

**Parks and Recreation Department
Historic Places**

Oregon Parks and Recreation seeks authorization to apply for a competitive National Parks Service grant. The grant is designed to encourage documentation of historic places associated with populations that have been under-represented in traditional historical considerations.

If awarded, the funding will be used to document and designate historic places associated with African Americans in Oregon, resulting in a multiple-property overview document and five individual property nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

Applications are due June 15, 2015. There is no matching requirement, although if the grant is awarded Parks would add in-kind and cash resources from volunteers, the Oregon Black Pioneers, the State Historic Preservation Office, and Parks' Lottery Funds. No new positions are required.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.