the project and summary of work completed and work remaining, a timeline for completion, and any issues or challenges.
- Enter a short summary or bullet points into the Project Summary field in the online system and attach a document for detailed descriptions.
- For completed work, include work completed, materials and method used, and any other details. This should be sufficient to demonstrate the agreed scope of work is complete.
- Enter issues or challenges in the challenges field.
- Submit supporting attachments.
- REQUIRED: Photographs of work in progress and people doing the work and completed.
- Professional review, inspection results, etc. Any appropriate evidence that work was completed.
- Estimated amount of grant funds expected in the next grant period.

Oregon Heritage staff will review and approve reports. A site visit may be required for approval, but this is rare with strong documentation submitted. You will be notified if a site visit must be scheduled. A report is required to submit a reimbursement request.

**Final report:** A final report is required within 45 days of completing the project or by the final deadline on your grant agreement, whichever is first. Final reports are submitted as a progress report through [OPRD GrantsOnline](#). Reports must include a summary of work completed and any changes to the original plan. Check the box for 'Final Report'. Submit supporting documentation including:

- REQUIRED: Photographs before, during and after the project is complete (300 dpi or higher).
- Copies of articles, press releases, flyers, research materials, results of public events related to the project.
- Contractor specifications and invoice, inspection report, and other evidence of work completed.



## GRANT REPORTING AND REIMBURSEMENT

Also required is the Oregon Heritage grant evaluation form (Appendix B). Use this [link](#) to complete the form.

Oregon Heritage staff will review and approve reports. A site visit may be required for approval, but this is rare with strong documentation submitted. You will be notified if a site visit must be scheduled.

Additional resources for reporting:

- [Grant reporting and reimbursement checklist](#)
- [OPRD Grants Online Reporting and Reimbursement Instructions](#)
- [How to submit a progress report](#) – Video Tutorial

**Project Impact and Ongoing Reporting:** After the project is completed, additional reporting is required. These include:

- **Project Impact Reports:** Your organization will be required to submit at project completion and one year later. These results will help your organization and Oregon Heritage track the value of the project and the grant on community revitalization. This will be the same [Project Impact Form](#) (Appendix A) used for the final grant report. Oregon Heritage staff will send reminders to submit the Project Impact Report.
- **Property Sale or Lease:** For the life of the bond, typically 20 years, new leases or sales of the funded property must be reported to the State of Oregon Department of Administrative Services prior to that action. This may be reported through the grant coordinator.

### GRANT REIMBURSEMENT:

Grant funds are dispersed on a reimbursable basis. A project report and a reimbursement request are required to receive a reimbursement. Both must be submitted through [OPRD GrantsOnline](#). See [OPRD Grants Online Reporting & Reimbursement Instructions](#) for detailed instructions or the [video](#) to complete your reimbursement request online.

*A Progress Report must be submitted before the Reimbursement Request can be submitted in the online system.*

*The reimbursement request must include expense information for the period the request covers, including costs covered by match.*

Enter project expenses in the project expense section. Include all costs for the project, including match source funded expenses and volunteer time. Only the match amount must be indicated, not the matching source. Expenses may be grouped by expense category:

- Contractor/Consultant
- Staff time
- Volunteer time
- Materials & equipment
- Printing, publication & design
- Travel
- Other (specify)

Submit the following required attachments.

- Copies of invoices or receipts for expenses over \$500.
- Itemized list of expenses under \$500 – If you have costs under \$500, submit as an attachment a document that lists the items and their cost. Ensure the document includes the total of the listed costs. This total can be used in the online expenses form to save time and reduces the project expense line items to be entered in the project expense list.
- Volunteer time tracking – Upload as an attachment the volunteer time tracking which must include the person, tasks, hours, rate and days worked.



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- Staff time tracking - Upload as an attachment the volunteer time tracking which must include the person, tasks, hours, rate and days worked.
- Evidence of in-kind donation value – Upload as an attachment documentation like invoices that note the donation or other evidence of the value of the donated materials and labor.

Reimbursement Request submission support resources:

- See OPRD Grants Online Reporting & Reimbursement Instructions for a detailed guided to completing your report online.  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Documents/OPRDOOnlineGrantReimbursementReportingInstructions.pdf>
- See Grant Reporting and Reimbursement Checklist for additional guidance.  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Documents/ReportingReimbursementChecklist.pdf>
- [How to submit a reimbursement request](#) – video tutorial
- DO NOT submit canceled checks as proof of payment. This is a privacy protection issue. Only proof of expense is required.

### THINGS TO KNOW:

- Up to 20% of grant funds may be provided in advance for awards under \$20,000. The grantee will be required to demonstrate matching funds and a clear plan and timeline to fund the entire project to receive an advance. Submit the request as a Progress Report through the OPRD Grants Online system.
- Interim reimbursements may be requested as work is completed.
- Match requirements are required to be documented with each reimbursement request, unless special permission is requested and approved for delayed match demonstration.
- Full reimbursement is allowed when work is complete and the match requirements are met. OPRD may withhold up to 10% of the award amount until that time.

**PAYMENT:** Once complete progress reports and reimbursement requests are submitted, they will be reviewed by OPRD staff – program staff, management, and finance staff. Reimbursements are in the form of a check. State agencies and universities are required to submit an invoice for electronic funds transfer. Once the Progress Report and Reimbursement Request are correctly submitted, the process takes 2-4 weeks.

**EXTENSIONS:** Extensions are extremely rare due to state accounting and lottery bond fund requirements. Please communicate early in the grant period to discuss scope of work changes to avoid extension or cancellation.

**AUDITS:** A field or desk audit may be made after completion of the project to verify your expenditures. The auditor will contact you several days in advance to arrange a convenient time if a field audit is necessary. To expedite this audit, all supporting documents should be readily available.

**RECORD KEEPING:** Keep records of your grant management for five years. For details about accounting procedures see Appendix C.

### ASSISTANCE:

Grant questions and OPRD: Grants Online: Kuri Gill, [kuri.gill@oprd.oregon.gov](mailto:kuri.gill@oprd.oregon.gov), 503-986-0685.



## APPENDIX A

### Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant - Project Impact Report

This impact report is due twice, with the final grant report at project completion and one year later. Please submit impacts of the grant funded projects on each property. Complete a separate form for each property supported by the grant. Use the [online form](#) to enter the following information.

Organization:

Grant #:

Project property address:

Describe three ways this project impacted the downtown. For each of the three impacts, select the appropriate category.

#### Impact categories

- Vacancy rate/building condition
- Business development
- Pedestrian friendliness
- Spurring other changes
- Increase organization capacity
- Increase housing
- Increase lodging
- Other

Then describe the impact, provide details like number and type of impact, people impacted, goals addressed, etc.

Summary Comment: Pretend you are talking a to a legislator about the value of this grant program and you want them to know how it impacted your community. What would you want to tell them? Provide details about how this project impacted community need and improved the vitality of downtown. Please add new comments each reporting year.

Thanks! And before you closed this...write it up and share it. Newsletter, city council public comment, county commission public comment, news release, social media post.



# APPENDIX B

## Oregon Heritage Grant Impact Form

Thank you for completing this form (please use the [online form](#)). This is valuable information we use to improve our programs and document their value. Don't worry if your project did not address some of the questions, we are attempting to track the performance of our grants overall. If you want to include additional detail, please use the comment boxes.

### Project Impact Form

In three sentences or less, what was the impact of the grant funds?		
	No	Yes
Did the grant directly affect your ability to complete the project? If yes, how?		
Comments:		
Select the Oregon Heritage Plan Goal that your project most addressed and explain how it did that.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Include more voices</li> <li>2. Increase access to heritage</li> <li>3. Promote the value of heritage</li> <li>4. Pursue best practices</li> </ol>	
Comments:		
Select the Oregon Historic Preservation Plan Issue that your project most addresses and explain how it did that.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Government Partnerships</li> <li>2. Advocacy and Heritage Partner Networking</li> <li>3. Public Outreach and Education</li> <li>4. Professional Preservation Education</li> <li>5. Information Sharing and Accessibility</li> <li>6. Identification and Designation of Cultural Resources</li> <li>7. Preservation, Rehabilitation, and Protection of Cultural Resources</li> <li>8. Grants &amp; Funding</li> <li>9. Economic Development</li> <li>10. Statutes, Ordinances, Codes, and Processes</li> </ol>	
Comments:		



# APPENDIX C

## RECOMMENDED ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

In any program where reimbursement is requested for a portion of project costs, or matching share is claimed, adequate records are essential. There should be definite supporting evidence for EACH item of cost claimed, estimates are not sufficient. While these may not be required for reporting purposes, they are recommended for your record keeping in case of audit. The procedures below may not apply in every case, so look through them and identify and use those that are relevant to your project.

Contact Kuri Gill at [Kuri.Gill@opr.d.oregon.gov](mailto:Kuri.Gill@opr.d.oregon.gov), or phone 503-986-0685 if you have questions.

In order to promote a better understanding of the records required and to avoid the possibility of having costs disallowed at the time of audit, the following accounting procedures are suggested:

- Establish a separate account for each agreement project.
- Maintain the account so that it includes the project name, and lists payment for salaries and wages, contracts, equipment, materials and supplies, and other items that conform to categories listed on the grant reimbursement request.
- Each entry in the account must be cross-referenced to a voucher, payroll invoice or other supporting document. Each payment must be supported by a cancelled check or warrant, available in the grantee's records in the event of an audit. **DO NOT SUBMIT CANCELED CHECKS.**

The following paragraphs provide you information about the specific budget categories:

### **Professional Contractor or Consultant**

Proper contractor or consultant selection procedures must be followed and proper documentation maintained for audit, or contract costs are subject to disallowal.

Payments made by the grantee should be supported by a statement or invoice from the consultant. The consultant hours do not need to be broken down if contracted in a lump sum, since the consultant agreement should state a total contracted amount. Payments made include fee for service, salary, per diem, payment for the travel, or other allowable services.

### **Employees**

When a staff member is involved in a grant project, payrolls should be signed by an authorized person and wages paid should be supported by time and task tracking records for each employee.

Records (daily, weekly, or monthly) must show total daily hours for each project and description of work performed.

Fringe benefit rates should be developed using actual costs, and individual components should be identified.

Documentation should show how rate or cost was derived. This amount must be traceable through the grantee's records.

### **Travel**

State guidelines require that all mileage rates do not exceed the maximum state rate, which is generally the same as the standard Internal Revenue Service rate. The reimbursement request must show the name of the individual, time of departure and return, dates, mileage (odometer readings or locations), meals claimed, and purpose. A copy of lodging receipts for overnight travel must be maintained. Contact Kuri Gill at [Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov](mailto:Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov) or (503)986-0685 for current rates.

### **Materials and Equipment**

#### **Value and Use of Owned Equipment**

Equipment value (for owned equipment) should be supported by time records and by a schedule of hourly rates developed from actual historical costs, or in the event no previous cost data exists, from reasonable estimates of such factors as useful life, annual hours or use, insurance premiums, etc. These estimated rates must be adjusted each year based on the previous year's actual costs.



### Equipment Rental (Outside)

Payments made by the grantee for equipment rented for specific project area are generally allowable under state regulations. Payments made by the grantee must be supported by a statement or invoice from the vendor that indicates the time period the equipment was rented.

### Materials and Supplies

Supplies and materials charged to the project must be supported by supplier's invoices or receipts. The original or a photocopy of the cancelled checks must be available for a field audit. **DO NOT SUBMIT CANCELLED CHECKS IN YOUR REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST.**

### Printing, Publication Design, etc.

If you make, design or print a publication as part of your project, include those costs here. The costs can only be paid if a statement recognizing the grant contribution is included.

### Value of Contributed Goods and Services

#### Valuation of In Kind Contributions from Third Parties

The value of labor, materials, equipment usage, etc., donated by sources other than the grantee may be included on the Payment Request Form only if documented. Documentation can be a sheet with work done and hours worked recorded and signed by the project manager and the volunteer.

#### a. Valuation of volunteer service

- Volunteer services may be furnished by professional and technical personnel, consultants, and other skilled and unskilled labor. Volunteered services may be counted as matching share if they are a necessary part of the project.
- Rates for volunteer services may not exceed Oregon minimum wage, except in those instances in which the volunteer is using their professional skills for the grant assisted work. For example, if a carpenter or bookkeeper donates carpentry or bookkeeping services to the project, these services may be valued at the hourly rate the carpenter or bookkeeper would normally charge.

In such cases, the donor must sign a brief statement that notes the donor's usual occupation, intent to donate their usual services, and the date. These statements are then submitted with the reimbursement request.

b. Donated Materials Invoices, where applicable, must be marked "donated" and signed, and submitted with the reimbursement request.

c. Donated Equipment Invoices, where applicable, must be marked "donated" and signed, and submitted with the reimbursement request.



# APPENDIX D

## Oregon Revised Statute

**ORS 390.067 Note Sec. 34. Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program.** (1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, at the request of the State Parks and Recreation Department, the State Treasurer may issue lottery bonds pursuant to ORS 286A.560 to 286A.585 in an amount that does not exceed \$2.5 million in net proceeds for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section, plus an additional amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be necessary to pay bond-related costs.

(2) Net proceeds of lottery bonds issued under this section in an amount sufficient to provide \$2.5 million in net proceeds and interest earnings must be transferred to the department for deposit into the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Fund established under section 2, chapter 831, Oregon Laws 2015 [390.264], to provide grants pursuant to section 1, chapter 831, Oregon Laws 2015 [390.262].

(3) The Legislative Assembly finds that the use of proceeds of lottery bonds issued pursuant to this section will create jobs, further economic development and enhance the economic vitality of Oregon downtowns and local communities by supporting projects that revitalize historic downtown commercial districts, redevelop and reuse existing buildings, facilitate small business relocation and expansion initiatives and provide assistance, training and technical services. [2015 c.812 §34]

### **390.262 Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program; duties of State Parks and Recreation Department; project proposals; conditions; rules.**

(1) As used in this section and ORS 390.264:

(a) “Area median income” means the median income for the metropolitan statistical area in which the proposed grant project is located, as determined by the Housing and Community Services Department, adjusted for household size.

(b) “Oregon Main Street Network” means the entity administered by the State Historic Preservation Officer designated under ORS 358.565 to provide assistance, training and technical services to communities in Oregon desiring to strengthen, preserve and revitalize their historic downtown commercial districts.

(c) “Rural area” means an area located entirely outside the acknowledged Portland Metropolitan Area Regional Urban Growth Boundary and the acknowledged urban growth boundaries of cities with populations of 30,000 or more.

(2) There is established in the State Parks and Recreation Department the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program for the purpose of providing grants on an annual, competitive basis from the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Fund established under ORS 390.264 to be used for the following purposes:

(a) To acquire, rehabilitate and construct buildings on properties in designated downtown areas statewide; and

(b) To facilitate community revitalization that will lead to private investment, job creation or retention, establishing or expanding viable businesses or creating a stronger tax base.

(3)(a) For the purpose of making grants under the program, the department shall adopt a formula that:

(A) Provides for grant funds to be made available statewide while concentrating funds and resources in those areas of the state with the greatest need for main street revitalization and economic development; and





(B) Provides that a minimum of 50 percent of available grant funds will be reserved for projects in rural areas.

(b) In awarding grants under the program, the department shall give priority to grant proposals for projects that are located in traditionally underserved communities, including rural areas and communities that demonstrate significant financial barriers to efforts to redevelop or rehabilitate downtown areas.

(4) The department shall develop criteria to determine the eligibility of grant applicants and proposed projects. The criteria must require that applicants be organizations that participate in the Oregon Main Street Network and demonstrate the past or prospective capacity to work with project leaders in designated local communities or downtown areas.

(5) Project proposals submitted by grant applicants may include evidence of demonstrated need for main street revitalization and economic development by providing information about the economic character of the project, including but not limited to:

(a) The proportion of households at or below the federal poverty rate in the targeted project location and the surrounding community;

(b) The area median income in the proposed project location and surrounding community;

(c) The percentage of renters in the proposed project location and surrounding community; and

(d) The percentage of persons in the proposed project location and surrounding community with weekly wages that are less than or equal to the most recent federal poverty guidelines for a family of three that are applicable to Oregon residents and that are published annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

(6) The State Parks and Recreation Department shall:

(a) Provide technical assistance and project overview and monitoring for successful grant recipients; and

(b) Provide regular updates to other state agencies, including but not limited to the Oregon Business Development Department and the Department of Transportation, that have an interest in the implementation and administration of the program.

(7) Each grant awarded under this section shall require, as a condition of receiving funding, matching funds in an amount to be determined by the State Parks and Recreation Department.

(8) All amounts awarded as grants must be used by recipients, for the approved purposes set forth in successful grant applications, within three years of receipt of the funds. Any funds not expended within that time period must be returned to the department for deposit in the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Fund.

(9) The department shall adopt rules to implement the program and the provisions of this section. The department may consult with the Oregon Business Development Department and the Department of Transportation in adopting the rules. [2015 c.831 §1]

**Note:** 390.262 and 390.264 were enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but were not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 390 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.



### **390.264 Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Fund.**

(1) The Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Fund shall be credited to the fund.

(2) Moneys in the fund consist of:

- (a) Amounts donated to the fund;
- (b) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly;
- (c) Amounts deposited in the fund;
- (d) Investment earnings received on moneys in the fund;
- (e) Unused grant moneys returned pursuant to ORS 390.262 (8); and
- (f) Other amounts deposited in the fund from any source.



# APPENDIX E

## Oregon Administrative Rule

736-056-0000

### Purpose

(1) The purpose of this division is to establish the procedures and criteria that the State Parks and Recreation Department will use when awarding Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Funds as provided in ORS 390.262 and 390.264.

(2) Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Fund grant awards are to be used for the following purposes:

(a) To acquire, rehabilitate and construct buildings on properties in designated downtown areas statewide; and

(b) To facilitate community revitalization that will lead to private investment, job creation or retention, establishing or expanding viable business or creating a stronger tax base.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 390.124(1), 390.262(9)

Stats. Implemented: ORS 390.262, 390.264

Hist.: PRD 5-2016, f. & cert. ef. 9-21-16

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### Definitions

The definitions provided in ORS 390.005 and 390.262 apply to this division, unless the context requires otherwise. In addition, the following definitions apply:

(1) “Department” means the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) as provided in ORS 390.005(2).

(2) “Designated downtown area” means the defined primary focus area for the local downtown or neighborhood revitalization effort submitted by the local Oregon Main Street Network member to and approved by Oregon Main Street.

(3) “Designated Local Communities” means the city, town, or urban neighborhood district that has a group, organization, or local government entity that has submitted an application and has been approved by Oregon Main Street to participate in the Oregon Main Street Network.

(4) “Grant” means an award from the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program.

(5) “Grantee” means the grant recipient who is legally capable of executing and which has executed a grant agreement for project awarded an Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant.

(6) “Grant Review Committee” means the committee that reviews grant applications and makes funding recommendations to the Department.



(7) “Oregon Main Street Network” means the entity administered by the State Historic Preservation Officer designated under ORS 358.565 to provide assistance, training and technical services to communities in Oregon desiring to strengthen, preserve, and revitalize their historic downtown commercial districts as defined in ORS 390.262(1)(b).

(8) “Project completion” means satisfaction of all requirements of a grant agreement as determined after review or inspection by OPRD.

(9) “Rural area” means an area located entirely outside the acknowledged Portland Metropolitan Area Regional Urban Growth Boundary and the acknowledged urban growth boundaries of cities with population of 30,000 or more as defined in ORS 390.262(1)(c).

(10) “Surrounding community” is the city, town, or urban neighborhood district where the proposed project in the designated downtown area is located.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 390.124(1), 390.262(9)

Stats. Implemented: ORS 390.262, 390.264

Hist.: PRD 5-2016, f. & cert. ef. 9-21-16

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#### Eligible Applicants

In order to be eligible for a Main Street Revitalization Grant, applicants must:

- (1) Be a designated organization that participates at any level in the Oregon Main Street Network;
- (2) Demonstrate past or prospective capacity to work with stakeholders such as local officials, business owners, building owners, and other partners in designated local communities or designated downtown areas; and
- (3) Have the ability to receive and expend the grant funds and manage all fiscal responsibilities.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 390.124(1), 390.262(9)

Stats. Implemented: ORS 390.262, 390.264

Hist.: PRD 5-2016, f. & cert. ef. 9-21-16

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#### Application Procedure/Process

- (1) The Department shall announce through a variety of media the availability of, procedures for, deadlines, and other information for applying for Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grants.
- (2) To apply for Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grants, applicants must submit their applications in a format prescribed by the Department by the specified deadline.
- (3) Applications must demonstrate the following:

- (a) The applicant is an eligible applicant as provided in OAR 736-056-0020.



- (b) The proposed project is within a designated downtown area.
- (c) The applicant is capable of carrying out the proposed project.
- (d) The proposed project would facilitate community revitalization.
- (e) The community need for revitalization and economic development:
  - (A) Community is in a traditionally underserved area, rural area, or has significant financial barriers to improve downtown areas.
  - (B) Economic factors may include percentage of renters and wage and income rates in the proposed project location and surrounding community.
- (f) The proposed project would be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties.
- (g) There are sources of additional funding sufficient to complete the project.
- (h) Evidence that the property owner understands and agrees with the proposed project.

(4) The Department will request that applicants include measures to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant. These may include business creation or expansion, job creation or retention, vacancy rates, business mix, housing, or creation of a stronger tax base.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 390.124(1), 390.262(9)  
 Stats. Implemented: ORS 390.262, 390.264  
 Hist.: PRD 5-2016, f. & cert. ef. 9-21-16

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#### Evaluation of Applications

- (1) Eligible applications received by the announced deadlines shall be evaluated by the Department.
- (2) The Department shall include review criteria in grant guidelines, manual, or application for each new grant cycle.
- (3) The Department will establish a Grant Review Committee to review grant applications and provide recommendations for funding to the Department. The Department shall invite the Oregon Department of Transportation and Business Oregon to provide representatives to serve on a review committee. The committee may include representatives of the Department of Land Conservation and Development, Main Street organizations, historic preservation specialists or other appropriate experts.
- (4) The Grant Review Committee shall score the applications based on the evaluation criteria and then rank applications in order of priority based on a formula considering:
  - (a) The community’s need for main street revitalization and economic development which may include but is not limited to wage and income rates.



(b) The anticipated results of the proposed project in revitalizing the community which may include but is not limited to private investment, job creation or retention, establishing or expanding viable businesses, or creating a stronger tax base.

(c) The community's level of support of the project as evidenced by the applicant's level of participation in Oregon Main Street or other evidence.

(d) The applicant's capability to work with stakeholders such as local officials, business owners, building owners, or other partners in designated local communities or designated downtown areas.

(e) The applicant's capability of carrying out the proposed project.

(f) The level of investment demonstrated through matching funds and source of funds.

(g) The location of the project within the state (a minimum of 50 percent of available grant funds are reserved for projects in rural areas).

(h) Compliance with any other criteria contained in the grant announcement, handbook, or application.

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Stats. Implemented: ORS 390.262, 390.264

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#### Award of Grants

(1) The State Historic Preservation Officer described in ORS 358.565 shall award the grants.

(2) The department will establish maximum and minimum grant award limitations. These will be published in grant guidelines, manual, or application for each new grant cycle.

(3) All awards will be subject to binding agreements between the Department and Grantee.

(4) Grant agreements shall specify the terms and conditions of the grant award, generally including:

(a) The total project costs, the match or share to be provided, and the amount of the grant;

(b) A statement of work to be accomplished;

(c) The products to be delivered;

(d) A timeline that details when the grant-assisted project may begin, a schedule for accomplishing work, and deadlines for delivering products and completing the project;

(e) The process to complete reimbursement requests;

(f) The measures of project impact at project completion and at one year following project completion;  
and



(g) The requirement that Grantee comply with applicable local, state, and federal law and obtain all necessary permits.

(5) The State Historic Preservation Officer may award grant funds to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct buildings, or any combination thereof, to a Grantee. The Grantee is not required to have an ownership interest in the subject property.

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#### Disbursement of Grant Funds

The Department will distribute grant funds to Grantees on a reimbursable basis after submission of billings on approved schedules specified in grant agreements. When requested by the Department, Grantees shall supply additional information to substantiate billings. The Department may disburse grant funds in advance if Grantees can demonstrate a compelling need.

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#### Suspension or Termination of Agreement and Recovery of Grant Funds

(1) Notice of suspension or termination of grant agreement shall be sent by registered letter to grantee at address listed in the agreement. The notice shall include recourse (if any) for Grantee to remedy project deficiencies.

(2) If Grantees have received funds in advance but are unable to complete approved projects to the Department's satisfaction or within the three-year timeframe, the Department shall require the Grantees to return all unexpended grant funds.

(3) Grantees shall maintain records adequate for audit purposes for a period of not less than five years after project completion and shall reimburse the Department for any costs disqualified through audit findings.

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#### Grant Impact

(1) The Department will establish measures to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant; these may include business creation or retention, job creation or retention, vacancy rates, business mix, and housing.



(2) The Department will include the required measures in the grant guidelines, manual, or application for each new grant cycle.

(3) Grantees will submit this information with the grant application, with the grant completion report, and subsequent to project completion as specified in the grant agreement. For five years following project completion, Department staff may request additional information regarding the project's impact.

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