

Top grant applications to consider for the Boardwalk Project

FUNDING AND GRANT POSSIBILITIES FOR THE WALKWAY PROJECT

(RECOMMENDATIONS TO WHOEVER WRITES THE GRANT APPLICATIONS)

Below are the grant possibilities for the walkway project. There may be more but those sponsored by the State of Oregon have a much higher stake in completing the OCT which makes our project a priority as opposed to nationally competitive grants.

The City has VAF and perhaps part or all of the County's Mitigation Funds to apply to this project.

Grants like the ones below often are reimbursement grants. The City will need to be prepared to pay for the construction up front. And of course, there is a possibility that any grants being sought would be funded only partially or not at all.

Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD) - Recreational Trails Program

- Who can apply: City of Yachats or non-profits (registered for at least 3 years in Oregon)
- Eligible projects include:
 - Construction of new trails
 - Major rehabilitation of existing trails
 - Development or improvement of trailhead or other support facilities
 - Acquisition of land or easements for the purpose of trail development
 - Safety and education projects
- \$150,000 maximum for non-motorized projects (20% match required)
- 25% of grant funds are held until project completion is verified and all required documentation is approved.
- Can take up to approximately two years, as specified in a grant agreement, to complete
- Applications open fall and are due two months later.

Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD) - Local Government Grant Program

- Who can apply: Cities and districts to include under 5,000 population
- Eligible projects include land acquisition, development, and major rehabilitation projects that are consistent with the outdoor recreation goals and objectives contained in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).
 - Acquisition – Acquiring land for public outdoor recreation areas, including new park land or additions to existing parks, wildlife areas, and open spaces.
 - Development – Developing basic outdoor recreation facilities including sports and playfields, picnic facilities, camping facilities or interpretive facilities. Other potential projects include roads, parking areas and restroom buildings.
 - Rehabilitation – Repairing, restoring or reconstruction of normal wear and tear of facilities. Rehabilitation projects are also those that help meet the access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Large Grant Requests - Other than for land acquisitions, projects with a maximum \$750,000 grant request. Applicants may request up to \$1,000,000 for land acquisition projects.
- Funds are reimbursed at intervals and upon application request.

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- At least 20 percent match required.
- Applications open February and due April 1.
 - Time requirement for completion of project unknown

Oregon Parks & Recreation Department OPRD - Land and Water Conservation Fund

- Who can apply: City of Yachats
- Eligible Projects include:
 - Acquisition – Acquiring land and water for public access, including new area or additions to existing parks, forests, wildlife areas, beaches or similar.
 - Development – Developing outdoor recreation activities and support facilities needed by the public for recreation activities, including providing basic facilities and improvement of basic facilities.
- At least 50 percent match is required.
- Minimum grant: \$50,000 (\$100,000 total project costs), unless otherwise authorized by Oregon Parks and Recreation Director. No maximum grant amounts.
- Grant applications open Sept. 1, 2022 and are due October 29, 2022
- Do not know how long a city has to complete the project.

Oregon Coast Visitor's Association

- Who can apply: City, nonprofit or business
- Considers any project that enhances the wellbeing of the communities and visitors
- Application can be applied for anytime
- No match required
- If applicable, must have SHPO evaluation and plan
- \$50,000 max which is likely to be awarded given the SHPO report

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- Has a restricted fund for the boardwalk project
- Presently has \$26,000

Travel Oregon

This grant may be a possibility. Travel Oregon discontinued their 3 grants during the last two cycles, focusing instead on supporting businesses and employees through the pandemic. They may be restarting their grant cycle again in 2023. This grant specifically requires a demonstration that it will attract visitors from over 50 miles away.

(As of the time of this documents submission, the Team had not heard back from Travel Oregon about when they will restart their grant program.)

Oregon Community Paths Program (more remote possibility)

Who is eligible: Any governmental body

OCP is a competitive statewide transportation program that supports investments in multiuse paths that are *not part of a roadway*. Examples of eligible projects may be routes or segments that pass through a

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park, along a greenway, and follow abandoned rail corridors to connect community centers, services, housing, employment, schools, and recreation. Some on-road projects, such as roadway crossings for existing paths are also eligible. OCP projects must serve a transportation purpose (*not recreational*) and must be open for public use.

- Project Refinement funding is limited to \$150,000 - \$750,000 per project.
- Construction funding is limited to \$500,000 - \$6,000,000 per project

Grant applications are out in September and due from December to January.

This program will fund two types of community paths:

1. Critical Links – walking and biking connections to schools, downtowns, shopping, employment, and other essential destinations
2. Regional Paths - connecting communities no more than 15 miles apart, or traverses one community with a path 10 miles long or greater; for example, Southern Oregon’s Bear Creek Greenway, or Portland’s Springwater Corridor.

Possibility for additional grants through the USDA

Additional considerations:

If going for construction funds all of these grants want the following:

- Demonstration of readiness, i.e., permits secured, SHPO requirements documented, engineering plans complete. In other words, all pieces in place.
- Evidence of community support through donations, and partnerships. Example: part of LC 804 mitigation funds, VtF’s donation funds, other grants like OCVA, and of course VAFs. It is called “skin in the game.” They measure support by first and foremost by money coming from other sources.
- Volunteer and crew-account time
- Long-term sustainability of materials
- Made in America materials
- Accessible to the physically disabled.
- Grantors want “standout” projects.

Smaller grants of less than \$10,000 available but recommended for complementary projects like interpretive signage.

Who will write the grant applications?

Team’s recommendation is the primary grant writer be hired or an experienced grant writer staff member. Team can help with Letters of Support and data collection outside of the already thorough engineering report and SHPO report that will be primary in the application content.