

Federal Grant Application Request
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
Historic Places

Analyst: Linda Gilbert

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the National Park Service, Historic Preservation Fund, for \$36,000 for the Oregon Parks Department State Historic Preservation Office.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The National Parks Service notified Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) of a competitive grant opportunity on April 1, 2015. The grant funds are to encourage documentation of historic places associated with populations that have been under-represented in traditional historical considerations. Applications are due June 15, 2015, with an expected award date in the fall of 2015, allowing for work to begin in December, 2015. The grant period is two years.

If awarded, the funding will be used to document and designate historic places associated with African Americans in Oregon. Funds would be used to:

- analyze the documented information for accuracy and completeness,
- record the sites in the Oregon Historic Sites database, and
- create and submit a multiple property overview document and five individual property nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

While no matching funds are required, OPRD would add Parks Lottery Funds, \$3,000 in staff time and materials, cash funding from the Cultural Trust through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), \$9,000, and volunteer and staff time from Oregon Black Pioneers, valued at \$5,000, to enrich the project. Parks would also enlist volunteers associated with the SHPO to assist with the work. No new positions are required for this grant.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request, with the understanding that if funds are awarded, OPRD will seek expenditure limitation from the Legislature or Emergency Board.



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The Honorable Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request:

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) requests permission to submit a \$36,000 grant application to the National Park Service (NPS), Historic Preservation Fund.

The Department was notified of this competitive opportunity on April 1, 2015. The deadline for applications is June 15, 2015.

Agency Action:

The grant fits within OPRD's mission that includes protecting outstanding cultural, historic, and recreational sites for the enjoyment and education of present and future generations. It is also fully aligned with the goals of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), which is a division of OPRD.

OPRD along with a partner organization, Oregon Black Pioneers, plan to document and designate historic places associated with African Americans in Oregon. If successful, this grant will provide funds for: (a) recording the sites in the Oregon Historic Sites Database; (b) analyzing the information for accuracy and completeness; and (c) creating and submitting a Multiple Property "overview" document and five individual property nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Park Service is offering this special grant program in an effort to stimulate the documentation of historic places associated populations that have been under-represented in traditional historical narratives. This is a competitive, matching-grant program that supports projects that further the goals of the National Historic Preservation Act, especially those projects that involve public-private partnerships.

The National Historic Preservation Act Grant Funds are federal funds that do not require a match. OPRD is committed to this project and is including matching funds and in-kind volunteer time for this grant that will come from OPRD/SHPO, Oregon Black Pioneers and funding from the Oregon Cultural Trust. No additional staff is required.



Action Requested:

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) requests permission to submit a \$36,000 grant application to the National Park Service, Historic Preservation Fund. If the grant is awarded, the Department will request expenditure limitation from the appropriate Legislative Committee or the Emergency Board.

Legislation Affected:

None.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Sumption".

Lisa Sumption
Director

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