

Federal Grant Application Request
Parks and Recreation Department
Historic Places

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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.