



# Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

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**Public comment:**

Downtowns

are the heartbeat of our communities, serving as the social, economic, and civic centers that define the character and vitality of Oregon's cities and towns. Many of our downtowns are "diamonds in the rough" that, with thoughtful revitalization, can once again become vibrant hubs. The Oregon Main Street program has been instrumental in supporting these efforts by helping communities develop and implement a vision for their downtowns, attracting the necessary resources to bring about meaningful change.

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Oregon Main Street program, through its partnership with Main Street America, provides invaluable training and technical assistance to communities across Oregon, tailored to their specific needs and levels of participation within the Oregon Main Street Network. The Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant is a key element of this program, funding building improvement projects that drive economic development and enhance the vitality of our downtowns.

The

proposed rule under consideration is a crucial step forward in formalizing the structure and management of the Oregon Main Street Network. It will establish clear parameters for participation, ensure equitable distribution of resources, and provide a strong foundation for the program's continued success. As the program is linked to a significant grant program created by statute, it is essential that the rule reflects the needs and aspirations of the communities it serves.

We

appreciate the opportunity for public input and commend the Oregon Main Street Network for their diligent work in developing recommendations for this rule during their July 19, 2024, meeting. We strongly support the adoption of a rule that builds on these recommendations, ensuring that the Oregon Main Street program continues to be a vital resource for downtown revitalization efforts across the state.

Thank you for considering our comments.



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**Public comment:**

I am adamantly opposed to the The Oregon Main Street Network Grant program. There is absolutely no reason for any city or town in Oregon to apply for a grant to use taxpayer money and pay a third party to do the jobs of city and town employees. If these government employees do not know how to do there job maybe they should not have a job that taxpayers are paying for.

Oregon State Parks are currently falling apart and yet we want to use taxpayer money from the State Parks to pay a non profit to do nothing but come up with worthless ideas and help city/towns apply for even more grants.... this is beyond ridiculous to continuously pay non profits exorbitant amounts of money to be middlemen in everything, because when this is done (money spent) the city/town will have a glossy three ring binder with lists of things everyone already knows and no money to do anything with and the city/town will look exactly the same.

Just because some State employee got lobbied by The Oregon Main Street Network does not mean anyone actually needs there services that accomplish nothing.

Stop wasting Taxpayer money and hire competent employees who can actually do there job without requiring taxpayers to pay a non profit to do it for them.