



CITY OF OREGON CITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM COMMITTEE AGENDA

City Hall Mt. Hood Room, 625 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, June 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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- Attend in person, location listed above. Please see the public comment guidelines below.
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 - Email agriffin@orc.org (deadline to submit written testimony via email is 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting)
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Approve Minutes from March 12, 2025

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please see the public comment guidelines below.

- a. Willamette Falls Symphony Orchestra

4. PROGRAM FINANCIAL STATUS

- a. Updated Cash Flow Review by Matt Zook

5. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- a. Staff Remarks by James Graham

6. 2024-2025 REQUESTS FOR GRANT EXTENSION

- a. Oregon City Arts Commission
- b. Park Place Neighborhood Association

7. 2025-2026 ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROPOSALS

- a. Bee-Lieve Education Foundation
- b. Clackamas Community College Environmental Learning Center
- c. Clackamas Free Clinic - Volunteers in Medicine
- d. Clackamas Workforce Partnership
- e. Downtown Oregon City Association
- f. The Father's Heart
- g. Greater Oregon City Watershed Council
- h. McLoughlin Neighborhood Association
- i. Oregon City Parks and Recreation Dept. - Pioneer Community Center
- j. Oregon City Policy Department
- k. Soulflags

- I. Willamette Falls Studios

8. SHORT RECESS

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Proposal Review and Grant Awards

10. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

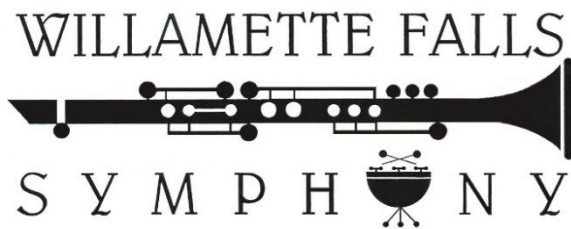
Complete a Comment Card prior to the meeting and submit it to the clerk. When the Chair calls your name, proceed to the speaker table, and state your name and city of residence. Each speaker is given 3 minutes to speak. As a general practice, the committee does not engage in discussion with those making comments. Complaints shall be addressed at the department level prior to addressing the committee.

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Proposal to Clarify Application Provisions for Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant 2025-26 and Remedy Problems Therein

SUMMARY

Willamette Falls Symphony Orchestra (WFSO) applied for the Oregon City 2025-26 Community Enhancement Grant. Our grant was submitted on time and complete (or so we thought). However, we were informed on June 4 that we have been deemed ineligible because we were lacking one letter of support from a business organization. We are apparently not the only applicants disqualified for that reason. However, we believe that we did indeed satisfy the requirements as described in the grant description, and that the procedural requirements are ambiguously stated, both in the published Guidelines and in the Application form itself, and can be read as requiring no more than we did in fact do. If the city believes that this ambiguous requirement must be maintained, we request a short window of opportunity to submit such a letter and make our grant application eligible, and avoid being unfairly penalized by an inaccurate and ambiguous eligibility requirement description.

While we agree that it is important, especially when dealing with public funds, to ensure that the requirements for grants be met before the awards are made, it is also important that the requirements be made clear and unambiguous so as to be fair to all the applicants. This conflict can be resolved by allowing all of the denied applicants a very brief window in which to cure the deficiency, making it possible for further funds to be administered without the inadvertent unfairness resulting from the ambiguities.

THE AMBIGUITIES

The issue raised by the denial of WFSO's application is the requirement of support letters. WFSO has learned that at least three letters were required for grant eligibility, whereas the guidelines and the application form itself can be read to require only one.

The guidelines call for “a letter of support from the following”, then three bulleted paragraphs. Apparently what was intended but not explicitly stated was “*letters* of support from *each* of the following”, but WFSO read this as “a letter” from *any* of the bulleted sources. The three bulleted paragraphs are not linked by conjunctions. The Committee’s intent was to imply “and” between each two paragraphs, but WFSO reasonably inferred “or” instead.

We did in fact submit one letter, from the Pastor at Oregon City United Methodist Church, which spoke to both the first and third bullet points, affected third parties and impacted private property owners, so we reasonably believed we had satisfied the requirement. The second bullet point referred to a letter from a Neighborhood Association (though the area that we are in has no active association) or a business group (without specifying exactly which groups qualify).

The online application form itself does not clarify the requirement, but has drag-and-drop fields above which is stated “Please upload *one or more* letters of support for the proposed project in the space provided below.” WFSO reasonably read “one or more” as requiring one letter, and giving the option for up to four more. While WFSO had asked for support letters from impacted third parties other than the church we rehearse and perform in, we hadn’t received answers except from the church. WFSO had checked the Oregon City website and found that the church is not in any of the neighborhoods with neighborhood associations, but did ask the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association for a letter, as that was the nearest neighborhood association. That request was never answered, but as it didn’t appear necessary given WFSO’s reading of the plain language on the application, WFSO did not feel the need to dig deeper. Accordingly, WFSO submitted the church’s letter of support and reasonably believed it was enough.

After the application was submitted, Ann Griffin emailed WFSO’s music director, Mark Perlman (Perlman) and board chair, Carol Dumond (Dumond), saying “Did you have any luck securing a letter of support from a business organization or a neighborhood association? I would recommend that you include one if possible.” This email was no doubt intended to help WFSO qualify for the grant, but did not say that it was an absolute eligibility requirement. WFSO accordingly read “I would recommend” as a recommendation, not a requirement. (Compare: When someone says “I would recommend that you eat your vegetables if possible”, you take it as optional. If they say “You must eat your vegetables now and if you don’t you will die tomorrow” you take it as an absolute imperative and will take any steps necessary to eat your vegetables.) Rather than alerting us to a deficiency in our application, Ann Griffin’s email reinforced our interpretation of the letter of support from a business group as merely optional. Further, as there is no neighborhood association available for the location of our venue, WFSO couldn’t get a letter of support from any.

Ann Griffin’s email also suggested that WFSO might ask the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce for a support letter, and included contact information, but as WFSO did not realize it was a

requirement, and given the experience with an unresponsive neighborhood association, WFSO didn't try. (However, it would have been fruitless even if it had, as WFSO learned later; see below.) The Committee then decided that WFSO had not met its requirements and accordingly decided to deny the application formally at its June 16 meeting. Ann Griffin subsequently notified Perlman and Dumond of the decision and, for the very first time, told them that three letters had been required, and that at that date there was no possible remedy, so we were simply out of luck and would not be considered for the grant this year.

On June 6, 2025, Perlman and Dumond met with Ann Griffin at City Hall to point out the ambiguities in the guidelines and application form, and learned that other applications had been denied on similar grounds.

After WFSO's meeting with Ann Griffin on June 6, Perlman and Dumond immediately walked to the Chamber of Commerce, where the director was out and no one could give them the required letter. On Monday, June 9, Mark Perlman reached the director, who told him that the Chamber has a policy of not writing such letters of support for non-members, and it would cost the orchestra \$199 for membership (and a \$40 set-up fee) just to be considered for a letter of support. WFSO had not heard of this requirement before that date, but immediately made the payment and the director agreed to write a letter of support.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

WFSO requests that the Committee allow it to submit the missing letter of support from the Chamber of Commerce and also from other impacted parties, now that the ambiguous requirements have been made clear, and that it consider WFSO for an award of grant money for the project. We also believe that all groups whose applications were denied for a similar reason be given the same chance to remedy the problem with their applications. Fundamental fairness requires that all applicants be given the same clarification and the same chance to remedy deficiencies caused by the ambiguity.

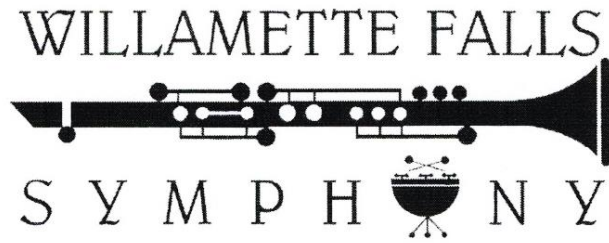
WFSO proposes that the Committee issue a prompt clarification of the pertinent procedural requirements for the grant, and notify all the denied applicants immediately by email and/or telephone. If the applicant's deficiency involved getting a letter of support from the Chamber of Commerce, the clarification should also alert them to the membership requirement, and its cost. The clarification should give applicants a day or two to correct the merely procedural deficiencies in their applications. WFSO suggests that the corrections be due on Thursday, June 12 or Friday, June 13, to allow the Committee to review them and make a more refined determination of grant awards before the committee meets on June 16.

The bottom line is this: Without this grant money, WFSO will not be able to repeat the 2026 school concerts for over 1000 Oregon City elementary school kids, nor be able to afford nearly as many of the expensive rentals of copyrighted music by underrepresented composers, nor offer free concert admission for Oregon City residents. The arts in Oregon City will be diminished in a number of ways, all because an ambiguous text was read differently by us than by the city administrators without a chance to fix it. The city will likely not even spend all the money in the grant fund this year if they exclude us and other groups deemed ineligible for the same reason. The remedy is fair and easy and costs nothing: Allow us (and other similar groups) to submit one letter and be considered eligible for this year's Community Enhancement Grant.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Perlman, WFSO Music Director

Carol Dumond, WFSO Board Chair



THANK YOU!

We are winners of the Willamette Falls Symphony Youth Concerto Competition 2024-25. We thank the City of Oregon City for supporting the orchestra with the 2024-25 Community Enhancement Grant, which helped make it possible for us to play solos with the orchestra.

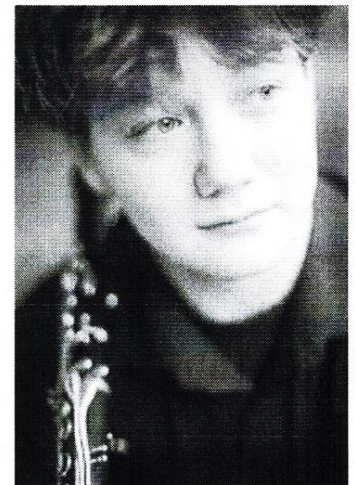
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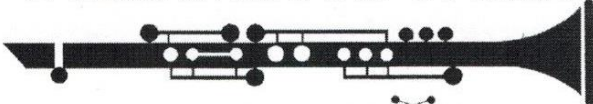


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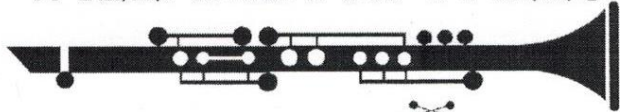
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Supporters of the Willamette Falls Symphony
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orchestra received for the 2024-25 season.

We ask that the orchestra be considered for another grant for the 2025-26 season.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>
Joe Feltz	Joe Feltz	West Linn, OR
Cassidy Cruz	Cassidy Cruz	Portland, OR
James Prichard	James Prichard	Clack Co.
Ellen Prichard	Ellen Prichard	unincorporated Clackamas County
Linda Pearce	Linda Pearce	OR
Kelli Puckett	Kelli Puckett	Stiles OR
Arlene Pon	Arlene Pon	West Linn OR
Molly Skan	Molly Skan	Clackamas OR
Scott McWilliam	Scott McWilliam	Oregon City OR
Carol Hochingson	Carol Hochingson	Milwaukie, OR
Jackie Foshick	Jackie Foshick	Oregon City
Gita Howard	Gita Howard	West Linn
Jennifer Paterson	Jennifer Paterson	Oregon City
Carol Brownlow	Carol Brownlow	Milwaukie
Lars Jensen	Lars Jensen	Lake Oswego
Joyce Trudler	Joyce Trudler	West Linn

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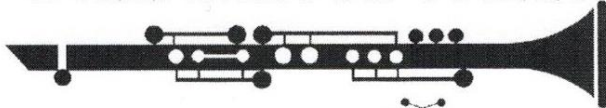
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>
Priya Jamkhekar		West Linn
J. McRorie		West Linn
Peter Bellamy		Oregon City
Don WRIBAY		Oregon City
Roy Eticker		Portland
Russ Christen		SALEM
Jean Bradford	Jean Bradford	Vancouver, WA.
Janae Elan		Canby OR
Debbie Jones	Deborah Jones	Canby OR
Colleen Duncan	Colleen M. Duncan	West Linn
Jack BRANSMAN		L.O.
Carolyn Popma	Carolyn Popma	West Linn
Ellen Gohm	Ellen Gohm	Petaluma CA
Julie Smith	Julie Smith	West Linn
Michael		Portland
Keston Brautten		OR city

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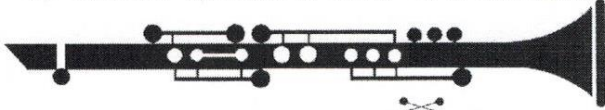
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MARK CHARNOV	<i>mark charnov</i>	MILWAUKIE
Teresa Prichard	<i>Teresa Prichard</i>	Milwaukie
MIKE FURZON	<i>Mike Furzon</i>	WEST LINN
Lori Turner	<i>Lori Turner</i>	West Linn
Randy Gibbs	<i>Randy Gibbs</i>	Happy Valley
J C Brown <small>JIM BROWN</small>	<i>J C Brown</i>	Salem
Tom Orquiza-Renards	<i>Tom Orquiza-Renards</i>	Oregon City
Cesario Trajano	<i>Cesario Trajano</i>	Hillsboro
Zach Lemke	<i>Zach Lemke</i>	Portland
Linda Pippin	<i>Linda Pippin</i>	Vancouver, WA
Beverly Koch	<i>Beverly Koch</i>	Oregon City
John Mattinson	<i>John Mattinson</i>	OC
M. Wiley Swogger	<i>M. Wiley Swogger</i>	Oregon City
Holly Swogger	<i>Holly Swogger</i>	Oregon City
Sunny Graham	<i>Sunny Graham</i>	Milwaukie
Emily Malvorson	<i>Emily Malvorson</i>	Happy Valley

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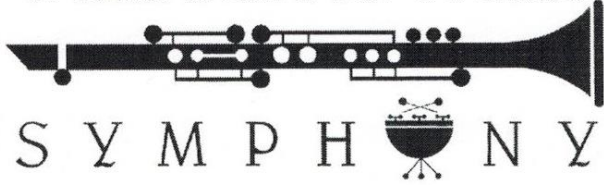
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Annie Halvorson	<i>Annie Halvorson</i>	Happy Valley Or
Cameron Breckenridge	<i>[Signature]</i>	Beavercreek
Alissa Davenport	<i>[Signature]</i>	West Linn
V Funk	<i>[Signature]</i>	Portland
Coleen Cheryl McCaffrey	<i>[Signature]</i>	Post Newberg
Anna Farmer	<i>Anna Farmer</i>	Oregon City
Charles Gullis	<i>[Signature]</i>	OC
Colton West	<i>[Signature]</i>	O.C.
Dylan Fisher	<i>[Signature]</i>	Happy Valley
Chris Gassert	<i>[Signature]</i>	Milwaukie
Mona Searles	<i>[Signature]</i>	Portland
Diane Morgan	<i>Diane Morgan</i>	Vancouver
Michelle Zhu	<i>[Signature]</i>	Portland

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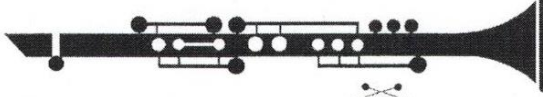



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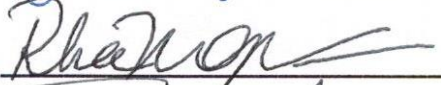

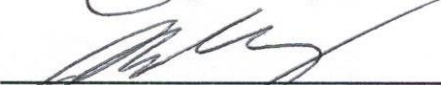

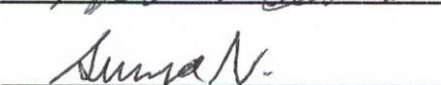
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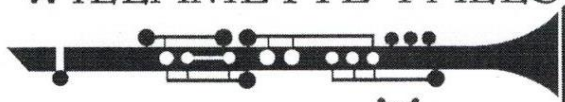
<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>City of Residence</u>
LAVonne Gilliam	LAVonne Gilliam	Portland
Eunice Cunningham	Eunice Cunningham	Newberg
LOVELL PETERSON	LOVELL PETERSON	MILWAUKIE
HOLLY BLISS	HOLLY BLISS	Shemood
Joyce Goodwin	Joyce Goodwin	Oregon City
Sarah Lewis	Sarah Lewis	Portland
Steu Mak	Steu Mak	Portland
Karikim	Karikim	
Kim Stafford	Kim Stafford	Portland
Perrin Kern	Perrin Kern	Portland

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Musicians in the Willamette Falls Symphony thank the City of Oregon City for the Community Enhancement Grant we received for the 2024-25 season.
We ask that we be considered for another grant for the 2025-26 season.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Instrument</u>
Michaela Davenport		Violin
Mark Perlman		conductor
Jon Cusack		cello
Saba Toosi		violin
Rhea Grover		viola
Theresa Grambach		Cello
Sharon Eng		viola
Martha Strauss		violin
Sunya Nagarajan		violin

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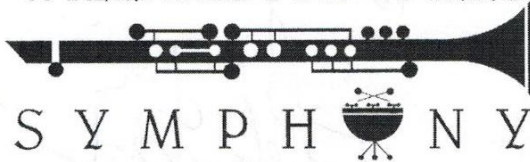
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Instrument</u>
KEVIN CHRISTENSEN		TRUMPET
Amy Scurry		Clarinet
Miranda Moy		Flute
Amanda Xantes		Flute
Clayton Thomas		Trombone
JORDAN FAULDS		HORN
APRIL YOUNG		CLARINET
Jacob Mason		Trombone
Adam Bechl		Trumpet

WILLAMETTE FALLS SYMPHONY



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Instrument</u>
Carol Dumond (Oregon City)	Carol Dumond	viola
Michael Cruz	Michael Cruz	Cello
Mary Wisbeck	Mary Wisbeck	violin
Hollie Ted Perlman	Hollie Ted Perlman	Cello
Haley Wigert	Haley Wigert	Bass
Frances DeRook	Frances DeRook	violin
Robin Steff	Robin Steff	violin
Susan High	Susan High	oboe
Lendie Bliss	Lendie Bliss	bassoon
Junko McRorie	Junko McRorie	violin
Diane Bransman	Diane Bransman	viola
Marguerite Mesa	Mesa	violin
Rachel Thoroughman	Rachel Thoroughman	oboe
Suzanne Chimenti	Suzanne Chimenti	violin + piano
Elizabeth Doty	Elizabeth Doty	violin
Brenna Carey	Brenna Carey	violin
Eldred Brown	Eldred Brown	Trombone

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MOLLY DEIS
Manny Elicker
Becky Gordon
SCOTT NEUMAN

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Scott Neuman

CELLO
cello
Viola
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Staff Report

To: Enhancement Grant Program Committee **Agenda Date:** June 16, 2025
From: Ann Griffin, Economic Development Coordinator

SUBJECT: 2024-25 Enhancement Grant Extension Requests and 2025-26 Enhancement Grant Proposals

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is pleased to share 12 proposals for Enhancement Grant support for 2025-2026, and two requests for extensions from 2024-2025 grant recipients. Staff asks the EGPC to review these submissions, accept or deny the extension requests, and make a determination of grant awards for FY 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2025-26 Enhancement Grant application period lasted from March 17- May 23, 2025. The City of Oregon City received 17 Enhancement Grant proposals. Staff is asking the EGPC to consider proposals from 12 organizations. The total amount of grant support requested is \$369,116. As we reviewed at the Administration meeting in March, the City has made \$400,000 available for grant awards this year.

Two requests came from public agencies, including the Oregon City Police Department and the Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department. Combined, these two proposals equal a request of \$54,157. This amount represents 14.6% of the total amount requested and is less than the 20% maximum allowed each year.

BACKGROUND:

Two organizations that received an Enhancement Grant for 2024-25 have requested an extension.

Organization	Grant Award	Spent to Date	Anticipated Completion
Oregon City Arts Commission	\$8,000	\$0	12/31/25

Park Place Neighborhood Association	\$25,450	\$6,363	12/31/25
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Both organizations submitted a timely written extension request and will make a brief presentation at the EGPC meeting on 6/16.

The 12 proposals for new grant funding are listed below.

	Organization	Project Name	Request
1)	Bee-Lieve Education Foundation, Inc.	Pollinators, Pond and Wetland Demonstration Project	39,950
2)	Clackamas Community College Environmental Learning Center	ELC Enhancements: Habitat, Water Quality and Access	38,981
3)	Clackamas Free Clinic - Volunteers in Medicine	Building Health and Opportunity in Oregon City	25,000
4)	Clackamas Workforce Partnership	Clean Slate Clackamas	50,000
5)	Downtown Oregon City Association	Well-Lit Trees	50,000
6)	The Father's Heart	Food Box Distribution	37,500
7)	Greater Oregon City Watershed Council	Urban Stream Health in Abernathy Creek	17,738
8)	McLoughlin Neighborhood Association	McLoughlin Neighborhood Garage Sale	2,500
9)	Oregon City Parks and Recreation - Pioneer Community Center	Open Doors, Open Opportunities: Providing Accessibility with New Slider Doors	14,157
10)	Oregon City Police Department	Keep OC Clean Program	40,000
11)	Soulflags	Salmon Life Cycle	46,000
12)	Willamette Falls Studios	Hungry for History	7,290

Total Amount Requested: \$369,116

Proposal Match Requirements - Following an initial review of the 17 proposals received, staff decided that 10 organizations had met the eligibility criteria. For this reason, the email that you received on June 4th included a link to an online folder with 10 proposals and accompanying letters of support.

However, upon further staff review, it was noted that two of the organizations included in the initial list of eligible applicants had also reported an insufficient match. This error was recognized after all of the applicants had been contacted and invited to attend the June 16 meeting.

Organizations on June 4 list with insufficient match:

- Downtown Oregon City Association
- Soulflags

Two additional organizations with insufficient match:

- Bee-Lieve Education Foundation
- Environmental Learning Center, Clackamas Community College

In an effort to be fair and equitable to each of these four organizations, staff recommends that the committee consider all four applications. In addition, if the applications are approved, those approvals will be contingent upon the applicants obtaining sufficient match. The amount of required match, the sources of match and reporting requirements will be outlined in the Enhancement Grant Agreements.

Review of Program Goals – Staff also reviewed the program goals that each applicant indicated would be met by the proposed project. In some cases, applicants do not explain how their project will satisfy the selected goals. Here is a summary of the review of applicant program goals:

Organization	Selected Program Goals	Staff Assessment
Bee-Lieve Education Foundation	1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10	Goals 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 are met. 2, 3, and 10 are addressed but seem like a stretch.
Clackamas Community College – Environmental Learning Center	5,6,7,9	All met
Clackamas Free Clinic - Volunteers in Medicine	8 and 9	Both met
Clackamas Workforce Partnership	7, 8 and 9	All met
Downtown Oregon City Association	3 and 7	Both met
The Father's Heart	2, 8 and 9	All met
Greater Oregon City Watershed Council	1, 3 and 5	All met
McLoughlin Neighborhood Association	2, 3, 7 and 8	Goal 2 only
Oregon City Parks and Recreation - Pioneer Community Center	6, 7 and 10	6 and 7 are met. 10 is hard to justify.

Oregon City Police and Code Enforcement	1, 3, 5, 6 and 7	All met.
Soulflags	1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 10.	1, 3, 5, 9 and 10 are clearly met. Goal 2 is harder to verify.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve each of the twelve grant proposals, and the two grant extension requests.
2. Approve some portion of the new grant proposals and extension requests.

BUDGET IMPACT:

For New Grant Proposals

Amount \$369,116
FY 2026
Funding Source Metro Disposal Fees

For Grant Extensions

Amount \$27,087
FY 2025
Funding Source Metro Disposal Fees



Enhancement Grant Committee
Attn: Ann Griffin
Economic Development Dept.
625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

RE: Request for Extension on 2024-25 Enhancement Grant Funds

Dear Ann Griffin,

On behalf of the Oregon City Arts Commission, I would like to request an extension to the Enhancement Grant we received in July of 2024. The grant funds we received last year were for restoration/clean-up of Oregon City Public Art. While we have been working with the Public Works Department to modify their cleaning schedule to account for more public art pieces, several pieces required additional funds to make repairs. We facilitated this through a grant funding process, however due to several variables (legal review, promotion of the grant funding, and prioritization changes in our workload/activities) we have not been able to disperse all funds yet.

Our plan is to review the proposed requests for funding at our May 2025 meeting, at which time the restoration projects we have selected will begin their work. We expect most of this work to be done by the end of June, however we would like to plan for the worst-case scenario and give the grantees enough time to complete their projects safely.

Therefore, we would greatly appreciate your acceptance of our extension request. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Regards,
Josh Planton
Chair, Oregon City Arts Commission
joshplanton@gmail.com

Park Place Neighborhood Association
16303, Wayne Dr
Oregon City
OR 97045

May 9th 2025

Request for 2024 Metro Grant Extension

Dear Metro Grant Committee,

The Park Place Neighborhood Association is requesting an extension to our park project. The project requires an extension due to unforeseen challenges in the design of the garden and the permitting that pushed the work outside the appropriate planting season. We have also experienced a particularly dry spring that could increase plant mortality if planted prior to June 30. To satisfy all elements of the project, we request an extension through the end of November so we can plant in the appropriate weather window for pollinator plants. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Jackie Hammond-Williams.
Treasurer, PPNA.



2025 Metro Enhancement Grant Application

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Applicant Organization *

Bee-Lieve Education Foundation

Title of Project *

Pollinators, Pond, and Wetland Demonstration Project

Is this a 501(c)(3) organization *

Yes

No

Non-Profit Federal Tax-exempt ID Number *

99-1319081

Address *

PO Box 321

City, State, Zip *

West Linn, OR 97068

Project Manager Responsible *

Steve Leitz

Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable)

Steve Leitz

Project Manager Phone Number *

503-754-6805

Chairperson Phone Number

503-754-6805

Project Manager Email *

steve@yofsel.com

Chairperson Email

steve@yofsel.com

If you have received a Community Enhancement Grant in the past, indicate the last year you received funding and the name of that project.

N/A

If you are applying for a third year, describe efforts to identify other sources of project support in addition to the Community Enhancement Grant.

N/A

Briefly describe the current project for which you are requesting funds. *

19969 Hwy 213, Oregon City comprises a 4-acre pond and potential wetland area on Oregon City's Caufield Creek. The project is endorsed by the Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association where it is located and the Caufield Neighborhood Association membership that serve on the city's Citizen Involvement Committee. Project proposes to enhance 4-acre existing pond with entire new wetland plantings, overhanging trees and cover and extensive pollinator native plantings in the pond and over 2,000 ft stream corridor of Caufield Creek. Project will involve students from Oregon City Senior High School and at-risk youth from other supporting nonprofits, including Oregon City resident Rick Reynold's Engaging Every Student, to work in all aspects of project planting, wetland establishment, bird nest box placements and other features. Caufield Creek drains south Oregon City and continues its course to the Willamette River via West Beaver Creek. Stream has established cutthroat trout run, extensive populations of red-legged frog and western pond turtles, all of which are rare in an urbanizing area. Project concept was developed by Bud Tooze (now deceased) who served as chairman and long-term member of Clackamas County Parks Board, Oregon City Kiwanis, Oregon City Optimist Club and always worked to further the development of nearby John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center at Clackamas Community College.

The proposed project must meet one or more of the following 10 goals. Please indicate which of the following outcomes your project will achieve. Select all that apply. *

- Result in significant improvement in the cleanliness of Oregon City.
- Increase reuse and recycling efforts or provide a reduction in solid waste.
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- Preserve or increase recreational areas and programs within the City.
- Improve safety within the City.
- Increase employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
- Provide work, training opportunities, or other benefits to youth, seniors, and low-income people or other underserved groups.
- Enhance art and culture within Oregon City.

Describe how the project meets the selected goal(s). *

Result in significant improvement of the cleanliness of Oregon City – 4 acres of invasive filled lands will be cleaned up and replanted for beautification easily seen from adjoining Hwy 213

Increase reuse and recycling efforts – Invasives, wood waste, and other debris will be processed and composted; recovered resulting organics will be used in replanting

Increase the attractiveness or market value of areas – Adjoining residential properties and nearby townhouses benefit from beautified site with wildlife trails and features creating interest

Enhance new or existing wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest land or marine lands – project creates valuable wetland habitat, enhances pond aquatics for endangered turtles, frogs and fisheries; access trails for public use will also be utilized by students from Clackamas Community College and nearby Oregon City Senior High School

Preserve or increase recreational areas – project is 1/2 mile from Clackamas Community College and their network of jogging and outdoor recreation trails and features; site improvements will create 2000 ft of trails highly visible from HWY 213. Students from College and high school are welcome and will participate in field and experiential learning offerings

Improve safety with Oregon City – Minimal trails and access around ponds and features will be enhanced with quality ADA trails providing long term and continuance maintenance and surveillance for safety. OSU Extension Office will assist in design

Increase employment in Oregon City – Hilltop landscape and related supply businesses will be accessed for all rental and equipment needs for project; Pioneer Equipment Rentals will be sourced for needed loaders and equipment to conduct project

Provide work for youth – Up to 50 youth from nearby high school and at-risk youth identified through Clackamas Workforce Partnership will receive training and employment as project builders

Enhance Art and Culture within Oregon City – Downed woody logs suitable for sculptural carving are designed, sculpted and placed representing animals, fisheries and other creatures along 2,000 ft of new trails.

Project period: *

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

How will the community benefit from your project? What is the estimated number of people who will be positively effected? *

Project adjoins hwy 213 and is in full view of travelers moving both north and south. Views of enhanced areas with extensive blooming trees, shrubs, and interesting trails will create interest and value to all residents nearby including many in Caufield Neighborhood Association and drainage. Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association homes and townhouses adjoining projects will benefit from new vistas, new walking trails and wildlife attracting features. Students from Clackamas Community College and nearby Oregon City Senior High School will have opportunities (up to 300 students per year) to visit, participate in projects, learn from qualified teacher presenters facts and processes of nature. Caufield Creek will still succeeds in cutthroat trout and winter steelhead will be enhanced in a highly urbanized area for long-term functionality.

Briefly describe your organization's prior experience managing similar projects. *

Bee-Lieve Education Foundation (501C-3 non-profit) has worked with OSU Extension Service over the years and has strong recommendations and endorsements for the interaction with natural resource and in particular pollinator insects. The founder, Steve Leitz, has operated several for

profit businesses in the past that have all succeeded due to good accounting and product delivery. Those efforts included operation and improvements to Pizza Schmizza, Subway and Baskin Robbins while at the same time operating the Bee-lieve pollinator gardens in conjunction with OSU. Steve also successfully operates Leitz's Oregon Grape Nursery and NW Fresh Evergreen. Though located in West Linn (the offices) Bee-Lieve operates in Oregon City, Molalla, West Linn, Happy Valley and Gladstone. Projects they develop bring in qualified natural resource specialist (as recommended by OSU Extension Office) and contractors when necessary, including youth service organizations that collaborate with their projects.

Describe the measurements you will use to assess the project's effectiveness. Be sure to describe project goals, changes and noticeable benefits that will come about as a result.

1. View corridors of pond and wetland enhancements will be established with blooming trees along view corridors along hwy 213
2. 2,000 ft of walking trails and maintenance loops will be established for project building and long-term educational tours.\
3. 4-acre pond will be converted in part with 2 new acres of wetland plantings and emergent transitional plants creating overhanging cover, onsite nesting opportunities and cooling effects for fisheries.
4. Nest boxes for wood ducks, tree, barn and other swallows; raptor nest platforms will be erected increasing utilization and biodiversity of species
5. 1,000 ft of stream corridor will be enhanced with overhanging native trees and shrubs to reduce temperatures, provide diversity in habitat and ultimately support Caufield Creek
6. Up to 50 youth from nearby high school, college and at-risk youth referrals from CWP will occur and provide employment
7. Oregon Youth Corp resources from participating organizations will include trained OYC crew leaders and methodologies responding to diversity, equity and inclusion

Proposed Budget

In the table below, describe the project's proposed budget. Administrative costs are to be maintained at or below 10% of the total project cost.

Matching Funds

Please note that matching resources ARE REQUIRED. The total match amount required depends upon the total project cost. Matching funds may be either cash or in-kind. An in-kind match is a form of support for the project that does not need to be directly paid for. For example, the value of volunteer service is considered a match. Volunteer labor may be valued at a rate of \$33.49 per hour.

Total Project Cost	Funding Match Requirement
\$0-\$4,999	10% of total project cost
\$5,000 - \$9,999	20% of total project cost
\$10,000 - \$19,999	30% of total project cost
\$20,000 - \$39,000	40% of total project cost
\$40,000 - \$74,999	50% of total project cost

Budget summary

Using your proposed budget below, summarize the Grant Amount Requested, the amount of Cash Funds raised as a match, and the total estimated value of in-kind contributions to the project. The total project cost is the sum of these three amounts.

Grant Amount Requested (Column A)	39,950
+Matching Funds (Cash) (Column B)	15,000
+ In-Kind Matching Funds (Column C)	21,500

= Total Cost of Project (Column D)	76,450
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Budget *

Project Costs	A Grant Dollars Requested	B Matching Funds (Cash)	C In-kind matching support	D Total Project Cost
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Project Costs	(A) Grant Dollars Requested	(B) Matching Funds (Cash)	(C) In-Kind Matching Support	(D) Total Project Costs
Personnel services, contractors, consultants, performers	5,500		5,000	10,500
Project administration costs (clerical, advertising, printing, postage, liability insurance, permits)	3,950		2,500	6,450
Materials/Supplies and Equipment (New, not preexisting)	12,500		10,000	22,500
Construction costs (specific to the project)				
Event costs (directly associated with the event, i.e. rentals)			1,500	1,500
Transportation costs (fuel not to be included)			2,500	2,500
Entity/persons Value of volunteer contributions				
Misc costs - At-Risk Youth Stipends	18,000	15,000		33,000
Totals	39,950	15,000	21,500	76,450

Description of In-Kind Match. List the sources of support for the project's in-kind match (e.g., volunteer hours and donations). As described * in the Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines, volunteer labor may be valued at the rate of \$33.49 per hour.

Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
Materials/Supplies	Big Sky Landscape	10,000
Project Administration	Bee-Lieve Education Foundation	2,500
Personnel Services	Tooze Wildlife Refuge	2,500
Personnel Services	Bee-Lieve Education Foundation	2,500
Transportation Costs	Tooze Wildlife Refuge	2,500

Event Costs	Tooze Wildlife Refuge	1,500

Total Amount

21,500

List all grants applied for in support of this project, and commitments confirmed to date. If you have not applied for any other grants, write N/A. *

Grants: Oregon Youth Corp (approved) \$15,000

Note: Metro Grant request is equally matched by cash and in-kind 1:1

Administrative costs are allowed as part of the project. What percentage of Enhancement Grants funds will be used for personnel services or administrative costs? *

10% for Project Administration; 13.7% for Personnel Services (Including contractors)

Rich Text

Please upload one or more letters of support for the proposed project in the space provided below. Letters of support demonstrate that people who could be impacted by a project are aware of it and in support of it.

Required letters of support:

- a) Active partner organization – If your organization is working in collaboration with a partner organization to implement the proposed project, include a letter of support from that partner organization.
- b) Property owner - If the project will impact private property or city-owned property, then a letter of support should be included from the property owner. For example, if the proposed project will take place in a city-owned park, then a letter of support should be included from the Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department.
- c) Neighborhood Association and/or Business Association - Applicants should also include a letter of support from a relevant neighborhood association if there is an active neighborhood association where the proposed project will take place, or local business association whose membership includes a large number of Oregon City businesses.

We recognize that several neighborhoods do not have an active neighborhood association. To learn more about what neighborhood your project is in, go to the City of Oregon City website, and search "[What Neighborhood Am I In?](#)"

Please contact Ann Griffin with any questions – agriffin@orc.org.

Upload letter(s) of support *

Letters of Support - OC Metro Grant.pdf	5.25MB
Project Map and Other.pdf	3.18MB
Organizational Status.pdf	1.21MB

Signature *



**Letters
of
Support**

To the WES Grant Committee,

On behalf of the Bee-Lieve Education Foundation, I am writing to express our full support for the Caufield Creek Headwaters Restoration Project.

Bee-Lieve Education Foundation is a Hispanic-owned 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to the preservation of pollinators and their habitats. In collaboration with the Tooze Wildlife Refuge (located at 19969 Hwy. 213, Oregon City, OR 97045), we are committed to restoring the Caufield Creek Watershed by removing invasive species, planting hundreds of native and pollinator-friendly plants, and enhancing habitat for sensitive species such as the Western Pond Turtle, Red-legged Frog, and a variety of native pollinators.

Through our partnership with Bosky Dell Natives, we've secured both volunteer labor and wholesale pricing for native plants. Additionally, our collaboration with the Oregon State University Master Beekeeper Program ensures this restoration effort aligns with science-based best practices for protecting pollinator habitats.

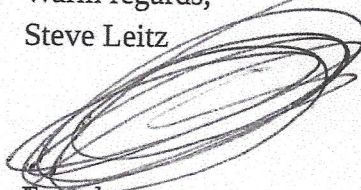
This project also creates meaningful youth employment opportunities through our ongoing partnership with Rivers of Life Center, which equips young people with valuable work experience and a strong ethic of community service.

In 2024, Bee-Lieve proudly donated 1,200 bottles of honey to local food pantries and awarded six scholarships to U.S. veterans for training in the OSU Master Beekeeper Program. In 2025, we aim to scale this impact tenfold—delivering 12,000 bottles of honey to combat food insecurity and awarding 60 scholarships to support veteran healing and job readiness.

The Caufield Creek Headwaters Restoration Project will multiply these efforts by fostering biodiversity, environmental education, and long-term sustainability for our region. We strongly urge your support for this vital initiative.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,
Steve Leitz



Founder

Bee-Lieve Education Foundation
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To whom it may concern:

I would like to endorse the Watershed Education Services grant proposal of Bee-lieve Education Foundation. "TITLE". It offers a novel approach to demonstrating that the riparian environment, little-studied but extremely important, provides a wide variety of natural services to wildlife, including critical insect pollinators like honey and bumble bees, which we and wildlife depend upon for ecological services such as pollination, soil stability and water filtration. The riparian environment provides early season food resources for a large variety of insects. We usually consider them to be quality habitat for organic honey.

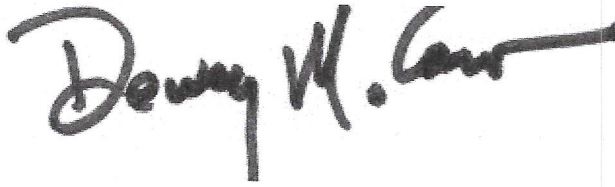
Riparian habitats are extremely important in annual supply of resources to honey bees and other pollinators. Safe forage areas alongside Clackamas County rivers, streams, and other water bodies provide essential food and shelter for pollinators.. they harbor the earliest flowering plants, (plants with their feet in water). Riparian vegetation, especially shrubs like willows, alders and ground covers provide early-season blooms that are crucial for bees emerging from hibernation, offering nectar and pollen when other food sources are scarce. The early spring bloom offers pollen, and sometimes nectar as well, to a wide variety of other pollinators such as flies and wasps. They provide food for caterpillars that will then yield butterflies to pollinate within and beyond the riparian environment.

Natural and maintained areas that feature riparian buffers can serve as excellent pollinator habitats, particularly when they are wide and well-maintained. They will support a higher diversity of insect pollinators than other habitats, especially in the spring but extending into the season as well. For honey bees and bumble bees, the early plant resource of plant resin, used by the social species in their nest as propolis, is a significant and critically important material for colony health. It is the natural microbiological agent used to combat harmful pathogens in the large social nests.

Riparian communities are valuable as they can be connective. They extend from one area to another, connecting diverse communities within their reach. Social bees forage as much as 3 miles for food resources; other pollinators usually are more restricted in flight area but can extend along such corridors to secure their vital flowering resources. For native bees they provide suitable habitat for nest construction with suitable soil conditions within the extended area. The corridors connect habitats allowing for movement from one area to another.

Specifically, the grant objectives zero in on **NEED TALKING POINT**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dewey M. Caron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dewey M. Caron, Emeritus Professor of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology, Univ of Delaware,
Affiliate Faculty & content/communications specialist, OR Master Beekeeper program,
Department of Horticulture, Oregon State University.

Tooze wildlife refuge

Caufield creek watershed, Oregon city, Or

April 14, 2025

WES and whom it may concern.

Tooze wildlife refuge is in support of water quality and wildlife enhancement on all wetlands.

TWR supports this project at Tooze Pond located in Oregon city,

TWR was named after Bud Tooze started it in 1963.

Bud served at CCC and volunteered in the community for decades.

Bud Tooze served on the Parks board in Clackamas County for over 30 years, served at the John Inskeep environmental

Center as well as many other community entities.

The TWR has many fauna and flora and is full of life.

One of the last places in Oregon city were pond turtles' and frogs are undisturbed.

Many future projects are planned for the native trout and all wildlife at the location on HWY 213.

Thank you for your support for this wildlife preserve in Clackamas county and Honoring an Honorable man,

Harold H TOOZE (Bud)

With best regards

MR. Daniel G Tooze SR



May 16, 2025

Dear Metro Enhancement Grant Review:

Oregon City Senior High School's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC) Program provides opportunities for nearly 100 youth per year at the high school many times in service of community projects. Our facility is very close to the Caufield Creek corridor and in fact our drainage flows mostly through Caufield Creek and Newell Creek drainages.

The proposed project to enhance waters, wetlands, stream areas in and around a historic pond and stream corridor of Caufield Creek is something we would see an interest in our youth participation.

The grant would provide on the job training and experiential training for our youth and the youth stipends would certainly help our youth meet their individual challenges as new workers.

We hope you can support this grant request by the nonprofit Bee-Lieve Education Foundation and Steve Leitz. There are other things he would like to do with our youth in teaching about natural resources, pollinator plants and their benefits to butterflies and all of us and the role of bees in support of agriculture, our quality of life and especially our environment.

We hope you can support this request which we wish to participate in.

Sincerely,


Major Doug Thomas

G A F F N E Y

Lane Neighborhood Association

May 15, 2025

Metro Enhancement Grant
Portland, Oregon

Dear Friends:

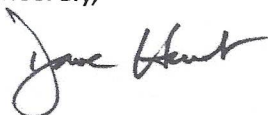
I am writing to support the application of the Bee-Lieve Education Foundation for a Metro Enhancement Grant in Oregon City.

Bee-Lieve is working in partnership with the Tooze Historic Wildlife area and pond to advance native plantings, improve water temperatures, and provide benefits to butterflies and other beneficial insects through extensive pollinator plantings. The project area (about four acres) in the Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association is privately owned but with long-term public involvement. Dan Tooze's grandfather Bud Tooze was an important figure in Clackamas County parks and Oregon City parks and regional natural resource advocacy. Bud Tooze established the pond and other features of stream enhancement that are Caufield Creek as it flows to its destination in the Willamette River via Beaver Creek.

Bee-Lieve, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is working with other nonprofits and is the lead organization that will work to establish extensive wetland plantings, overhanging cover, and other beneficial fish and wildlife support elements by using local youth including Oregon City High School students. I believe this project warrants financial support from a Metro Enhancement grant to provide restored and functional wildlife landscapes.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns: 503-810-8387 or dave@namicc.org.

Sincerely,



Dave Hunt, Chair
Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association

May 15, 2025

Dan Berge
CIC Oregon City
Caufield Neighborhood Association
503 515 5488
P.O. Box 1927
Oregon City, OR 97045

Subject: **Help Tooze Lake**

We need to protect the Tooze Lake area for the future of the environment of Oregon City.

Help protect the Tooze Lake located on Hwy 213, from the water flowing from Caufield Neighborhood Association's combined run off. I agree with John F Williams JR, Mayor 2002, for his support of the Tooze Lake cleanup. A May 2002 copy of Oregon City

We should help Dan Tooze and like his grandfather protect the turtle's, the kingfisher family, Trail News which is attached shows his support.

the red winged blackbird families and bats plus more that inhabit the Tooze Lake area. They have stayed all year or return yearly to the sanctuary. The care and concern for their Protection should be handed down from generation to generation as has been done by the Tooze family.

Dan Berge

CIC Caufield Neighborhood Association



Engaging Every Student

6521 Palomino Way, West Linn, OR 97068; 503-380-4140, rick@engagingeverystudent.com

April 15, 2025

Dear Grant Proposal Review Committee,

We are enthusiastically supportive of the "Caufield Creek Headwaters and Wetland Project." Its open pond conversion to wetlands and its continuing sustenance of western pond turtles and red-legged frogs, offer tremendous value to our local watershed and Caufield Creek. The project's close proximity to Clackamas Community College (CCC) and its Environmental Learning Center (ELC), where we will be working with students from nearby Oregon City Service Learning Academy and Oregon City High School, make it an ideal area for the kind of learning experiences we can provide there for youth in our programs and the general public.

This project will be a significant resource south of CCC on a very active urban stream. It will serve as a natural resource enhancement example for both residents and the business community. It can demonstrate how to effectively enhance an urban stream with existing cutthroat trout, showcasing environmental enhancement opportunities available to all of us. In my experience, improving wildlife habitat ideal platform through which to engage youth. For instance, we have been working with Latinx youth Hacienda CDC and with a variety of other underserved groups that would be so excited to participate. We see this program as an ideal opportunity to expand outdoor education and service-learning opportunities to underserved youth to help build more just, inclusive, and healthy communities for people and wildlife.

I have had the pleasure of supporting at-risk youth for over 30 years, and the organization I founded 16 years ago called Engaging Every Student (EES) has helped develop and manage a number of successful experiential programs, including The River Mile network's Crayfish Study and freshwater ecosystem education programs. This new project is a significant opportunity for me to be able to support local youth with learning about our local rivers and streams, and I am so appreciative of the impactful work that Jerry Herrman and team have accomplished together through the years.

I will be glad to share my experience as a passionate educator and developer of educational resources and programs in support of this project. Programs that I could help lead include those about native fish, amphibians, bats, insects, birds, and plants that are typical of our rivers and also inhabit the built environments. For instance, I have loved working with the enthusiastic kids in Hacienda CDC's impactful Expresiones Program for 6 years, and they would be so excited to learn more through this project. I am excited to expand the work in ways that enhance the quality of life for our residents and to benefit habitat for threatened fish, amphibians, and other wildlife.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rick Reynolds, M.S.Ed.
Founder, Engaging Every Student



2025 Metro Enhancement Grant Application

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Applicant Organization *

Clackamas Community College

Title of Project *

ELC Enhancements: Habitat, Water Quality, and Access

Is this a 501(c)(3) organization *

Yes

No

Non-Profit Federal Tax-exempt ID Number *

n/a

Address *

19600 Molalla Avenue

City, State, Zip *

Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Project Manager Responsible *

Heidi Blackwell

Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable)

Jeff Shaffer, CFO

Project Manager Phone Number *

(503) 594-3015

Chairperson Phone Number

(503) 594-3101

Project Manager Email *

heidi.blackwell@clackamas.edu

Chairperson Email

jeff.shaffer@clackamas.edu

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The METRO Enhancement Grant would be used to: 1) create physical changes to the Environmental Learning Center that will lead to greater accessibility to spaces for learning, exploring, and overall enjoyment of the site, 2) improve the ecological functions provided by the constructed wetland to cleanse the stormwater that flows downstream into Newell Creek, 3) improve habitat functions through weed control and the addition of more native plants, 4) engage with the public through volunteer projects and an educational event.

Greater Accessibility: Improvements in access to our wetland will allow for greater opportunities to educate youth and adults, as well as passive recreational use by community members. This grant would support safety improvements in the trails around the wetland channel, which currently have uneven areas and tripping hazards, such as exposed roots and rocks.

Ecological/Habitat Functions: Currently sediment has accumulated in both the forebay and at the outfall of the ELC's constructed wetland. This grant would provide funds to remove that sediment, in order to maintain the water cleansing function of the wetland, which will help to ensure that the water quality is improved before it heads downstream into Newell Creek.

Grant monies would also be used to control invasive weeds around the wetland, and to add more native plants to fill in open areas. The plants will serve to both provide wildlife habitat and reduce weed growth. These tasks will require hiring an individual to coordinate weed management and planting activities, as well as to coordinate volunteer events that will engage more community members in stewardship of the site. All of this

work will follow a newly created Site Management plan which will be informed by Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge.

Public Engagement/Education: As a culminating activity, the Environmental Learning Center, in collaboration with community partners, will hold the Second Annual "Explore the Outdoors" Celebration bringing students, families, and other community members together to learn and enjoy being out in nature.

The proposed project must meet one or more of the following 10 goals. Please indicate which of the following outcomes your project will achieve. Select all that apply. *

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- Improve safety within the City.
- Increase employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
- Provide work, training opportunities, or other benefits to youth, seniors, and low-income people or other underserved groups.
- Enhance art and culture within Oregon City.

Describe how the project meets the selected goal(s). *

• Enhance wildlife, riparian zones, and wetlands, and opportunities for public to enjoy them:

Clearing out sediment deposits from the wetland forebay and outfall will contribute towards an ongoing positive impact of the ELC on water quality in Newell Creek. The addition of more native plants and removal of invasive weeds will improve wildlife habitat. Removal of the weeds will also serve to open up views, reduce the possibility of scrapes from blackberry thorns, and improve access.

• Preserve recreational areas/programs in Oregon City:

The ELC provides passive recreation for many people in the community. Maintaining the trails and habitat will benefit all who visit, ensuring access and enhancing the ecological health of the area.

• Improve safety in Oregon City:

Trail improvements and bridge maintenance will remove hazards thus making them safer to walk. By applying a non-slip surface to our bridges, it will greatly reduce the chance of falls. In addition, without an ongoing weed management program, the blackberries and other invasive plants would continue to spread, potentially making trails dangerous or even impassable.

• Provide benefit to youth and low-income/under-served groups:

Field trips provide watershed health education to thousands of youth each year. Sponsoring organizations, including Oregon City Public Works and Clackamas Water Environment Services, provide funding for several classes within their service areas that have demonstrated financial need, allowing them to attend the field trip at no cost. Additionally, career exploration field trips are of special interest to AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) and ASPIRE (Acceleration Successful Performance in Regular Education) programs, because of their goals to close the achievement gap for students by preparing them for college readiness and success.

Project period: *

12 months

How will the community benefit from your project? What is the estimated number of people who will be positively effected? *

Visiting the ELC will be an even more enjoyable experience for the thousands of children and adults who visit each year – safer, more accessible, and engaging for passive recreation and educational activities, and more beautiful! The health of the watershed will also be protected, which ultimately touches each person in the community.

Through educational programs for pre-school through high school, community events like Explore the Outdoors and Haggart Observatory viewings, private events like meetings and weddings, and passive recreators, it's estimated that a minimum of 5,000 people visit the ELC each year.

Briefly describe your organization's prior experience managing similar projects. *

The ELC is a well-established provider of successful environmental education programming within our community. The site managed a major restoration as recently as 2018. Since then, the ELC has exhibited immense growth and reach, increasing the annual number of field trips and community events significantly and fostering new connections with local organizations. In the 2023-2024 academic year, our educational programming reached 4,496 K-5 youth across Clackamas County, extending to greater heights than ever before.

The following people regularly collaborate on similar education programs and grounds maintenance projects at the ELC:

The ELC Program Director, Dr. Heidi Blackwell, will be responsible for oversight and supervision, partnership collaboration, and grant reporting. Dr. Blackwell has over twenty years of experience working in K-12 educational settings as a special education teacher and school leader. She has her doctorate in Higher Education with a concentration in Instruction and Design. Her work in local non-profits has provided opportunities to make connections with a number of groups and individuals that have been systemically undervalued in our society.

The Administrative Assistant at the ELC is Jessie Mulcahy. Ms. Mulcahy holds her Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science and also serves as one of our field trip instructors. She will be responsible for data collection, coordinating various aspects of all projects, and budget support.

The K-5 Educational Program Coordinator, Sarah Bidwell, has been creating environmental education opportunities for young learners for over two decades. Along with her education and curriculum development background, she has experience with volunteer management and habitat restoration.

Describe the measurements you will use to assess the project's effectiveness. Be sure to describe project goals, changes and noticeable benefits that will come about as a result.

1. Lack of sediment in forebay and outfall areas: Removal of the accumulated sediment will increase water holding capacity in the forebay and slow down the rate of water exiting the wetland channel. This is important for water quality goals.
2. Number of volunteers engaged in site maintenance (goal is 50): Volunteer engagement is essential to the ongoing maintenance of the site and will provide opportunities for community members to get to know one another, as well as to establish a deeper connection with the site. The result will be more community involvement and an improved habitat. We will be able track residents of Oregon City by the address provided on release forms.
4. Qualitative assessment of the reduction of invasive species: Blackberries, Reed Canary Grass, English Ivy, and Yellow Flag Iris populations will all be greatly reduced, to the extent that monthly maintenance activities can keep them in check. The result will be improved habitat and better visibility for visitors to some areas that are currently overgrown.
5. Number of participants in the educational Explore the Outdoors event (goal is 100): Families and individuals will learn about the variety of plants and wildlife at the ELC, which should give them a deeper appreciation for the value of wetlands. Because many people in the community are not even aware that the ELC exists and is open to the public, this event will also serve as an introduction to the site and hopefully result in return visits. Individuals will be asked to share their city of residence on the raffle tickets as a way to track Oregon City residents and provide an additional incentive for participation.

Proposed Budget

In the table below, describe the project's proposed budget. Administrative costs are to be maintained at or below 10% of the total project cost.

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Budget summary

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Project administration costs (clerical, advertising, printing, postage, liability insurance, permits): Grant Request = 10% of Grant Requested costs	3,544			3,544
Materials/Supplies and Equipment (New, not preexisting): Grant Request = gravel, plants, slip-resistant material (\$2,000) Match = gravel, volunteer, event supplies (\$1,500)	2,000	1,500		3,500
Construction costs (specific to the project)				

Event costs (directly associated with the event, i.e. rentals)				
Transportation costs (fuel not to be included)				
Entity/persons Value of volunteer contributions			16,075	16,075
Misc costs				
Totals	38,981	3,716	17,575	60,272

Description of In-Kind Match. List the sources of support for the project's in-kind match (e.g., volunteer hours and donations). As described * in the Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines, volunteer labor may be valued at the rate of \$33.49 per hour.

Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
Consultant service - project design	CCC Foundation donation	1,500
Restoration - plants and pathways	Volunteer hours (480)	16,075

Total Amount

17,575

List all grants applied for in support of this project, and commitments confirmed to date. If you have not applied for any other grants, write N/A. *

N/A

Administrative costs are allowed as part of the project. What percentage of Enhancement Grants funds will be used for personnel services or administrative costs? *

10% administrative costs

Rich Text

Please upload one or more letters of support for the proposed project in the space provided below. Letters of support demonstrate that people who could be impacted by a project are aware of it and in support of it.

Required letters of support:

a) Active partner organization – If your organization is working in collaboration with a partner organization to implement the proposed project, include a letter of support from that partner organization.

b) Property owner - If the project will impact private property or city-owned property, then a letter of support should be included from the property owner. For example, if the proposed project will take place in a city-owned park, then a letter of support should be included from the Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department.

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We recognize that several neighborhoods do not have an active neighborhood association. To learn more about what neighborhood your project is in, go to the City of Oregon City website, and search "[What Neighborhood Am I In?](#)"

Please contact Ann Griffin with any questions – agriffin@orc.org.

Upload letter(s) of support *

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593.6KB

Signature *

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May 21, 2025

Metro Community Enhancement Grants Selection Team

Sent Via Email

Re: Support for ELC Habitat and Educational Access Improvements Proposal

Dear Community Enhancement Grants Selection Team,

Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES) is pleased to support the Environmental Learning Center at CCC's (ELC) proposal to improve the habitat and accessibility to the ELC wetland, which will benefit water quality, school age children, college students and the general community.

Water Environment Services (WES) produces clean water, protects water quality and recovers renewable resources. We do this by providing wastewater services, stormwater management and environmental education. We protect public health and the environment for the cities we serve and other communities along our waterways, like the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers. It's our job to protect public health and support the vitality of our communities, natural environment and economy.

WES seeks opportunities to partner with environmental education providers to educate students about watershed health in our Districts. WES already partners with the ELC and currently supports their education work through an IGA valued at \$112,500 over a 3-year period. This project helps to further our goals to educate students and residents about watershed health and what they can do to improve water quality in their daily lives. ELC staff have developed curriculum and conducted many field trips to our students since we began partnering in 2019.

As the headwaters to Newell Creek, fed primarily by stormwater, students learn first-hand about stormwater pollution. By monitoring water quality and investigating potential causes of their observations, students develop a deep understanding of the impacts that an urban environment can have on the stream, and learn how the ELC wetland improves water quality.

The ELC provides excellent hands-on field trips on topics related to watershed health. The activities are engaging and the site is a wonderful location for children to explore and learn. Activities include water quality testing and sampling for macroinvertebrates that live in the water. These eye-opening experiences help to stimulate students' curiosity and love of learning, as well as connecting them to this special place.

The proposed improved accessibility to the water, dredging of the forebay, controlling invasive species and replanting will benefit watershed health and make these program even more

effective. WES supports this project and urges you to fund this application on behalf of the region and its residents!

Sincerely,

Gail Shaloum

Gail Shaloum
Natural Resources Scientist, Clackamas Water Environment Services
150 Beaver Creek Rd. #430
Oregon City, OR 97045
gshaloum@clackamas.us

May 16, 2025

Dear Grant Proposal Review Committee,

We enthusiastically support the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) at Clackamas Community College (CCC)'s proposal for the Oregon City/Metro Community Enhancement grant. The proposed project would continue to improve the habitat and accessibility to the wetland at the ELC and will benefit water quality. It will also enhance the site as an easily-accessible natural location with robust infrastructure. It is close to population centers from around the Metro region and public transit to make it easy to engage pre-K-12 students in environmental education experiences. Much of this work will be accomplished by volunteers, such as the 16-18-year-old youth in the new **STREAM-N Team** program we are starting this summer.

The new **STREAM-N Team** program will be offered in partnership with Oregon Youth Corps (OYC) and Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI). The grant funds we received will enable us to cover all of our expenses and **over** stipends to youth. We anticipate that this team will donate 200 hours at the ELC next year during the Metro grant period. Valued at \$33.49 per hour, the total value of matching commitment will be \$6,698 to increase the program's impact. The project's location on the CCC campus, close to where we will be working with students from nearby Oregon City Service Learning Academy and Oregon City High School, make it an ideal location for the service-learning experiences we can provide there for youth in our programs and for the general public. We are also in discussion with CCC about using the ELC for additional indoor and outdoor program time to benefit the at-risk youth we will be working with, and provide them with easier access to other educational programs and additional supports at CCC.

This project will add to the ELC's already excellent hands-on opportunities related to watershed health for students of all ages. Funding from this grant will extend the learning to stewardship activities and community events such as "Explore the Outdoor," which features the chance to experience the world around us. The proposed dredging of the forebay and controlling invasive species will benefit the overall health of the watershed and help build community. It will serve as a natural resource and wildlife habitat enhancement example for residents, including students. In my experience, improving wildlife habitat ideal platform through which to engage youth. For instance, we have been working with Latinx youth through Hacienda CDC and with a variety of other underserved groups that would be so excited to participate. We see this program as an ideal opportunity to expand outdoor education and service-learning opportunities to underserved youth to help build more just, inclusive, and healthy communities for people and wildlife.

I have had the pleasure of supporting at-risk youth for over 30 years, and the organization I founded 16 years ago called Engaging Every Student (EES) has helped develop and manage a number of successful experiential programs. This new **STREAM-N Team** project is a significant opportunity for me to be able to support local youth while they learn more about our watersheds. I am so appreciative of the partnership with the ELC, which will provide an ideal location to engage the youth and build on the successes of ELC's programs that began decades ago.

In addition to matching funding and student/personal volunteer hours, I will be glad to share my experience as an educator and developer of educational resources to support the project. Programs that I could help lead include those about native wildlife and plants that are typical of our natural areas and built environments. I am excited to expand the work in ways that enhance the quality of life for our residents and to benefit habitat for threatened fish, amphibians, and other wildlife. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Rick Reynolds, M.S.Ed.

Founder

Engaging Every Student a **STREAM-N** Team

STREAM~N Team

Earn \$ and/or School Credit + Help Our Community

Join the STREAM~N Team to:

- Enjoy fun activities with other teens, ages 16–18.
- Explore Science, Technology, Research, Engineering, Arts, Math and Nature for ideas and inspiration.

Choose from projects like:

- Restoring wildlife habitat.
- Building affordable housing.
- Teaching all ages about what matters to you.

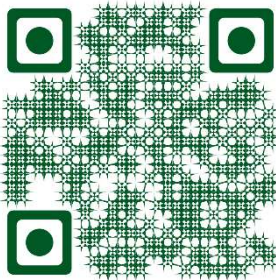
Level up in life while helping others:

- Learn new skills for exciting careers.
- Discover cutting-edge technologies like mass timber.
- Use creativity, art and storytelling to inspire others.
- Recharge with laughs and free snacks!

Learn more and apply at

STREAM-N.org:

Supported by Oregon Youth Corps and Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI). Thank you, partners!



 **Engaging Every Student**



Planting trees near a stream. Photo: SOLVE



Building with Habitat for Humanity. Photo: Nardel Gervacio

May 21, 2025

To: Heidi Blackwell
Program Director
Clackamas Community College
Environmental Learning Center

From: Donna Renee Larsen
Caufield Neighborhood Association Chair

RE: Environmental Learning Center METRO Enhancement Grant Application

I am writing to you on behalf of the Caufield Neighborhood Association to strongly voice our support for the approval of the ELC's grant application.

Many of our active members utilize the ELC daily for activities ranging from taking a leisurely walk at the end of a busy workday, to attending one of the many educational seminars and activities available throughout the year. We consider the ELC to be a vital natural resource to our neighborhood and are looking forward to the benefits the proposed improvements will make to increase accessibility as well as improving the water quality in our area.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the support of our Neighborhood Association.

Best regards,

Donna Renee Larsen
Chair – Caufield NA
donna@advantageivr.com
503-351-0618 cell/text

Community Enhancement Grant Committee
City of Oregon City
625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Members of the Community Enhancement Grant Committee,

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for Clackamas Free Clinic's Community Enhancement Grant proposal to fund a part-time Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator.

Clackamas Community College has had the privilege of partnering with Clackamas Free Clinic since 2023, when they relocated their operations to our Oregon City campus. Since then, our relationship has grown into a meaningful collaboration that benefits students, patients, and the community alike.

The clinic serves as a real-world learning environment for students in our Medical Assisting program and others exploring careers in healthcare. Under the guidance of seasoned medical professionals, students gain hands-on clinical experience while contributing to care that is inclusive, trauma-informed, and grounded in equity. The clinic's volunteer-driven model provides our students with a unique opportunity to grow both their technical skills and their sense of purpose.

The proposed Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator will enhance this critical work. By recruiting and supporting volunteer providers, the clinic can expand services and reach more Oregon City residents. At the same time, stronger outreach will ensure that those most in need—many of whom are students, families, or neighbors in our city—can access care they may otherwise go without.

Clackamas Free Clinic is a trusted community asset and an excellent partner. I fully support their grant request and applaud their continued efforts to serve Oregon City with care and compassion.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tim Cook
President
Clackamas Community College

Caufield Neighborhood Association

05-23-25

Community Enhancement Grant Committee
City of Oregon City
625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Community Enhancement Grant Committee,

The Caufield Neighborhood Association is pleased to express our support for Clackamas Free Clinic's application to the Community Enhancement Grant program.

Located here in the Caufield Neighborhood, the Clackamas Free Clinic provides vital healthcare services free of charge to community members who are uninsured or underinsured. Their work helps ensure that more of our neighbors can access the care they need without financial burden, which contributes to the overall health and wellbeing of our city.

The clinic's proposal to fund a part-time Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator will strengthen its ability to recruit volunteers and connect more Oregon City residents to care and resources. We believe this role will have a positive impact in our neighborhood and beyond.

We are grateful to have a resource like Clackamas Free Clinic in our community and fully support their efforts to expand access to care through this grant opportunity.

Sincerely,

Donna Renee Larsen

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Chair
Caufield Neighborhood Association
donna@advantageivr.com



2025 Metro Enhancement Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in the Community Enhancement Grant Program. Please read the 2025-2026 Community Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines before completing the application. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Your organization may need to apply for city building permits and/or liability insurance coverage to implement your proposed project. Please confirm what these costs are before you submit your project proposal. You may be able to use grant funds to pay for these costs. If you have questions, please contact Ann Griffin at agriffin@orc.org or 503-974-5517

Applicant Organization *

Clackamas Free Clinic - Volunteers in Medicine

Title of Project *

Building Health & Opportunity in Oregon City

Is this a 501(c)(3) organization *

- Yes
 No

Non-Profit Federal Tax-exempt ID Number *

37-1621141

Address *

19600 Molalla Ave - Clairmont Hall

City, State, Zip *

Oregon City, OR 97045

Project Manager Responsible *

Lisa Steenson

Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable)

Giselle Ondetti

Project Manager Phone Number *

503-722-4400

Chairperson Phone Number

503-740-6796

Project Manager Email *

ed@clackamasvim.org

Chairperson Email

g_ondetti@msn.com

If you have received a Community Enhancement Grant in the past, indicate the last year you received funding and the name of that project.

If you are applying for a third year, describe efforts to identify other sources of project support in addition to the Community Enhancement Grant.

Briefly describe the current project for which you are requesting funds. *

This project will meet the selected goals by enhancing the health and economic opportunities for Oregon City's underserved residents while fostering a more engaged community through volunteering and training partnerships. Our funding request for a volunteer and outreach coordinator will increase our capacity to provide services, including coordinating medical providers, health science students, health sciences faculty, and community volunteers. The proposed specialty clinics will address critical unmet health needs of working community members facing financial hardship, ensuring they can pursue employment and education opportunities.

The proposed project must meet one or more of the following 10 goals. Please indicate which of the following outcomes your project will achieve. Select all that apply. *

- Result in significant improvement in the cleanliness of Oregon City.
- Increase reuse and recycling efforts or provide a reduction in solid waste.
- Increase the attractiveness or market value of residential, commercial or industrial areas.
- Results in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code.

- Enhance new or existing wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands or marine areas, and/ or improve public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.
- Preserve or increase recreational areas and programs within the City.
- Improve safety within the City.
- Increase employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
- Provide work, training opportunities, or other benefits to youth, seniors, and low-income people or other underserved groups.
- Enhance art and culture within Oregon City.

Describe how the project meets the selected goal(s). *

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Free Clinics Help Maintain a Healthy Workforce:

CFC-VIM is located on the Oregon City campus of Clackamas Community College (CCC) and serves as an essential safety net clinic, offering free and inclusive medical and vision care to uninsured and underinsured adults.

Many of our patients come to us with deferred medical or vision needs because they lack health insurance coverage through their employers and are categorically ineligible for Medicaid. Our clinic also acts as a bridge to care for community members who are changing jobs and are transitioning between medical insurance coverage.

A study published by the Kaiser Family Foundation provides important insight into the relationship between access to healthcare and employment. It states, "being in poor health is associated with increased risk of job loss, while access to affordable health insurance has a positive effect on people's ability to obtain and maintain employment."

For those without insurance coverage, having access to basic primary care services like annual wellness exams, routine screenings, vaccines, health education, and labs is essential to keeping people healthy enough to work and move forward in life. For those without insurance, clinics like ours are essential for maintaining the health of our community's workforce, increasing economic mobility, and minimizing medical debt.

In addition to our primary care model, we are always looking for cost-effective ways to maximize the care we can deliver. Our medical director and nurse practitioner regularly solicit input from our medical volunteers and develop focused programs based on their feedback. The specialty vaccine, foot care, and dental clinics included in this proposal were identified through this process, as they are common issues affecting the patient population we serve and must be addressed proactively to prevent unnecessary illness or disability.

Volunteer and Workforce Development Opportunities:

A recent study conducted by Oregon State University's College of Health on behalf of the Oregon Health Authority concluded that despite substantial efforts to expand Oregon's healthcare workforce and investments of more than \$25 million between 2020-2024, over 18,800 healthcare and social assistance jobs remain vacant. It goes on to state that many new graduates are taking jobs in rural areas to take advantage of Oregon's tuition forgiveness program, which is making hiring in Oregon's cities more difficult.

CFC-VIM can help address these gaps, as we play a critical role in healthcare workforce development by offering training and mentorship opportunities. Our patient appointments are predominantly provided by dedicated volunteer providers, including physicians, nurse practitioners, and nurses. Many of these experienced professionals, often in the later stages of their careers, mentor aspiring medical professionals who serve as medical scribes in our clinic. Since 2015, 38 of our volunteers and staff have been admitted to medical schools. Additionally, we provide practicum opportunities for CCC students working to fulfill requirements for their phlebotomy and medical assisting programs. Since 2023, 10 phlebotomy and 33 medical assisting students have received credit for their volunteer work in our clinic.

By adding a new role dedicated to coordinating volunteers and performing critical outreach functions, we can grow our volunteer workforce, provide additional training opportunities for students, and raise awareness about our services.

Building Vibrant and Caring Communities:

CFC-VIM also strengthens the community's culture by fostering connection, mentorship, and community engagement. Our volunteer and mentoring programs build important bonds between experienced professionals, aspiring students, and the diverse community members they serve. To sustain and enhance this impact, we rely on strong partnerships with organizations like Clackamas Community College, the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, Clackamas County Public Health, Father's Heart, Bridging Cultures, and Clackamas Women's Services. We are also active members in our community forums and regularly attend Oregon City's Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club meetings.

Additionally, we utilize local businesses for banking, legal, cleaning, printing, and other professional services. In a time of economic uncertainty, with rising costs and potential funding cuts, maintaining and expanding these services and partnerships remains critical for the health and well-being of our community. We are steadfast in our belief that collaborative partnerships cultivate a culture of empathy, service, and mutual support, which are foundational elements of a vibrant and resilient community.

Project period: *

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

How will the community benefit from your project? What is the estimated number of people who will be positively effected? *

The benefits of this project include:

- Increased access to free primary and vision care for uninsured/underinsured individuals
- A healthier population and workforce
- Retired providers can maintain their medical license or other credentials while mentoring and training the next generation of healthcare workers
- Aspiring health professionals will have more volunteer and practicum opportunities
- Working individuals and families, impacted by inflation and rising housing costs, will have greater housing security and fewer medical debts
- Willamette Falls Hospital's emergency department will see fewer patients seeking care because they lack health insurance
- Oregon City residents from many different backgrounds and cultures will have an opportunity to work together to improve our community through public health and community outreach initiatives

We currently have 137 active volunteers. We estimate that this project will allow us to expand our volunteer workforce by approximately 35% during the project period, which amounts to 47 new volunteers. Additionally, we anticipate this project will allow us to expand our patient services by 25% during the project period, which would amount to 150 new patients and 375 more appointments.

Briefly describe your organization's prior experience managing similar projects. *

CFV-VIM was founded in 2011 when a small group of volunteers and the Willamette Falls Hospital Foundation held a fundraiser to raise the capital necessary to renovate the warehouse that became our clinic for more than a decade. In 2023, after a two-year capital campaign, we relocated to a new primary care Oregon City Campus of Clackamas Community College, after renovating former classrooms and administrative spaces.

In April 2024, we opened our eye clinic after more than three years of planning. Through December 2024, we have provided 297 eye exams and 219 pairs of prescription eyeglasses. Our eye clinic appointments are in high demand and are typically booked several weeks out underscoring the need for this important program. Recently, we partnered with Clackamas County Public Health to accept referrals for judgment free testing and treatment of STDs/STIs.

Our mission is to serve the health needs of uninsured, low-income adults in Clackamas County by delivering free and inclusive medical care through the dedication of medical and community volunteers. This commitment is rooted in our core values of compassion, dignity, and equity, which guide our every action.

At the heart of our work lies the 'Culture of Caring'—a philosophy that treats every patient as a valued neighbor, with respect and dignity, recognizing the daily courage required to survive on limited resources. This philosophy is fundamental to our approach, as we understand that health is deeply influenced by social determinants such as poverty, lack of access to nutritious food, unstable housing, and reliable transportation. Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine was founded on the principle of providing compassionate healthcare to those facing significant barriers to access, aiming to mitigate these social determinants' impact on our patients' well-being.

Our strategic vision focuses on improving health equity and access to high-quality care through collaborative partnerships with other nonprofits and government agencies that share our mission and serve the same vulnerable populations. We strive to not only address immediate medical needs but also to begin healing the deeper injuries and health disparities caused by bias, prejudice, inequitable treatment, poverty, discrimination, and indifference.

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CFC-VIM uses several systems to track our services, including Volgistics, our volunteer management database, and Athena, our electronic health record. Athena doubles as our social determinants of health record, and we use it to track referrals to partner organizations that provide housing, food, and other social supports. We also contract with a local certified public accountant to help manage our finances and prepare reports for our finance committee and board of directors.

Our success criteria for this program expansion will be measured through a comprehensive evaluation framework that tracks key performance indicators over the next year. We aim to increase our volunteer workforce, outreach activities, and workforce development opportunities.

Success will be assessed through quantitative metrics, such as the number of volunteers recruited, total number of volunteer hours, the number of specialty clinics provided, and the number of patients treated during each clinic. We will track the number of Oregon City residents who receive services and who volunteer at our clinic. We also plan to introduce a patient survey to collect qualitative feedback from patients to ensure continuous quality improvement.

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Personnel services	32 hours/week x 52 weeks @ \$23/hour	\$23,250.00	\$11,003.00		\$34,253.00
Payroll Taxes & Fringe Benefits	Estimated at 20% of salary (FICA, unemployment, workers' comp, etc.)		\$7653.00		\$7653.00
Professional Development & Training	Conferences, webinars, or training related to volunteer management. Volunteer Training - AED, Volgistics	\$250.00	\$250.00		\$500.00

Transportation costs (fuel not to be included)	Reimbursement for travel to outreach events, meetings, or trainings		\$275.00		\$275.00
Outreach Materials	Printed materials, flyers, marketing, etc.		\$300.00		\$300.00
Specialty Free Clinics	Foot care, Vaccine, dental cleanings	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		\$3,000.00
In-Kind volunteer contributions for Specialty Clinics	\$33.49/hr @ 120 hrs			\$4,019.00	\$4,019.00
Totals		\$25,000.00	\$20,981.00	\$4,019.00	\$50,000.00

Description of In-Kind Match. List the sources of support for the project's in-kind match (e.g., volunteer hours and donations). As described * in the Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines, volunteer labor may be valued at the rate of \$33.49 per hour.

Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
120 Provider Hours	Clinical Volunteers	\$4,019.00

Total Amount

\$4,019

List all grants applied for in support of this project, and commitments confirmed to date. If you have not applied for any other grants, write N/A. *

Grantmaker: Heatherington Foundation for Innovation and Education in Healthcare
 Status: Awarded (Letter attached below)

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Upload letter(s) of support *

2025-05-15 Letter of Support for Clackamas Free Clinic's Metro Grant.pdf	233.79KB
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Signature *





The Heatherington Foundation for Innovation
and Education in Health Care, Inc.

Creating Healthy Communities

February 24, 2025

Lisa Steenson
Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine
PO Box 2592
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Lisa:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Heatherington Foundation, we are pleased to present you with the second of five donations in the amount of \$300,000, beginning in 2024 and ending in 2028, for a total of \$1,500,000.

Please note our deep appreciation for the work that you are doing to improve the health and welfare of the people in our communities.

We would be grateful for your written acknowledgement of this donation in writing along with your tax identification number.

We wish you all the best in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Jeff Heatherington, LHD (Hon)
President

Enclosure



05/16/2025

Community Enhancement Grant Committee
City of Oregon City
625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce, I'm pleased to express our strong support for Clackamas Free Clinic's Community Enhancement Grant proposal to fund a Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator.

Clackamas Free Clinic is a trusted and essential resource in our community. As a provider of no-barrier medical care for uninsured and underinsured adults, they fill a critical healthcare gap—one that directly impacts the wellbeing of our residents and, by extension, our workforce and economy. Their work reduces strain on emergency services, helps people manage chronic conditions, and keeps individuals healthy, working, and engaged in daily life.

The proposed Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator role is a smart, strategic investment. With more than 130 volunteers contributing thousands of hours each year, this position will help the clinic build on an already strong foundation. It will enhance their capacity to serve more Oregon City residents and extend their reach through targeted outreach and health education—especially to those who may not be aware that these services exist.

At the Chamber, we believe that a healthy community is a thriving community. We deeply value the contributions Clackamas Free Clinic makes, and we encourage your full support of their proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Owens', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jonathan Owens
Executive Director

May 7, 2025

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Clackamas Workforce Partnership

To the City of Oregon City,

Children, Family & Community Connections (CFCC) supports the objectives of the Clackamas Workforce Partnership Clean Slate Clackamas proposal to the Oregon City Metro Enhancement Grant Program. This grant will provide needed funding to continue to provide and expand expungement services to qualified participants at the clinics located in Oregon City.

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In closing, we believe this is an important opportunity to remove barriers to employment opportunities, better housing, financial stability, education and training, which ultimately leads to the economic development of Oregon City and the surrounding communities. We would like to express our confidence in the development of a more robust Clean Slate Clackamas program and see its potential for positive impact in the broader workforce system both locally and beyond.

Sincerely,



Dr. Adam S. Freer, MDiv, MSW, DPPD
Director



2025 Metro Enhancement Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in the Community Enhancement Grant Program. Please read the 2025-2026 Community Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines before completing the application. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Your organization may need to apply for city building permits and/or liability insurance coverage to implement your proposed project. Please confirm what these costs are before you submit your project proposal. You may be able to use grant funds to pay for these costs. If you have questions, please contact Ann Griffin at agriffin@orc.org or 503-974-5517

Applicant Organization *

Clackamas Workforce Partnership

Title of Project *

Clean Slate Clackamas

Is this a 501(c)(3) organization *

Yes

No

Non-Profit Federal Tax-exempt ID Number *

93-1246270

Address *

365 Warner Milne Rd., Suite 20

City, State, Zip *

Oregon City

Project Manager Responsible *

Amanda Wall

Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable)

Brooke Brownlee

Project Manager Phone Number *

5036576644

Chairperson Phone Number

Project Manager Email *

amanda.wall@clackamasworkforce.org

Chairperson Email

If you have received a Community Enhancement Grant in the past, indicate the last year you received funding and the name of that project.

Yes – Clackamas Workforce Partnership – Clean Slate Clackamas

If you are applying for a third year, describe efforts to identify other sources of project support in addition to the Community Enhancement Grant.

CWP has been awarded several additional funding streams for Clean Slate Clackamas, including two Oregon Law Foundation grants that are currently covering most of our legal expenses, the Autzen Foundation, and the Bob Barker Foundation for event-specific support. In year three applying for the Oregon City Enhancement Grant, we will be more focused on delivering additional wrap around supports for our participants due to the increase in additional funding sources. These wrap-arounds will focus on increasing connectivity to employment, education, and training services, as well as other supports and resources that promote self-sufficiency and economic stability. Both the Autzen Foundation and the two Oregon Law Foundation grants will re-open for application in the Fall of 2025.

Similarly, CWP is revisiting funding opportunities from previous grant applications, including requests that were both funded and not funded. This includes entities such as the Oregon Community Foundation; Seeding Justice; and the Roundhouse Foundation. Additionally, CWP is also seeking funding from other institutions, such as the US Bank Foundation; Bank of America; and OnPoint Community Credit Union. The organization has not previously applied for funds from these entities, each of which prioritize the removal of economic, workforce, and housing-related barriers for individuals within their service area, including Clackamas County.

Lastly, CWP is exploring opportunities to leverage other existing sources of funding from projects and programs with a related focus, such as our WorkSource Oregon Re-entry grant. This program provides pre-release and post-release workforce development services to individuals currently or recently in the custody of local, state, and federal institutions (jails and prisons), as well as individuals in transitional housing and/or post-release transition programs.

Briefly describe the current project for which you are requesting funds. *

CWP seeks fundings for Clean Slate Clackamas (CSC), a no-cost expungement and fine forgiveness program for Oregonians with eligible legal infractions. This project will continue to provide legal record expungement services, rental eviction expungements, name/gender marker changes, and fine forgiveness applications. Most recently, CSC has added immigration services for those seeking DACA renewal support, analysis and/or rapid response referrals in deportation cases.

This funding will enable CSC to continue to support and fund our expungement services, as well as expand our program to include a more direct role for wrap-around follow up services for our clinic participants. Since the start, Clean Slate has served just over 3000 people from throughout the state of Oregon with well over 50% of those participants coming directly from Clackamas County. Clean Slate Clackamas, in partnership with the CLEAR Clinic and Children Family Community Connections (CFCC), will develop a more focused approach to outreach and follow up support including direct referrals into the workforce system of partners at WorkSource Oregon – Clackamas.

Out of the 3000 people served since 2022, 40% of participants indicated they would like to receive additional support in housing, financial literacy, food assistance, employment and job seeker support, and education and training. The opportunity to connect justice involved individuals to additional services is paramount in reducing recidivism, increasing community safety, and higher economic engagement in our cities and communities.

WorkSource Oregon – Clackamas (WSOC) partners will actively recruit Clean Slate participants interested in free education, training, and employment services. WSOC is part of the state's public workforce system (WorkSource Oregon) and provides a variety of services and resources, including job search assistance; financial planning; job retention support; adult education services; degree/credential-track training/education programs; and more. One of these partners includes Northwest Family Services (NWFS), who is contracted with CWP to operate the Workforce Benefits Navigator program. This program focuses specifically on individuals with extreme barriers to successfully accessing and using workforce system services, and provide more intensive, hands-on case management and career coaching services. The Benefits Navigator assist individuals in identifying and removing critical barriers to education, employment, housing, and more; assists individuals in accessing and using existing workforce system services; and provides support services (in coordination with other service providers) to ensure successful utilization of such services, resulting in one or more of the following: credential attainment; measurable gains in essential employability skills; employment; and increase in income; career advancement; and more.

The proposed project must meet one or more of the following 10 goals. Please indicate which of the following outcomes your project will achieve. Select all that apply. *

- Result in significant improvement in the cleanliness of Oregon City.
- Increase reuse and recycling efforts or provide a reduction in solid waste.
- Increase the attractiveness or market value of residential, commercial or industrial areas.
- Results in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code.
- Enhance new or existing wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands or marine areas, and/ or improve public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.
- Preserve or increase recreational areas and programs within the City.
- Improve safety within the City.
- Increase employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
- Provide work, training opportunities, or other benefits to youth, seniors, and low-income people or other underserved groups.
- Enhance art and culture within Oregon City.

Describe how the project meets the selected goal(s). *

Since 2022, CSC has been providing criminal record analysis and legal paperwork for participants to file expungement throughout the state of Oregon. To date, the project has received 3,063 applications and served just over 2800 people. Of those, July 2024 – present, 780 were served at the Oregon City clinic location, with just over 18% of those individuals were Oregon City residents. Our clinics consistently seeing 60 people per month, with our April 2025 Second Chance Expo serving 80 individuals, May served 45 and we are anticipating June to be between 60 and 70 people.

CSC is the last step in the cycle of second chances – where it starts, within the prison walls shortly before release, to what happens after and how, and what it takes to start over after incarceration, to expungement and the eligibility requirements.

Clean Slate Clackamas creates generational change, not only for those previously incarcerated, but their family members, children, and community. Both criminal and eviction expungements reduce recidivism by providing greater access to employment opportunities, housing, education, and financial stability - which in turn improves public safety.

42% of Oregonians with a criminal record are eligible for expungement, which out of the 1.4 million individuals, this is a untapped market of 588,000 individuals who have yet to learn about or apply for set aside. This is due in part to the lack of education that the services are even available, affordable, safe – as well as overcoming the distrust of the system. The stigma that is associated with having a felony record, but individuals have been part of a system that has repeatedly told them no, can tell them yes is met with a high level of skepticism and distrust. Clean Slate is in the service of telling people yes you can change, you can have a second chance, and with the right amount of time and eligibility, this barrier can be removed and become part of your past.

Clean Slate is primarily operated by individuals with lived experienced (having been previously incarcerated or otherwise justice-involved), which helps create a stigma-free environment and establishes a sense of trust and understanding between program participants and the staff members providing services. In turn, participants are more likely to follow through on any recommendations or referrals made by Clean Slate providers, including those related to training, education, and employment. This increased openness and willingness to engage with other institutions (many of which participants have perceived to be sources of harm or frustration in the past) means more individuals can receive the supports they need to obtain relevant, in-demand workplace skills and certifications; secure living-wage employment with benefits; meet the labor demands of local employers and industries; achieve economic stability; and become contributing members of the community. In addition to helping reduce local labor shortages, the socio-economic stability and sense of purpose which result from gainful employment are key elements to preventing recidivism among individuals with prior criminal records.

Project period: *

July 2025 – June 2026

How will the community benefit from your project? What is the estimated number of people who will be positively effected? *

Our team of providers have been working directly with participants to refer those in need of additional wrap-around supports within WSOC available resources. At our April Second Chance Expo at Clackamas Community College, over 20 different local nonprofits and service providers were on site delivering wrap around support, information and referrals, including ODHS EBT Summer Card on-site applications. CSC would like to be able to offer the same level of referral and wrap around support in partnership with our local service providers, our legal service provider, and our leveraged partnerships from around Oregon City and the Clackamas County boundaries.

Our services are unique in that providers at clinics are also providers within the workforce system and can assist in wrap-around services, including access to housing, food security, financial literacy, job placement and more. We, at CSC, are directly connected to the system of organizations that directly support our community. The clinic also functions as a connection point for service providers to more easily share resources and co-case manage highly barriered individuals in need of multiple services.

Both located in Oregon City, record expungement will make these individuals more employable, while WorkSource services will help increase professional skills, and connect them with job opportunities. Eviction expungements will help remove families from the cycle of poverty & give increased access to rental & housing options to participants. Access to name & gender marker change applications is an important step toward gender affirmation, equity & inclusion.

This past year, CSC was able to add quarterly immigration support to our list of available services. Immigration law is highly complex, and navigating DACA applications, renewals, or deportation proceedings without legal assistance is extremely difficult. Legal services help ensure that applicants understand their rights, complete paperwork correctly, and avoid costly mistakes that could lead to denial or removal. Rapid deportation processes, such as expedited removal, often deny individuals the opportunity to see a judge or consult with a lawyer. Legal support can be the difference between immediate deportation and the chance to present a case, seek asylum, or obtain other forms of relief.

The program functions as a means of removing socio-economic barriers that often perpetuate poverty and illegal activity within families and communities across generations. By providing individuals with low-barrier opportunities to move beyond their past behavioral and resulting circumstances, Clean Slate serves to not only benefit them, but to have positive impacts on the community. Poverty and crime deplete much-needed resources; however, reduced rates of recidivism, crime prevention through community investments, and the disruption of intergenerational poverty free up local resources and allow for more effective use of tax dollars.

Oregon City residents currently represents 18% of our total participants in Program year 2024, and with the final three clinics of the year and anticipate meeting our local engagement goal of 20% by June 2025. 100% of our clinics were within the Oregon City limits, located at 104 11th Street and at the Clackamas Community College Oregon City Campus.

Briefly describe your organization's prior experience managing similar projects. *

Grant: Oregon Law Foundation; Award yr January 2025 – December 2025
Amount \$28,500 (legal services); \$32,500 (paralegal providers)

Grantee: Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County, dba Clackamas Workforce Partnership,
Contact: Amanda Wall, Community Outreach Manager amanda.wall@clackamasworkforce.org

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Outcomes through April 2025: We were able to serve 766 individuals, 723 criminal expungements, 33 eviction expungements and 10 name/gender marker change applications. We have served 15 individuals with immigration services.

Grant: Oregon City Enhancement Grant; Award yr July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
Amount \$50,000

Grantee: Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County, dba Clackamas Workforce Partnership,
Contact: Amanda Wall, Community Outreach Manager amanda.wall@clackamasworkforce.org

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Grant: Oregon Workforce Partnership; Reentry Grant
Award Period: January 2024 – December 2026
Amount \$184,800
Grantee: Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County, dba Clackamas Workforce Partnership
Contact: Amy Oakley

CWP is one of nine participants in a statewide pre- and post-release grant, focused on providing training, education, and employment support services to individuals currently in custody of federal, state, and local/regional correctional facilities, including prisons, jails, transitional housing, and similar. Participants in custody may be located in and receiving services on-site at a facility in one region of the state, but upon release they relocate to another area. To effectively serve these individuals requires extensive coordination across a multitude of organizations and agencies; adherence to strict guidelines and processes for serving adults who are currently in custody or housed within a correctional facility; timely and responsive service delivery to ensure quick access to services for participants upon their release; and the continued and sustainable provision of services to ensure participants maintain post-release requirements and avoid recidivism.

Participating entities include correctional institutions; social service providers; community-based organization; community colleges and other training/education providers; state agencies; and the local workforce boards, such as CWP. Local partners in this program include the Oregon Employment Department; Clackamas Community College – Workforce Development Services; Clackamas Community College – Adult Basic Education; Coffee Creek Correctional Facility; Clackamas County Jails; and several others. CWP's role is to ensure effective coordination across the regions; among local service providers and facilities; and with state and federal prisons. The scope and high level of detail to attention required for this program demonstrates CWP's ability to strategically manage complex, high stakes programs and effectively deliver services.

Describe the measurements you will use to assess the project's effectiveness. Be sure to describe project goals, changes and noticeable benefits that will come about as a result.

Each county within our region runs its own method of approving expungements, from 120 days to a long as 18-24 months from the date of application. To truly measure the success of the program, it was necessary to wait a full calendar year to track applications, submissions, District Attorney approval and final judgments.

As the program continues to grow and expand, CSC will continue to provide outreach through a bi-annual newsletter of wrap-around services, access to the survey, and programmatic announcements. In addition to tracking recidivism, CWP plans to track referrals into other services and completion of specific training or education programs.

Survey questions include name, date of birth, address, required services, number of individuals in a household, salary, education levels, gender, ethnicity, and supportive services in addition to expungement that are needed. CWP can submit a report of the demographics upon request.

CWP now has a paralegal doing all of the filings for each of our participants throughout the state of Oregon. This has significantly reduced errors in paperwork, DA objections, and overall success rates on filing.

Proposed Budget

In the table below, describe the project's proposed budget. Administrative costs are to be maintained at or below 10% of the total project cost.

Matching Funds

Please note that matching resources ARE REQUIRED. The total match amount required depends upon the total project cost. Matching funds may be either cash or in-kind. An in-kind match is a form of support for the project that does not need to be directly paid for. For example, the value of volunteer service is considered a match. Volunteer labor may be valued at a rate of \$33.49 per hour.

Total Project Cost	Funding Match Requirement
\$0-\$4,999	10% of total project cost
\$5,000 - \$9,999	20% of total project cost
\$10,000 - \$19,999	30% of total project cost
\$20,000 - \$39,000	40% of total project cost
\$40,000 - \$74,999	50% of total project cost

Budget summary

Using your proposed budget below, summarize the Grant Amount Requested, the amount of Cash Funds raised as a match, and the total estimated value of in-kind contributions to the project. The total project cost is the sum of these three amounts.

Grant Amount Requested (Column A)	50,000
+Matching Funds (Cash) (Column B)	76,856
+ In-Kind Matching Funds (Column C)	10,047
= Total Cost of Project (Column D)	136,903

Budget*

Project Costs	A Grant Dollars Requested	B Matching Funds (Cash)	C In-kind matching support	D Total Project Cost
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Project Costs	(A) Grant Dollars Requested	(B) Matching Funds (Cash)	(C) In-Kind Matching Support	(D) Total Project Costs
Personnel services, contractors, consultants, performers	5,550	11,400		16,900
Project administration costs (clerical, advertising, printing, postage, liability insurance, permits)	2,400	15,000		17,400
Materials/Supplies and Equipment (New, not preexisting)	2,000	456		2,456

Construction costs (specific to the project)				
Event costs (directly associated with the event, i.e. rentals)				
Transportation costs (fuel not to be included)	100			
Lawyers, Paralegals	25,000	35,000		60,000
Clinics	15,000	15,000		30,000
Entity/persons Value of volunteer contributions			10,047	10,047
Misc costs				
Totals	50,000	76,856	10,047	136,903

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Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
1	Volunteers at Clinics (5, 5 hours a month)	10,047

Total Amount

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Oregon Law Foundation, \$28,500 (expansion of services through legal counsel)
Oregon Law Foundation, \$32,500 (expansion of paralegal support for clinics, immigration and filing services for participants)
Bob Barker Company Foundation, \$4,000
Autzen Foundation, \$5,000 (April Second Chance Expo)

Will be applying for Fall Cycle of Oregon Community Foundation (June 2025 grant opens)

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Upload letter(s) of support *

CFCC Letter of Support for CWP-Oregon City 2025.pdf	190.65KB
CWP CSC Letter of Rec - Love One.pdf	93.21KB
Letter of Support- Clackamas Clean Slate - CLEAR Clinic.pdf	1.11MB
TFH LOS OCE Grant 2025-2026.pdf	98.24KB
Letter for Clackamas Expungement Clinic May 2025 - ODHS.pdf	192.04KB

Signature *





PO BOX 212 OREGON CITY, OR 97045

Letter of Recommendation for Clackamas Workforce Partnership

To the City of Oregon City,

LoveOne supports the objectives of the Clackamas Workforce Partnership Clean Slate Clackamas proposal to the Oregon City Metro Enhancement Grant Program. This grant will provide the funding needed to continue to offer and expand expungement services to qualified participants at the monthly clinics located in Oregon City.

Through this funding, Clean Slate Clackamas will continue to provide no-cost expungement to qualified Oregonians with eligible criminal cases. The funding will allow this program to continue to offer criminal record expungement services, residential eviction expungement services, legal name & gender marker change services and immigration analysis and DACA renewal supports.

Clackamas Workforce Partnership, along with the providers at Clean Slate Clackamas, partners with nonprofits, legal professionals, and other relevant entities to provide these services, including our legal clinic. In closing, we believe that funding the Clackamas Workforce Partnership to continue providing expungement and other legal services are an important opportunity to remove barriers to employment, housing, education & career training, and financial stability therefore increasing access to the workforce development system.

Continued investment in this program helps foster the economic development of the City of Oregon City and surrounding communities.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandi Johnson".

Brandi Johnson
LoveOne
Executive Director



Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

Department of Human Services

N Clackamas Branch DHS

District 15, Clackamas County

Self Sufficiency/Child Welfare Programs

16440 SE 82nd Drive

Clackamas OR 97015

(503) 731-3400

SS Fax: (503) 794-0131



Letter of Recommendation for Clackamas Workforce Partnership

To the City of Oregon City,

Clackamas County Oregon Department of Human Services supports the objectives of the Clackamas Workforce Partnership Clean Slate Clackamas proposal to the Oregon City Metro Enhancement Grant Program. This grant will provide the funding needed to continue to offer and expand expungement services to qualified participants at the monthly clinics located in Oregon City.

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Clackamas Workforce Partnership, along with the providers at Clean Slate Clackamas, partners with nonprofits, legal professionals, and other relevant entities to provide these services, including our legal clinic.

In closing, I believe that funding the Clackamas Workforce Partnership to continue providing expungement and other legal services are an important opportunity to remove barriers to employment, housing, education & career training, and financial stability therefore increasing access to the workforce development system. There is also notable success when we see these barriers removed in that seemingly allow for restoration of one's sense of dignity and pride in being able to give back to the community in positive ways such as volunteering.

A continued investment in this program helps foster the economic development of the City of Oregon City and surrounding communities. Also

allowing for some to become self-sufficient and removed from state assistance programs and ultimately boosting their self-esteem.

Thank you,

Cindy Moon

Oregon Department of Human Services

Program Analyst 1 / Community Partnership Coordinator

“Assisting People to Become Independent, Healthy and Safe” An Equal
Opportunity Employer



PO BOX 11288 | Portland | OR | 97211 * 503-389-5919 * <https://clear-clinic.org>

May 15, 2025

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Clackamas Workforce Partnership

To the City of Oregon City,

The CLEAR Clinic supports the objectives of the Clackamas Workforce Partnership Clean Slate Clackamas proposal to the Oregon City Metro Enhancement Grant Program. This grant will provide needed funding to continue to provide and expand expungement services to qualified participants at the legal clinics located in Oregon City.

Through this funding, Clean Slate Clackamas will continue to provide no-cost expungement to qualified Oregonians with eligible criminal cases. In collaboration with the CLEAR Clinic, this program will offer criminal record expungement services, residential eviction expungements, legal name & gender marker change services, and immigration legal services enrollment. Clackamas Workforce Partnership, along with the providers at Clean Slate Clackamas, partners with nonprofits, legal professionals, and other relevant entities to provide these services, including us at the CLEAR Clinic.

In closing, we believe that providing expungement and other legal services is an important opportunity to remove barriers to employment, housing, education & career training, and financial stability. Investment in this program will help foster the economic development of Oregon City and surrounding communities. As a provider of all these legal services in Oregon, the CLEAR Clinic is intimately familiar with how necessary and underfunded these services are. We would like to support the development of a more robust Clean Slate Clackamas program and see its potential for positive impact in the broader workforce system.

Sincerely,

Leni A. Tupper
Executive Director, CLEAR Clinic
503-358-2287
leni.tupper@clear-clinic.org



May 20, 2025

City of Oregon City
Enhancement Grant Committee
625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Enhancement Grant Committee,

On behalf of the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for Clackamas Workforce Partnership's application to the Oregon City Enhancement Grant to support their Clean Slate Clackamas (CSC) program.

The Oregon City Chamber of Commerce is committed to fostering a healthy local economy through advocacy, collaboration, and support for workforce development. One of the most pressing challenges our member businesses face is access to a skilled and ready workforce. The Clean Slate program directly addresses this issue by providing an often-overlooked group—those with previous justice involvement—with a real chance to reintegrate into the workforce.

Clean Slate Clackamas plays a vital role in reducing barriers to employment by offering free legal services to community members seeking expungement of eligible criminal records. For our business community, this means a broader and more inclusive labor pool, allowing employers to fill critical roles with qualified individuals who are eager to work and contribute. It also aligns with the values of many of our local employers who are actively seeking ways to implement fair chance hiring practices and diversify their teams.

By helping individuals overcome systemic barriers to employment, housing, and education, CWP's Clean Slate program contributes to greater economic stability for families and a stronger, more resilient workforce for Oregon City. This work directly supports equitable economic development—an outcome that benefits all sectors of our local economy.

We view Clean Slate Clackamas as a strategic investment in our city's future. We encourage you to support this grant application and help ensure that every resident of Oregon City has a fair opportunity to thrive and participate in our economic growth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Owens
Executive Director

Oregon City Chamber of Commerce



Letter of Recommendation for Clackamas Workforce Partnership

To the City of Oregon City,

The Fathers Heart Street Ministry supports the objectives of the Clackamas Workforce Partnership Clean Slate Clackamas proposal to the Oregon City Metro Enhancement Grant Program. This grant will provide the funding needed to continue to offer and expand expungement services to qualified participants at the monthly clinics located in Oregon City.

Through this funding, Clean Slate Clackamas will continue to provide no-cost expungement to qualified Oregonians with eligible criminal cases. The funding will allow this program to continue to offer criminal record expungement services, residential eviction expungement services, legal name & gender marker change services and immigration analysis and DACA renewal supports.

Clackamas Workforce Partnership, along with the providers at Clean Slate Clackamas, partners with nonprofits, legal professionals, and other relevant entities to provide these services, including our legal clinic. In closing, we believe that funding the Clackamas Workforce Partnership to continue providing expungement and other legal services are an important opportunity to remove barriers to employment, housing, education & career training, and financial stability therefore increasing access to the workforce development system.

Continued investment in this program helps foster the economic development of the City of Oregon City and surrounding communities.

Thank you,

Marty Gant, President

Mgant@tfhsm.org

503 209 5356



2025 Metro Enhancement Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in the Community Enhancement Grant Program. Please read the 2025-2026 Community Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines before completing the application. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Your organization may need to apply for city building permits and/or liability insurance coverage to implement your proposed project. Please confirm what these costs are before you submit your project proposal. You may be able to use grant funds to pay for these costs. If you have questions, please contact Ann Griffin at agriffin@orc.org or 503-974-5517

Applicant Organization *

Downtown Oregon City Association

Title of Project *

Well-Lit Trees

Is this a 501(c)(3) organization *

- Yes
 No

Non-Profit Federal Tax-exempt ID Number *

26-2907232

Address *

814 Main Street

City, State, Zip *

Oregon City, OR 97045

Project Manager Responsible *

Juliana Allen

Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable)

Victoria Meinig

Project Manager Phone Number *

503-802-1640

Chairperson Phone Number

Project Manager Email *

juliana@downtownoregoncity.org

Chairperson Email

victoria@downtownoregoncity.org

If you have received a Community Enhancement Grant in the past, indicate the last year you received funding and the name of that project.

If you are applying for a third year, describe efforts to identify other sources of project support in addition to the Community Enhancement Grant.

n/a

Briefly describe the current project for which you are requesting funds. *

Downtown Oregon City Association proposes installing permanent LED uplighting in the tree wells along the sidewalks of downtown Oregon City. These lights will enhance visibility for pedestrians, deter crime, and contribute to a welcoming, attractive environment for locals and visitors alike. Community members and business owners have consistently voiced a strong desire for increased lighting downtown—both for safety and to highlight the district's natural beauty and charm. Research shows that well-lit public spaces increase perceptions of safety and encourage more foot traffic in commercial areas, directly benefiting economic activity. This project supports the City's goals of improving public safety and increasing the attractiveness of commercial areas, while meeting a clearly expressed community need.

The proposed project must meet one or more of the following 10 goals. Please indicate which of the following outcomes your project will achieve. Select all that apply. *

- Result in significant improvement in the cleanliness of Oregon City.
 Increase reuse and recycling efforts or provide a reduction in solid waste.
 Increase the attractiveness or market value of residential, commercial or industrial areas.

- Results in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code.
- Enhance new or existing wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands or marine areas, and/ or improve public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.
- Preserve or increase recreational areas and programs within the City.
- Improve safety within the City.
- Increase employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
- Provide work, training opportunities, or other benefits to youth, seniors, and low-income people or other underserved groups.
- Enhance art and culture within Oregon City.

Describe how the project meets the selected goal(s). *

This project meets the goals of the Community Enhancement Grant Program by increasing the attractiveness of Oregon City's district core and improving public safety. Installing uplighting in downtown tree wells will highlight the beauty of the trees, creating a more vibrant and inviting streetscape. The added lighting will also improve pedestrian visibility and reduce dark areas, helping deter crime and making people feel safer at night. These enhancements support both community and business priorities for a safer, more welcoming downtown.

Project period: *

Begin work September 2025. Project completion by November 2025.

How will the community benefit from your project? What is the estimated number of people who will be positively effected? *

The community will benefit from a safer, more attractive downtown that encourages people to visit, shop, and spend time after dark. Improved lighting increases walkability, supports local businesses, and enhances the overall sense of place. The project responds directly to repeated requests from downtown business owners and residents who want better lighting for both safety and aesthetics. Based on downtown event attendance and average daily foot traffic measured by counts at the Municipal Elevator, we estimate that 11,000-13,000 people per month—residents, workers, and visitors—will be positively affected by the installation.

Briefly describe your organization's prior experience managing similar projects. *

Established in 2009, Downtown Oregon City Association has managed multiple grants and improvement projects focused on revitalizing the district. Our organization has successfully implemented placemaking initiatives, public/private improvement projects, and public events. We are guided by a dedicated Board of Directors with a wide range of expertise in business, design, planning, and community engagement.

Describe the measurements you will use to assess the project's effectiveness. Be sure to describe project goals, changes and noticeable benefits that will come about as a result.

The goal of this project is to improve safety and enhance the visual appeal of downtown Oregon City. We will assess effectiveness through community feedback from businesses and visitors, before-and-after photos documenting visual impact, and observations of increased evening foot traffic—particularly during downtown events. We'll also gather input from business owners on customer experience and monitor reductions in dark or poorly lit areas. These measures will help demonstrate the project's success in creating a more welcoming, walkable, and vibrant downtown environment.

Proposed Budget

In the table below, describe the project's proposed budget. Administrative costs are to be maintained at or below 10% of the total project cost.

Matching Funds

Please note that matching resources ARE REQUIRED. The total match amount required depends upon the total project cost. Matching funds may be either cash or in-kind. An in-kind match is a form of support for the project that does not need to be directly paid for. For example, the value of volunteer service is considered a match. Volunteer labor may be valued at a rate of \$33.49 per hour.

Total Project Cost	Funding Match Requirement
\$0-\$4,999	10% of total project cost
\$5,000 - \$9,999	20% of total project cost

\$10,000 - \$19,999	30% of total project cost
\$20,000 - \$39,000	40% of total project cost
\$40,000 - \$74,999	50% of total project cost

Budget summary

Using your proposed budget below, summarize the Grant Amount Requested, the amount of Cash Funds raised as a match, and the total estimated value of in-kind contributions to the project. The total project cost is the sum of these three amounts.

Grant Amount Requested (Column A)	\$50,000
+Matching Funds (Cash) (Column B)	\$27,458.94
+ In-Kind Matching Funds (Column C)	\$2,500
= Total Cost of Project (Column D)	\$79,958.94

Budget *

Project Costs	A Grant Dollars Requested	B Matching Funds (Cash)	C In-kind matching support	D Total Project Cost
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Project Costs	(A) Grant Dollars Requested	(B) Matching Funds (Cash)	(C) In-Kind Matching Support	(D) Total Project Costs
Personnel services, contractors, consultants, performers	\$50,000	\$27,458.94	\$2,500	\$79,958.94
Project administration costs (clerical, advertising, printing, postage, liability insurance, permits)				
Materials/Supplies and Equipment (New, not preexisting)				
Construction costs (specific to the project)				
Event costs (directly associated with the event, i.e. rentals)				
Transportation costs (fuel not to be included)				
Entity/persons Value of volunteer contributions				
Misc costs				

Totals	\$50,000	\$27,458.94	\$2,500	\$79,958.94
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Description of In-Kind Match. List the sources of support for the project's in-kind match (e.g., volunteer hours and donations). As described * in the Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines, volunteer labor may be valued at the rate of \$33.49 per hour.

Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
In-kind match monetary donation	Oregon Outdoor Lighting	\$2,500

Total Amount

\$2,500

List all grants applied for in support of this project, and commitments confirmed to date. If you have not applied for any other grants, write N/A. *

na/

Administrative costs are allowed as part of the project. What percentage of Enhancement Grants funds will be used for personnel services or administrative costs? *

0%

Rich Text

Please upload one or more letters of support for the proposed project in the space provided below. Letters of support demonstrate that people who could be impacted by a project are aware of it and in support of it.

Required letters of support:

- a) Active partner organization – If your organization is working in collaboration with a partner organization to implement the proposed project, include a letter of support from that partner organization.
- b) Property owner - If the project will impact private property or city-owned property, then a letter of support should be included from the property owner. For example, if the proposed project will take place in a city-owned park, then a letter of support should be included from the Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department.
- c) Neighborhood Association and/or Business Association - Applicants should also include a letter of support from a relevant neighborhood association if there is an active neighborhood association where the proposed project will take place, or local business association whose membership includes a large number of Oregon City businesses.

We recognize that several neighborhoods do not have an active neighborhood association. To learn more about what neighborhood your project is in, go to the City of Oregon City website, and search "[What Neighborhood Am I In?](#)"

Please contact Ann Griffin with any questions – agriffin@orc.org.

Upload letter(s) of support *

doca support (1).pdf	161.96KB
DOCA lighting Letter (1).pdf	138.15KB
2025-05-21 DOCA Ltr of Support (1).pdf	136.23KB
SKM_C360i25052213050.pdf	57.48KB
Two Rivers NA Minutes of April 23, 2025 with attachments (1).pdf	8.79MB

Signature *

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Juliana Allen".



5/22/2025

JAYSON THORNBERG
13895 FIR ST.
OREGON CITY, OR 97045

To Whom It May Concern,

The City of Oregon City Public Works Department is pleased to offer our support for the *Well-Lit Trees: Illuminate Downtown* project, led by the Downtown Oregon City Association.

Our team has met with DOCA representatives and the contractor and has assessed the proposed lighting installation on site. We are in full support of the plan and have confirmed that no permits are required for the project to proceed. We look forward to seeing this improvement come to life and appreciate DOCA's commitment to enhancing safety, visibility, and overall quality of the downtown streetscape.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jayson Thornberg
Transportation Maintenance Manager
(971) 204-4680 or jthornberg@orcitey.org



TWO RIVERS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

CORNER 14

508 14th Street
Oregon City, OR

April 23, 2025

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Katie Rott, Chair at 6:25pm.

A presentation by Soulflags, Tina Carlson, Board Member, describing their project, The Circle of Life: The Beauty of Salmon, a mural to be added to the Wall on Railroad Avenue. See Attached.

Two Rivers NA endorses and support their project. We are looking forward to viewing the mural once it is completed.

Julianna Allen, Executive Director for the Downtown Association presented their request for funding. Oregon Outdoor Lighting to enhance the tree lighting in downtown Oregon City. They have requested a Metro Grant for additional funds.

Two River NA supports and endorses this project and joins them in asking for them to receive the Metro Grant. See attached Project Proposal.

John Duke, Executive Director of Homeless Solutions Coalition of Clackamas County presented our members an update on their project. Land has been cleared, breaking ground around September 1, 2025, and construction should be completed with in one year of start date.

Seth Henderson, Level Development NW discussed the proposal his firm submitted to Clackamas County regarding the sale of the Main Street Courthouse.

Clackamas County received only their proposal and will be having discussions regarding the proposal. Their proposal is to remove the old courthouse and build a new multi-purpose project. It also includes expanding the Liberty Plaza and adding parking. See attached.

Members of the NA received an Invitation from The Rivers Assets and Opportunity Task Force to join them on a River Cruise. See attached.

Meeting was adjourned by Katie Rott, Chair at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Marjorie Hughes
Secretary
Two Rivers NA

4/23/25

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6	PAUL EDWARDS	4211 SE 11th Ave			
7	OSCAR				
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11	Suliana Allen				Suliana@doc.tunnersen-city.org
12	HEATHER H				
13	DIM PRATTEN	5211 SE NUNEMANS	503 656 2724		
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Margaret Hughes Secretary

Oregon City - Salmon Circle of Life Mural - Ana the Artist

The Circle of Life: The Beauty of Salmon

By Ana the Artist

Concept statement:

"The Circle of Life: The Beauty of Salmon" is a mural that celebrates the breathtaking natural cycle of salmon, a species deeply intertwined with Oregon's history, culture, and ecosystem. This artwork will depict the remarkable journey of salmon—from the moment adult salmon lay eggs in gravel nests called redds to the hatching of alevins, their transformation into fry, and their growth into parr with striking camouflage stripes. As they mature into smolts, their silvery sheen helps them navigate the vast ocean, where they develop into powerful adults before making the courageous return to their spawning grounds, completing the eternal cycle of life.

At the heart of the mural, a mesmerizing spiral will symbolize the unbroken continuity of this process, a testament to nature's resilience and renewal. Vibrant hues of silver, blue, green, red, and white will bring this story to life, capturing the movement and vitality of the salmon as they journey through different stages of existence.

Beyond its visual beauty, this mural is a tribute to Oregon's wildlife, honoring the significance of salmon not only as a keystone species but also as a symbol of strength, perseverance, and the deep connection between nature and the communities that rely on it. Through art, "The Circle of Life: The Beauty of Salmon" will inspire appreciation for the natural world, reminding viewers of the delicate balance that sustains life in Oregon's rivers and beyond.

Artwork Concept:



anatheartist.net



Outdoor Lighting Project Proposal

Downtown Oregon City

March 14, 2025

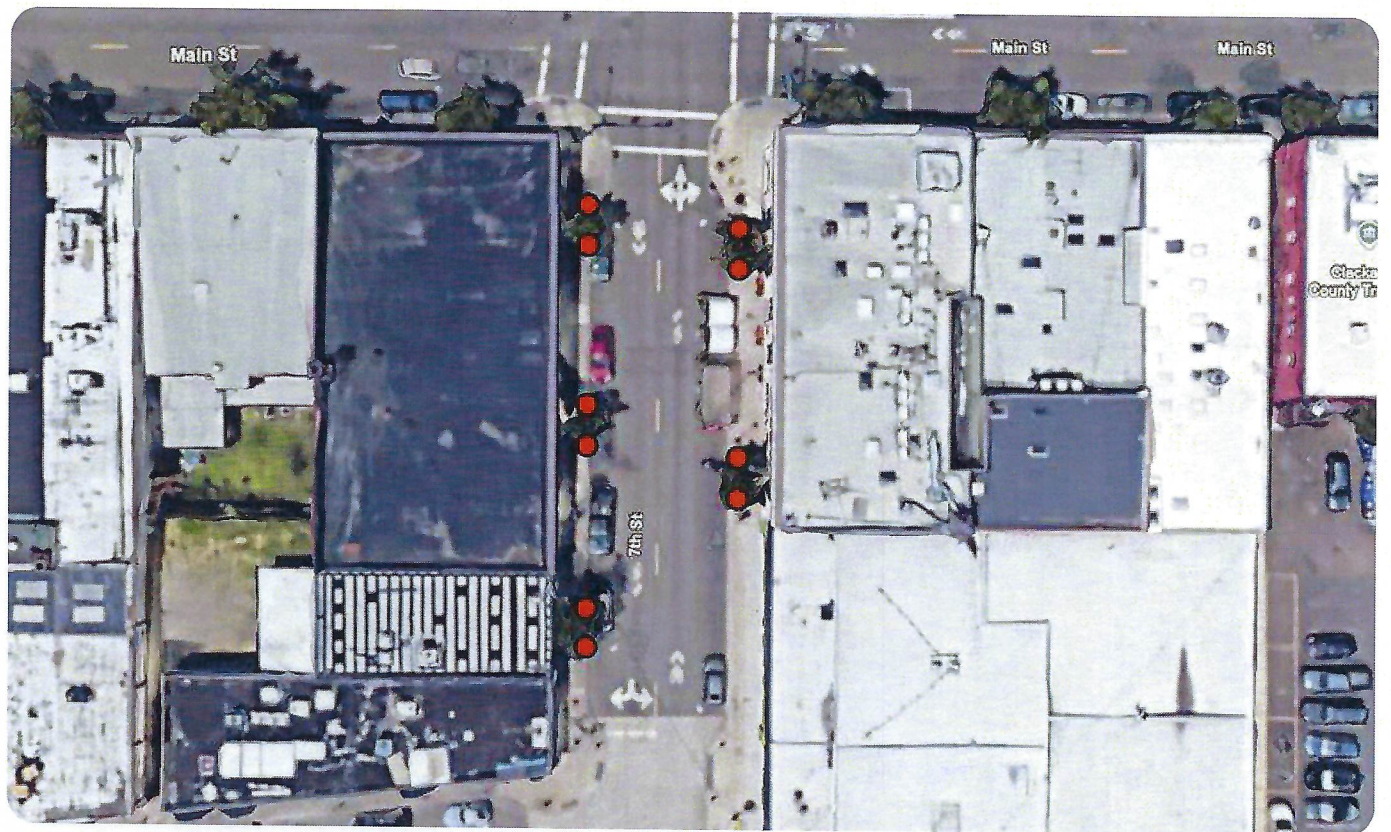
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PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Garden Light LED | Specification Sheet | Version 21



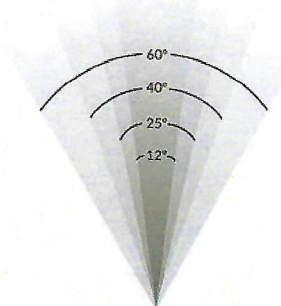
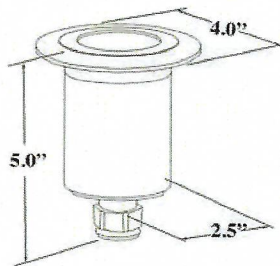
WL | Well Light

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Ideal for uplighting, shadowing, wall washing, silhouetting, and architectural accents.

The Well Light provides the perfect in-grade solution for uplighting on landscapes and hardscapes. Great for illuminating garage doors, architectural accents and so much more.

PRODUCT DIMENSIONS & BEAM SPREADS



FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Built in the U.S.A.
- CNC-machined from 6061 aircraft-grade aluminum or raw brass.
- U.S.A. made light engine and driver.
- Built in surge protector.
- Strong enough to withstand pressure washers.
- IP67 rated.
- CREE 2 step binned LEDs with L70 over 80,000 hours.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Construction:** 6061 aircraft-grade aluminum or raw brass
- **Finishes:** Stainless Aluminum (SSA), Brass (BR)
- **Lead Wire:** 58" 18 AWG SJEOOW tinned copper
- **Lens:** Clear flat
- **Driver System:** Internal
- **Operating Voltage:** 10.5-18 VAC
- **CRI:** 80+
- **Beam Spreads:** 12°, 25°, 40°, 60°

POWER CONSUMPTION

COLOR TEMPERATURE	WATTAGE	VA	LUMENS
3000K*	2W	4VA	160LM
	4W	7VA	400LM
	6W	10VA	540LM
	9W	15VA	740LM

ADDITIONAL COLOR TEMPERATURE OPTIONS

- 2700K • 5000K • Amber** • Blue • Royal Blue
- Green • Red** • Fuchsia • Lavender

WARRANTY

20 Year Limited Warranty

CERTIFICATIONS



Intertek

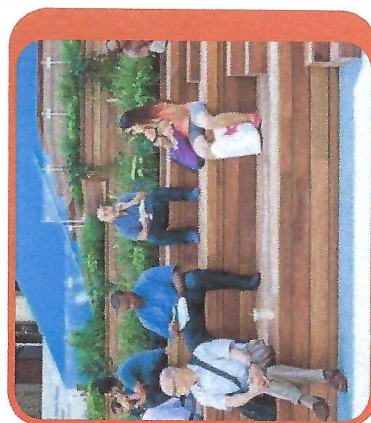
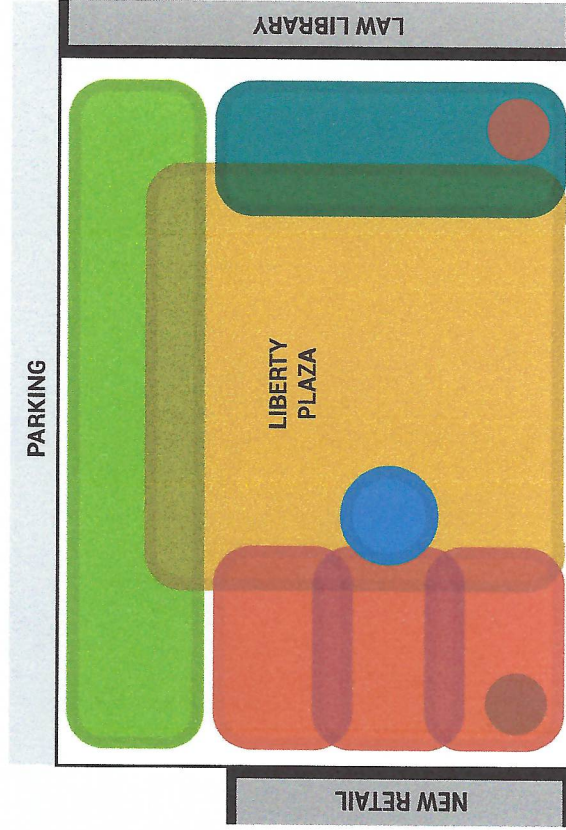
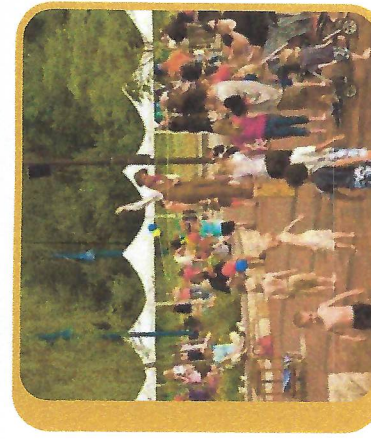
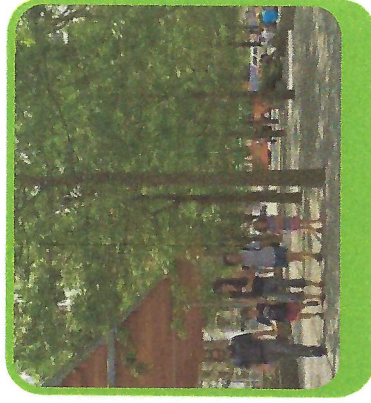
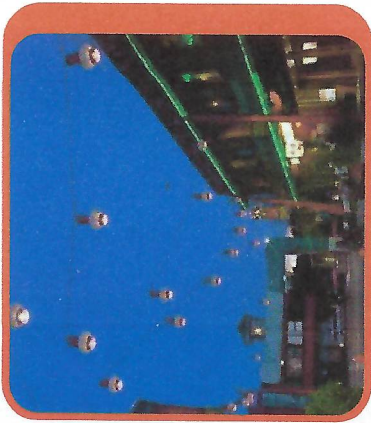
Tested to UL standards.

*Indicates stocked items. Non-stocked items require 5-7 business days additional lead time, special order deposit and are non-refundable. Fuchsia and Lavender require additional lead time above the standard 5-7 business days.

**Amber not available in 6W or 9W and red not available in 9W.

IES files can be found at www.gardenlightled.com

2. PROPOSAL: MEETING THE COUNTY GOALS



SEATING AREAS

With comfortable and flexible seating areas adjacent to the retail, residents and visitors can find a place to relax downtown. Festive lighting will create a safe and enjoyable experience into the evening.

GREEN EDGE

A cool, sun-dappled oasis is a welcome sight on a hot day. The lush greenery surrounds quiet places to sit and socialize.

CANOPY AND PLATFORM

The plaza could host even more types of events with a weatherproof canopy that shelters residents, visitors, performers, and their equipment from the elements.

PLAZA & WATER FEATURE

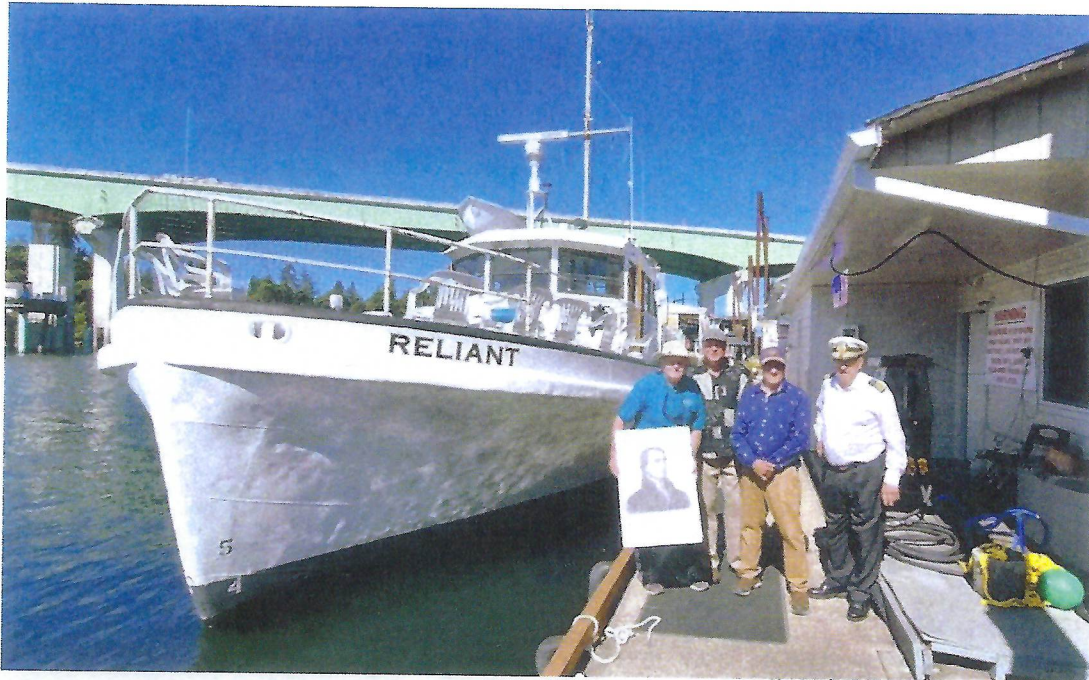
An open and flexible plaza will host a variety of civic gatherings, and a potential water feature could add vibrancy and the sound of falling water to the downtown.

HISTORICAL MARKERS

The history of the courthouse will be proudly displayed in the plaza through saving and reusing courthouse elements.

News on the River!

Discovery tour finds success on Willamette River



Next Cruise!!

Wednesday, June 25th, 2025 11:00AM – 1:00PM

Cost: \$40 per person

Departs Sportcraft Marina and Landing

Call Jerry Herrmann at (503) 260-3432 for Reservations

The River Assets and Opportunities Task Force plans a summer cruise that mirrors successful past cruise. West Linn, Oregon City, Gladstone and Canby are cooperatively working together on advancing river-based tourism for their region and Willamette Falls. The River Assets and Opportunities Task Force completed a discovery tour on Sept. 21 aboard the 65-foot motor vessel Reliant.

Coming from distant areas such as Vancouver, Forest Grove and Hillsboro, 48 people participated. Pictured above, from left, are Gladstone resident Jerry Herrmann (holding a picture of 1820s era explorer/botanist David Douglas) West Linn resident Kent Ziegler, Venezuelan immigrant Guillermo Basalo Sucre and Captain Lowell Gillespie. People had a chance to hear about John McLoughlin – founder of the area – but also early scientists and explorers like geology specialist Jay Harlan Bretz who described the rock formations of our region.



May 21, 2025

Dear Review Committee,

On behalf of The Father's Heart and LoveOne, I am writing to express our strong support for *Well-Lit Trees: Illuminate Downtown*, a project led by the Downtown Oregon City Association to install permanent LED uplighting in 48 tree wells along Main Street between 5th and 10th Streets.

As a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving individuals experiencing homelessness in Oregon City and the surrounding areas, we understand the critical importance of safety in public spaces. Improved lighting not only enhances visibility and deters harmful behavior, but also contributes to a greater sense of dignity and security for the vulnerable populations we work with each day. Many of our guests navigate downtown corridors on foot, and this project will help ensure those spaces are safer and more welcoming—especially after dark.

This initiative reflects a broader community commitment to inclusivity, safety, and thoughtful design. We appreciate the Downtown Oregon City Association's leadership in advancing projects that serve all members of the community, and we fully support their efforts to make downtown a safer and more vibrant place for everyone.

Sincerely,

Brandi Johnson

Brandi Johnson
Executive Director
The Father's Heart | LoveOne
503-314-8649
brandi@loveone.org



To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to voice our strong support for *Well-Lit Trees: Illuminate Downtown*, a placemaking initiative spearheaded by the Downtown Oregon City Association (DOCA). This project proposes the installation of permanent LED uplighting in 48 tree wells along Main Street between 5th and 10th Streets—a vital stretch of our downtown and commercial core.

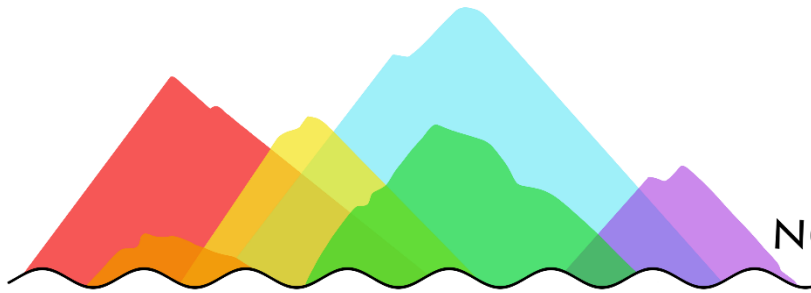
For years, Chamber members and local business owners have emphasized the need for increased lighting to improve both public safety and the nighttime environment. A well-lit downtown is not just an aesthetic improvement—it's critical infrastructure for a safe, walkable, and economically vibrant community. Proper lighting helps deter crime, fosters a greater sense of security for pedestrians, and encourages customers to stay, shop, and dine longer into the evening.

By enhancing visibility and comfort in our downtown, this project supports consumer confidence and aligns with our mission to build a thriving local economy. We commend DOCA for leading a project that reflects both community priorities and fiscal responsibility. Their thoughtful coordination with city departments—including approvals from Public Works and the Permitting Division—demonstrates a clear path forward with minimal red tape.

The Chamber also supports the use of energy-efficient LED lighting, which ensures long-term sustainability and low maintenance costs—further maximizing the return on investment for the community.

A safe, well-lit downtown is good for business, good for residents, and essential for economic growth. We respectfully urge your full support of this initiative and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will bring to Oregon City.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Owens
Executive Director
Oregon City Chamber of Commerce



NORTHWEST TREATMENT^{LLC}
NWTREATMENT.COM (503) 655-1029

Letter of Support DOCA Lighting Project

To whom it may concern,

As a small business owner located in the heart of downtown Oregon City, I am writing to express my strong support for the **Well-Lit Trees: Illuminate Downtown** project, led by the **Downtown Oregon City Association (DOCA)**.

This initiative proposes the installation of **permanent LED uplighting in 48 tree wells along Main Street, between 5th and 10th Streets**. This thoughtful design represents a much-needed investment in both the **safety and atmosphere of our downtown core**. Enhanced lighting will improve visibility for pedestrians and drivers, reduce dark areas, and contribute to a more secure and welcoming environment—especially during the darker months of the year.

Importantly, this project accomplishes these goals **without compromising the shade and natural beauty of our existing trees**. Instead, it enhances them, using lighting to highlight the urban canopy that makes our downtown so unique and attractive.

The **Downtown Oregon City Association** has a proven track record of meaningful, community-focused improvements, and this project is a clear continuation of that legacy. As a local business owner, I see firsthand how environment impacts commerce and community engagement, and I believe this investment will help drive both.

I wholeheartedly support this effort and urge your favorable consideration of the grant funding needed to make it a reality.

Sincerely,

Jessica Macklin

Jessica Macklin LPC, CADC III, Certified AASECT Counselor
NW Treatment Owner
May 12th, 2025



2025 Metro Enhancement Grant Application

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Applicant Organization *

The Father's Heart

Title of Project *

Food Box Distribution Program

Is this a 501(c)(3) organization *

- Yes
 No

Non-Profit Federal Tax-exempt ID Number *

65-1224857

Address *

603 12th St

City, State, Zip *

Oregon City, OR 97045

Project Manager Responsible *

Stephanie Hollingshead

Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable)

Project Manager Phone Number *

503-522-2358

Chairperson Phone Number

Project Manager Email *

shollingshead@tfhsm.org

Chairperson Email

If you have received a Community Enhancement Grant in the past, indicate the last year you received funding and the name of that project.

If you are applying for a third year, describe efforts to identify other sources of project support in addition to the Community Enhancement Grant.

Briefly describe the current project for which you are requesting funds. *

The Father's Heart Food Distribution Program provides 50 food boxes each week to individuals and families in need in Oregon City and surrounding communities. This program repurposes surplus and recovered food, preventing it from going to landfills, while addressing food insecurity in our community. This grant would allow us to continue and expand the program to include paid employees with lived experience.

The proposed project must meet one or more of the following 10 goals. Please indicate which of the following outcomes your project will achieve. Select all that apply. *

- Result in significant improvement in the cleanliness of Oregon City.
- Increase reuse and recycling efforts or provide a reduction in solid waste.
- Increase the attractiveness or market value of residential, commercial or industrial areas.
- Results in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code.
- Enhance new or existing wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands or marine areas, and/ or improve public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.

- Preserve or increase recreational areas and programs within the City.
- Improve safety within the City.
- Increase employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
- Provide work, training opportunities, or other benefits to youth, seniors, and low-income people or other underserved groups.
- Enhance art and culture within Oregon City.

Describe how the project meets the selected goal(s). *

The Father’s Heart Food Box Distribution Program helps cut down on waste by collecting surplus and near-expiration food from local partners and community donations. Instead of ending up in a landfill, this food goes to people in Oregon City and surrounding areas who need it—reducing waste and fighting food insecurities at the same time.

The program supports economic opportunity by creating employment pathways for individuals with lived experience who are ready to reenter the workforce. These positions provide meaningful work, skill-building, time management, and a stepping stone to long-term employment.

The food box distribution program also benefits underserved groups—especially low-income individuals, seniors, and families—by providing access to nutritious food, reducing financial strain, increasing food stability and enhancing overall well-being.

Project period: *

07/01/2025-06/30/2026

How will the community benefit from your project? What is the estimated number of people who will be positively effected? *

The food box program provides weekly food box deliveries to individuals and families who have recently transitioned into stable housing, elderly residents on fixed incomes and families with children who are working to rebuild their lives. Many of these households face barriers such as limited mobility, low income, and lack of transportation.

Each week, we deliver 50 food boxes, with 30 boxes going directly to Oregon City residents. These deliveries will support approximately 50 households per week, benefiting an estimated 200 individuals monthly.

In addition to addressing food insecurity and supporting housing stability, this project also creates job opportunities for residents of Oregon City who have lived experience and are ready to reenter the workforce. These entry-level positions provide hands-on experience, build confidence, and serve as a stepping stone to long-term employment.

By combining food support and workforce development with food rescue, this program strengthens community well-being, supports vulnerable populations, and invests in the community and resources of Oregon City.

Briefly describe your organization's prior experience managing similar projects. *

The Father’s Heart has years of experience managing programs that serve people experiencing homelessness, poverty, and housing instability. For the past two years, we have operated a robust food box distribution program, providing hundreds of food boxes each month to individuals and families in need throughout Oregon City and surrounding areas

Our experienced staff and volunteers handle all aspects of the food box program, including food procurement, inventory management, packaging, delivery logistics, and client coordination. We have successfully partnered with local food pantries, grocery stores, and community organizations to ensure consistent service. We also receive donations from community members and local farms. The Father’s Heart strongly believes that we should be good stewards of all that is provided to us.

Describe the measurements you will use to assess the project's effectiveness. Be sure to describe project goals, changes and noticeable benefits that will come about as a result.

The primary goal of this project is to reduce waste while supporting housing stability and reduce food insecurity for newly housed individuals, elderly residents, and families. A secondary goal is to offer meaningful employment opportunities to individuals reentering the workforce.

We will assess the effectiveness of the project through both quantitative and qualitative measures, including:

- Number of food boxes delivered each week (target: 50 per week / 2,600 annually)
- Geographic reach, with a goal of serving at least 60% Oregon City residents
- Number of individuals impacted, estimated at 2,400 annually based on household size
- Employment outcomes, including number of program participants hired and retained

Expected outcomes include:

- Reduced food insecurity for low-income and newly housed households
- Improved physical and mental health due to better nutrition and decreased stress
- Increased housing stability by easing financial burdens during critical transition periods
- Job readiness gains for workforce participants through supported employment

These metrics will be tracked monthly and reviewed quarterly to ensure continuous improvement and to adjust services based on community needs and feedback.

Proposed Budget

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+ In-Kind Matching Funds (Column C)	13931.84
= Total Cost of Project (Column D)	74999

Budget*

Project Costs	A Grant Dollars Requested	B Matching Funds (Cash)	C In-kind matching support	D Total Project Cost
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Project Costs	(A) Grant Dollars Requested	(B) Matching Funds (Cash)	(C) In-Kind Matching Support	(D) Total Project Costs
Personnel services, contractors,	33,749.55	21747.66		
Project administration costs (clerical, advertising, printing, postage, liability insurance, permits)	3749.95			
Materials/Supplies and Equipment (New, not preexisting)				

Construction costs (specific to the project)				
Event costs (directly associated with the event, i.e. rentals)				
Transportation costs (fuel not to be included)		1820		
Entity/persons Value of volunteer contributions			13931.84	
Misc costs				
Totals	37499.5	23567.66	13931.84	74999

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Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
	2 volunteers*4 hours/week*33.49/hr*52 weeks	13931.84

Total Amount

List all grants applied for in support of this project, and commitments confirmed to date. If you have not applied for any other grants, write N/A. *

N/A. We just finished up a grant from Metro that supported the food box program. The Community Enhancement grant would allow this program to continue.

Administrative costs are allowed as part of the project. What percentage of Enhancement Grants funds will be used for personnel services or administrative costs? *

100%

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Upload letter(s) of support *

Letter from Property owner.pdf	55.97KB
Letter of Support.pdf	74.9KB
Father's Heart.pdf	143.07KB

Signature *





May 21, 2025

Dear Review Committee,

On behalf of the Downtown Oregon City Association, I am writing to express our support for The Father's Heart Food Box Distribution Program and the positive impact it has on our broader community.

The Father's Heart provides critical food support to individuals and families experiencing economic hardship. This work contributes to the overall health and resilience of our community—values that are foundational to a strong and vibrant downtown district.

What makes this program especially compelling is its commitment to workforce development. By creating employment opportunities for individuals with lived experience and those who face barriers to traditional employment, The Father's Heart is not only addressing food insecurity but also investing in long-term community stability and economic participation.

As an organization dedicated to supporting both community and commerce in Oregon City's downtown core, DOCA values initiatives that take a holistic approach to community wellbeing. The Father's Heart has demonstrated professionalism, a collaborative spirit, and a respect for neighboring businesses that aligns with our values and mission.

We are proud to support their continued efforts and encourage investment in programs like this that uplift individuals while strengthening the fabric of our city.

Sincerely,

Juliana Allen (she/her)

Executive Director

Downtown Oregon City Association

Dan Fowler Manager / Owner FWD Properties, LLC
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danf@abernethycenter.com
503-351-4500
05/20/2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as the property owner of the Lee Building located at 1300 John Adams St., Oregon City to express my full support for The Father's Heart food box distribution program.

This program has made a meaningful and positive impact on our community by addressing food insecurity among vulnerable individuals and families. The team at The Father's Heart conducts their work with professionalism, compassion, and respect for both the people they serve and the neighborhoods in which they operate.

The food box distribution is well-organized, low-impact, and has caused no disruptions to the surrounding area. I support this outreach in bringing hope and stability to people who are struggling, particularly those who are newly housed or living in transitional situations.

As a property owner, I am proud to support this vital work and welcome their continued presence at our location. Programs like The Father's Heart are essential to building a stronger, healthier, and more resilient community.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dan Fowler
Property Owner, Lee Building



PO Box 212
Oregon City, OR 97045

May 19, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of LoveOne, I am writing to express our support for The Father's Heart Food Box Distribution Program and to affirm our active partnership in this important community initiative.

LoveOne operates a food pantry in rural Oregon City that serves as a major source of food for The Father's Heart's Food Box Distribution Program. Through our collaboration, we help ensure that surplus food—including fresh produce, pantry staples, recovered grocery items, and farm donations—reaches individuals and families in need, rather than ending up in the landfill. This not only addresses food insecurity but also plays a key role in reducing food waste across our community.

Together, LoveOne and The Father's Heart are able to redirect food that might otherwise go unused. These food boxes are distributed throughout Oregon City and neighboring communities in well-organized food box deliveries to people experiencing housing instability, food insecurities, income challenges, or have difficulties accessing food sources. This partnership extends the life cycle of donated food, ensures efficient resource use, and reflects our shared values of sustainability, dignity, and care.

We are proud of the positive impact this collaboration has made and are committed to supporting The Father's Heart as they continue their food box distribution program to meet the growing needs in Oregon City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aubrey Sorensen".

Aubrey Sorensen
Diversion & Education Manager
LoveOne
503.939.0896



2025 Metro Enhancement Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in the Community Enhancement Grant Program. Please read the 2025-2026 Community Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines before completing the application. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Your organization may need to apply for city building permits and/or liability insurance coverage to implement your proposed project. Please confirm what these costs are before you submit your project proposal. You may be able to use grant funds to pay for these costs. If you have questions, please contact Ann Griffin at agriffin@orc.org or 503-974-5517

Applicant Organization *

Greater Oregon City Watershed Council

Title of Project *

Urban Stream Health in Abernethy Creek

Is this a 501(c)(3) organization *

- Yes
 No

Non-Profit Federal Tax-exempt ID Number *

27-2507688

Address *

500 Abernethy Rd., Suite 201

City, State, Zip *

97045

Project Manager Responsible *

Kira Smith

Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable)

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Project Manager Phone Number *

971-917-5258

Chairperson Phone Number

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Chairperson Email

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If you have received a Community Enhancement Grant in the past, indicate the last year you received funding and the name of that project.

2024, Abernethy and Singer Creek Parks Enhancement Project

If you are applying for a third year, describe efforts to identify other sources of project support in addition to the Community Enhancement Grant.

In the past year, the Council has secured funding from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, NOAA Fisheries, City of Oregon City Public Works, and the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District.

We are using funding from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board as a source of match funds for our 25-26 Community Enhancement Grant project. Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board funds will be used to engage landowners and community members in riparian restoration projects.

We also plan to apply for grant programs offered by Metro, Spirit Mountain Community Fund, and the Trailblazers Foundation, for our outreach and education work in Oregon City.

Briefly describe the current project for which you are requesting funds. *

The Abernethy Creek Urban Stream Health Project project will enhance the ecological health and aesthetic value of Abernethy Creek through a combination of volunteer actions, community engagement, and contracted restoration work. Our project proposal includes a combination of education, community outreach, and applied restoration, to achieve the greatest impact with grant funds while ensuring the long-term success of our project.

Riparian Restoration along lower Abernethy Creek

Riparian restoration in heavily degraded areas along the first mile of Abernethy Creek will take years of work to return ecosystem functions and benefit the multiple ESA listed species that travel through and spawn within Abernethy Creek. GOCWC is actively developing baseline data to

record long-term change in stream health over the next 25 years based on temperature, turbidity, and sun exposure readings within the watershed.

An important part of restoring riparian areas is establishing an overstory canopy to reduce the sun exposure. The GOCWC Restoration Manager and Outreach and Engagement Coordinator will work with licensed contractors to remove and treat infestations of Himalayan blackberry and invasive clematis, which are overtaking riparian zones and mature trees along the creek on both residential properties and city owned lots next to Washington Street. In addition, the contractors will also treat a small Bohemian knotweed patch that poses an additional risk to structure stability if it is not managed. These species prevent native plants from thriving and increase erosion while not providing any benefits to water quality. Herbicide applications will follow best practices and environmental safety protocols. Ahead of aquatic safe herbicide applications, we will conduct extensive outreach to ensure that the public avoids areas where contractors have sprayed. We will connect with the houseless community through posting signage and through our partnership with Love One by sharing flyers about invasive species management at their events and contacting their community liaison as needed to help with trauma-informed engagement.

Volunteers and hired contractors will replant restored areas with native vegetation including Red Osier Dogwood, Bigleaf Maple, Mock Orange, and Pacific Willow among other species to beautify the city and improve watershed health by shading the stream, preventing further erosion near the Washington Street Bridge. In addition, GOCWC will engage adjacent private property owners and encourage them to participate in our invasive species removal work, which would extend both our reach and increase our chances of successfully eradicating or significantly reducing invasive plants.

Community Outreach and Engagement:

- Attend 2-4 City of Oregon City Community events. GOCWC Community Outreach Coordinator will recruit volunteers and work foster public awareness and stewardship of Oregon City's watershed by building connections between residents and their local waterways by co-hosting watershed nature walks, and tabling at community events and farmers markets to share resources on watershed health, pollution prevention, and native species.
- Develop watershed engagement materials, such as social media posts, quarterly newsletters, and printed media to promote community stewardship of Abernethy Creek, recruit volunteers for clean ups and plantings, and events hosted by our partners such as City of Oregon City Parks Foundation.
- Co- host 1-2 volunteer trash cleanups along the lower stretch of Abernethy Creek with Love One and Solve.
- Host 1-2 volunteer planting events on easily accessible stretch of Abernethy Creek by working with the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council board members and partner organizations, such as the Youth Advisory Commission. These efforts will protect water quality, support native wildlife, increase public engagement, and foster long-term stewardship of this vital watershed area.
- Community Planting Event along Abernethy Creek (1-2 events). The GOCWC Outreach and Engagement Coordinator will host a family-friendly volunteer planting event in the accessible area around the Washington Street bridge. Native plant species will be installed by volunteers with guidance from local restoration experts, further connecting the community to the creek and the importance of riparian restoration. In addition to excellent community engagement opportunities, hosting volunteer planting events allows our Council to broaden our impact, reducing the cost spent on contracted services while maintaining our restoration goals.

Project Partners:

Greater Oregon City Watershed Council. The Greater Oregon City Watershed Council is a 501c-3 nonprofit organization governed by an all volunteer board. We work with public partners and private landowners to conserve, enhance, and protect the watersheds that surround us. All of the watersheds where we work pass through City of Oregon City limits.

The Council first began working with Oregon City neighbors to restore the native vegetation along the bank of Abernethy Creek Park in 2017. Working through a previous Community Enhancement grant in 2022, the Council planted 152 native trees and shrub species, including Douglas-fir, red-osier dogwood, and osoberry. We also constructed 980 feet of trail surfaced with cedar chips, removed competing invasive vegetation and worked with the community at the site in 2023. In 2025, we expanded our replanting efforts to include a pollinator garden and additional riparian plantings installed by the City of Oregon City - Youth Advisory Commission. In addition to our past successes implementing riparian restoration and construction projects, the council has demonstrated our commitment to community involvement. During our 2024-2025 fiscal year, we recruited a total of 60 volunteers and developed numerous new partnerships with organizations like In-Stream Network, Love One, and Parrott Creek Youth and Family Services.

SOLVE Oregon is a nonprofit organization dedicated to environmental stewardship and community engagement throughout the state of Oregon. Since its founding in 1969, SOLVE has mobilized volunteers across urban and rural communities to take part in hands-on projects that restore and protect Oregon's natural landscapes. The organization focuses on litter cleanup, invasive species removal, native habitat restoration, and marine debris prevention.

Through statewide initiatives such as the Oregon Spring Cleanup, Beach & Riverside Cleanup, and Project Oregon, SOLVE empowers thousands of volunteers annually, fostering civic pride and environmental responsibility. By partnering with local governments, schools, businesses, and community groups, SOLVE enhances public spaces and preserves Oregon's natural beauty for future generations. SOLVE events are regularly attended by 20-30 people. They will provide trash collectors, bags, and use their volunteer recruitment platforms for this project.

LoveOne is a love-driven, community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to serving neighbors in need throughout Clackamas County, Oregon. Established to address the essential hygiene and basic needs of individuals experiencing homelessness or housing instability, LoveOne provides free laundry services, mobile showers, meals, personal care items, and connections to vital community resources. Love One also hosts "Trash Extravaganza's" where those with lived experience of being unhoused participate in trash clean ups. Love One will co-host a trash extravaganza with GOCWC and SOLVE in Abernethy Creek Watershed. They will also provide refreshments, a drop box, and trash removal services.

The proposed project must meet one or more of the following 10 goals. Please indicate which of the following outcomes your project will achieve. Select all that apply. *

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Describe how the project meets the selected goal(s). *

- Enhance new or existing wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands or marine areas, and/ or improve public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them. Abernethy Creek is a vital tributary of the Willamette River, with its lower reaches located within the boundaries of Oregon City. The lower reaches of the creek are key spawning and rearing habitat for native fish including coho salmon, steelhead trout, and Pacific lamprey. Targeted cleanups at these downstream locations are especially impactful. Removing litter, invasive species, and pollutants from these areas will improve water quality, reduce sedimentation, and restore riparian vegetation. This benefits sensitive fish and other aquatic species while enhancing the overall ecological integrity of the creek. We will replant and restore native plant communities that support birds, pollinators, fish, and amphibians, and reduce stream temperatures through stream shading, helping the City of Oregon City in meeting its TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) regulatory requirements.
- Foster community engagement through hands-on restoration events that educate and empower residents to care for their streams, parks, and natural areas through reciprocal relationships with their Watershed Council and their City Government.
- Significant improvement in the cleanliness of Oregon City by cleaning up a highly visible thoroughfare adjacent to the Oregon Trail Heritage Center and local businesses. - Removing debris and blockages in the lower portion of Abernethy Creek's watershed helps maintain proper water flow and reduces flood risk downstream, which protects both private property and public infrastructure. This proactive maintenance supports the city's resilience to storm events and climate change impacts.
- Increase the attractiveness or market value of residential, commercial or industrial areas by removing invasive plants that are crowding out native trees and vegetation, and by removing debris from a visible stretch of Abernethy Creek. Through outreach and engagement, we also seek to support long-term stewardship and beautification of Abernethy Creek through visible improvements and partnerships with local volunteers, agency partners, and community based organizations.
- Provide benefits to low-income people through providing unhoused City of Oregon City residents a paid opportunity to participate in clean up events and to connect any unhoused people we engage with during our work with resources, such as showers, free laundry, and meals offered by Love One and their sister organization, Father's Heart.

Alignment with City Goals:

This project supports Oregon City's environmental sustainability goals, promotes partnerships with local organizations, and enhances livability through green space preservation and education. By investing in the health of Abernethy Creek's lower reaches, these restoration events and activities will deliver tangible environmental improvements and lasting community benefits consistent with the intent of the Community Enhancement Grant Program.

Project period: *

How will the community benefit from your project? What is the estimated number of people who will be positively effected? *

- We estimate that 5-10 businesses and private property owners will directly benefit from having unsightly and difficult to manage invasive species removed from their properties and adjacent public properties
- Additional beneficiaries

a. Community cleanup and planting events will offer meaningful volunteer opportunities for 20-50 volunteer residents, students, and community groups, helping to cultivate environmental stewardship and civic pride. By involving the public in direct action, this project will raise awareness of watershed health issues and empower residents to contribute to long-term solutions. This aligns with the grant's objectives to increase community involvement and promote sustainable, livable neighborhoods.

b. Outreach and communications, including developing and distributing materials through social media and print that encourage the community to engage with their City of Oregon City urban rivers and streams. By attending 2-3 City of Oregon City community events, such as farmers markets, fairs, watershed tours, and festivals, we provide watershed health and science education to hundreds of City of Oregon City residents and foster a deeper connection to nature in their neighborhoods.

c. Washington Street, a main thoroughfare in Oregon City, is traveled by thousands of people on car and foot every year. There are also several adjacent businesses, residents, and the End of the Oregon Trail Center, directly adjacent to this stretch of Abernethy Creek, which is currently infested with invasive plants and has litter and debris on the banks. Patrons would benefit from experiencing a clean creek and restored tree canopy, especially in summer.

Briefly describe your organization's prior experience managing similar projects. *

GOCWC has led several large-scale, grant-funded restoration efforts, often in collaboration with partners such as Metro and the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District. Notably, in 2020 the North Newell Restoration Project aimed to restore approximately 60 acres of the Newell Creek North Natural Area. This project involved invasive species removal, native tree and shrub planting, and maintenance of plantings to restore riparian areas on both Newell and Abernethy Creeks.

GOCWC actively engages the community through volunteer restoration projects, such as tree planting events and habitat cleanups. For instance, in 2025 they collaborated with Oregon City Parks, the Youth Advisory Commission, and Oregon City Parks Foundation, to host 5 restoration volunteer events removing invasives and planting native plants, with approximately 60 total volunteers in attendance.

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- Visibly improved streambank appearance and reduced square footage of clematis and blackberry in target treatment areas. We will take 4-5 photo points before and after our project to demonstrate the visible changes.
- Establishment of healthy ~600 new trees and shrubs that will grow to shade the stream, reducing TMDL for temperature. We will measure this outcome by conducting a sample survey on newly planted areas in the early summer months when trees have grown leaves.
- Increased Community Engagement in Watershed Health Volunteer Projects by 25% (~15-20 volunteers) In last year we have seen a significant increase in community involvement with our work in Oregon City watersheds, including an increase from around 4 volunteers per event to around 15 volunteers, we also developed 3-4 new community partnerships with local organizations and groups like the Youth Advisory Commission and Parrott Creek Youth and Family Services. We're seeking to use our funds this year to continue building on that momentum, leveraging our partnerships to increase community engagement and developing a sense of pride in our city's unique natural resources.

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Budget *

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Event costs (directly associated with the event, i.e. rentals)	\$100.00			\$100
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Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
In-kind dropbox rental	Love One	\$620
Refreshments	Lone One	\$200
Volunteer Hours collecting trash, removing invasive plants, and planting native plants (30 people x 4 x 34.78)	GOCWC volunteers	\$4,174
Plants and mulch	GOCWC	\$300
Outreach staff time, volunteer stipends, and project coordination	Love One	\$1,300

Total Amount

\$6,594

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Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board - Revegetation Engagement (secured)
Metro (planned application)
Spirit Mountain Community Fund (planned application)
Trailblazers Foundation (planned application)

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8.6%

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Upload letter(s) of support *

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LOS 2025-05-21 GOCWC Letter of Support.pdf	48.89KB
SOLVEGOCWCLOS_2025_05_22.pdf	172.32KB

Signature *



Thomas J. Gaskill

M c L O U G H L I N



N E I G H B O R H O O D
A S S O C I A T I O N

May 14, 2025

Metro Enhancement Committee
City of Oregon City
625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant Committee,

The McLoughlin Neighborhood Association is pleased to offer our full support for the Greater Oregon City Watershed Councils application.

It is our understanding that the requested funds from the Metro enhancement grant will help to increase the riparian ecosystem of the Lower Abernethy Creek. This is to be accomplished by reducing instream temperatures, through habitat restoration, removal of invasive plants such as Himalayan blackberry with the replacement of riparian shrub species that will grow over the stream and cool the water. There will also be attempts to remove accumulated trash from the houseless population that frequents the area.

The lower reaches of the Lower Abernethy Creek have been and will continue to be important to pacific lamprey, coho salmon, chinook salmon and steelhead trout as spawning and rearing habitat. We believe the effort by the G.O.C.W.C. and their partners will enhance the area while protecting the native species for native fishes and will contribute greatly to our overall ecosystem. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

Best Regards,

Tim Powell
Chair
McLoughlin Neighborhood Association



PO Box 212
Oregon City, OR 97045
LoveOneCommunity.org

May 21, 2025

Dear City of Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant Selection Committee:

On behalf of LoveOne, I'm pleased to offer our enthusiastic support for the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council's Urban Stream Health in Abernethy Creek funding proposal. This project will play a vital role in advancing local watershed and community health, and we strongly encourage the City of Oregon City to invest in its success.

We are excited to partner with the Council on their proposal to implement a meaningful on-the-ground restoration project, while engaging the unhoused community, who occasionally camp or travel through the planned restoration area.

We plan to co-lead a Trash Extravaganza, where community members who have lived experiences of houselessness participate in trash cleanups, in the Abernethy Creek watershed as a part of the Council's proposed project. We are also excited to coordinate with our partners at SOLVE to encourage broader community participation in this clean-up effort.

In addition, our organization works to connect unhoused people with resources. Our trained community liaisons respond to mental health crises with a trauma-informed approach that prioritizes the well-being of all community members. Since there are sometimes active camps in the Abernethy Creek watershed, our organization is ready to respond to the project's outreach needs, including ensuring that unhoused people who might camp or travel through the area are aware of herbicide applications, and the potential health impacts of encountering herbicide.

Through our partnership with Clackamas County, we will contribute a 40-yard drop box and waste removal, valued at approximately \$620, as well as staff time to co-host the trash extravaganza. We estimate the value of our staff time and administrative supports dedicated to this effort to be \$1,500.

At LoveOne we believe that strong partnerships are the foundation of successful restoration. Urban Stream Health in Abernethy Creek exemplifies the kind of collaborative, community rooted approach that leads to durable community and environmental health outcomes.

Sincerely,

Brandi Johnson

Brandi Johnson, Executive Director
brandi@loveone.org / 503-314-8649

ATTN: Ann Griffin

625 Center Street
Oregon Cit, OR, 97045

From: Marcos Kubow

13895 Fir Street
Oregon City, OR, 97045

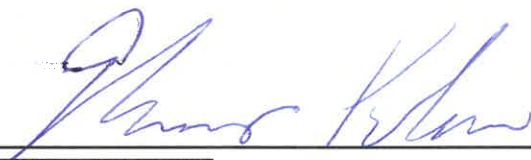
This is a letter in support of Greater Oregon City Watershed Council's (GOCWC) Abernethy shade project; specifically, work being conducted on Abernethy Creek, adjacent to the Washington Street bridge.

Oregon City Public Works (OC) has been working with GOCWC for decades to reduce temperature loading of streams that pass through our city boundaries. Temperature has been the primary concern of pollution loading for waters of the state because of its critical impact on keystone fish species that maintain a vital balance in biodiversity and water quality. Tree cover of streams and natural areas is the most effective way to minimize temperature increases of aquatic environments. Native trees also add to stream complexity, Carbon sequestration, and additional habitat to improve biodiversity.

GOCWC has been essential to connecting with private property owners in the Greater OC area and convincing them to permit streamside restoration on their property. Since the establishment of GOCWC they have successfully restored over 7,900 feet of streamside in the Abernethy Creek basin and are in the process of restoring an additional 3,400 feet in the near future. Some of this restoration is occurring adjacent to public property in downtown OC in the Mcgloughlin Neighborhood at the corner of Abernethy Road and Washington Street.

Washington Street Bridge has become a refuge for many of OC's unhoused community. GOCWC has developed an equitable solution to relocate the unhoused and clean up a currently occupied camp in the area and safely restore the habitat. Washington Street bridge sits just West of GOCWC's main office, and this restoration will act as a model example of their work. Project Stakeholders and Private property owners will be able to view results of their work right from GOCWC's office.

Humanely engaging with the unhoused people and restoring the streamside with native plants will enhance the beauty of an otherwise unattractive commercial/industrial area of downtown OC. This restoration site is just upstream of a water quality monitoring site where DEQ requires OC to sample 4 times a year. Restoring upstream of the monitoring site will provide valuable data that will quantify the success of GOCWCs work and provide evidence to support future work in the Abernethy basin. Removal of invasive species from the restoration site will help minimize their re-colonization in Abernethy Creek Park just East of the project. The less invasives in the park the less work hours and pesticides will be needed to maintain the park's appearance. OC full-heartedly supports the restoration of this location and the work that GOCWC does.



5/23/2025

**Marcos Kubow, M.S.****Water Quality Coordinator - Storm – Public Works**mkubow@orccity.org

City of Oregon City

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Letter of Support

Oregon City, City Hall
625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear City of Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant Selection Committee,

As a landowner along Abernethy Creek, I am offering this letter of support for the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council to address improvements in stream health including reducing streamside trash, engaging with beneficial outreach to the houseless community, removing invasive plant species, and planting native trees and shrubs on my property.

I understand and support the efforts of the Council to work with the unhoused community in this area with care by partnering with Love One on engagement for safety and trash clean-up events. I would be happy to allow contracted work on my property related to the removal of invasive species and replanting with native plants. As a private landowner with property near the city park and natural areas, I support applying for the Community enhancement grant to reduce stream temperatures, trash, and beautify our city, so Greater Oregon City Watershed Council can proceed with this valuable, and important project.

Sincerely,



Sheree Breshears
1625 John Adams Street
Oregon City, OR 97045



May 22, 2025

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of SOLVE, I'm writing to express our support for Greater Oregon City Watershed Council's application for the Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant.

As part of our partnership, SOLVE is committed to supporting this initiative by co-hosting a community cleanup event. We will contribute essential supplies, including litter grabbers and trash bags, and work alongside the project team to engage volunteers and promote the effort locally.

This project aligns with SOLVE's mission to bring communities together to improve our environment. We're excited about the positive impact this effort will have on Oregon City's public spaces and appreciate your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Taylor Neitzke

Program & Communications Director

SOLVE



2025 Metro Enhancement Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in the Community Enhancement Grant Program. Please read the 2025-2026 Community Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines before completing the application. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Your organization may need to apply for city building permits and/or liability insurance coverage to implement your proposed project. Please confirm what these costs are before you submit your project proposal. You may be able to use grant funds to pay for these costs. If you have questions, please contact Ann Griffin at agriffin@orc.org or 503-974-5517

Applicant Organization *

McLoughlin Neighborhood Association

Title of Project *

McLoughlin Neighborhood Garage Sale

Is this a 501(c)(3) organization *

- Yes
 No

Non-Profit Federal Tax-exempt ID Number *

N/A

Address *

606 John Adams St

City, State, Zip *

Oregon City, Oregon, 97045

Project Manager Responsible *

Tim Powell

Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable)

Tim Powell

Project Manager Phone Number *

(503) 380-0503

Chairperson Phone Number

(503) 380-0503

Project Manager Email *

timpowell1954@gmail.com

Chairperson Email

timpowell1954@gmail.com

If you have received a Community Enhancement Grant in the past, indicate the last year you received funding and the name of that project.

McLoughlin Conservation District Street Sign Toppers, 2020

If you are applying for a third year, describe efforts to identify other sources of project support in addition to the Community Enhancement Grant.

N/A

Briefly describe the current project for which you are requesting funds. *

The McLoughlin Neighborhood garage sale is an annual event that has been held the second week of August for over 20 years. For many years, over 200 neighbors participated by holding individual garage sales in the McLoughlin neighborhood. This dense concentration of sales has attracted visitors from all over Oregon City and nearby communities.

The proposed project must meet one or more of the following 10 goals. Please indicate which of the following outcomes your project will achieve. Select all that apply. *

- Result in significant improvement in the cleanliness of Oregon City.
- Increase reuse and recycling efforts or provide a reduction in solid waste.
- Increase the attractiveness or market value of residential, commercial or industrial areas.
- Results in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code.

- Enhance new or existing wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands or marine areas, and/ or improve public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.
- Preserve or increase recreational areas and programs within the City.
- Improve safety within the City.
- Increase employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
- Provide work, training opportunities, or other benefits to youth, seniors, and low-income people or other underserved groups.
- Enhance art and culture within Oregon City.

Describe how the project meets the selected goal(s). *

This event increases reuse and recycling efforts by giving residents an opportunity to sell items they no longer want, thus giving them another opportunity to be reused and valued. This also results in a reduction in solid waste due to items not being thrown away.

We are posting large maps with QR codes at each sale to avoid printing hundreds of individual paper maps to prevent unnecessary waste.

By having sales dispersed throughout the McLoughlin neighborhood, people cannot fail to notice the charm and appeal of our historic homes, thus increasing the attractiveness of our beautiful residential area.

Our event has always brought neighbors together much like a block party. Every community is safer when neighbors meet and get to know one another.

We increase economic opportunities for residents by allowing them to bring in extra income by selling personal items they no longer want. The large number of sales in a concentrated area attracts many hundreds (sometimes thousands) of visitors. This influx leads to much higher sales than individual garage sales.

While it doesn't necessarily increase employment per se, local retail businesses know in advance that they need to increase staff in order to accommodate the influx of so many visitors. Local businesses tell us they welcome the increased sales, and employees benefit from increased hours.

Project period: *

Aug 8-10, 2025

How will the community benefit from your project? What is the estimated number of people who will be positively effected? *

The event will occur on the same weekend as two other large events (The Festival of the Arts, and Porchfest). Having three popular events on the same weekend allows us all to build capacity which encourages more visitors to come to OC for a day full of fun activities.

In past years, we could easily count on over 2,000 visitors. The last few years saw a dip in attendance due to the lingering effects of covid, but we confidently expect at least 1,000 people this year. Now that the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association is providing the proper organizational capacity, our intention is to reinvigorate attendance to resume being a major draw to Oregon City.

Briefly describe your organization's prior experience managing similar projects. *

The MNA is a very active participant in the community.

Past projects we have managed:

- Our neighborhood association was instrumental in having Waterboard Park redesignated as a public park.
- We managed a community development block grant to replace 1,200 linear feet of unsafe sidewalks.
- We replaced worn street sign toppers in collaboration with the City's Public Works Department.
- We used a previous Metro Enhancement grant to fund hanging floral baskets in the McLoughlin neighborhood and the downtown business area.
- We worked with the City and local Heritage organizations to create a Heritage and Resource map.

Describe the measurements you will use to assess the project's effectiveness. Be sure to describe project goals, changes and noticeable benefits that will come about as a result.

Admittedly, attendance measurements are somewhat difficult for a project like ours.

We will ask participants to keep tallies on the number of sales. We will check in with participants who have been regular participants like the Pioneer Center and the Ermatinger House for feedback on participation changes compared to previous years. We will also check in with local businesses to get feedback on increased foot traffic.

Although most of the benefits are intangible and therefore difficult to measure, the most noticeable benefit will be the increased number of people (both neighbors and visitors) interacting and enjoying our community. Our goal is to grow these numbers in subsequent years.

Proposed Budget

In the table below, describe the project's proposed budget. Administrative costs are to be maintained at or below 10% of the total project cost.

Matching Funds

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\$40,000 - \$74,999	50% of total project cost

Budget summary

Using your proposed budget below, summarize the Grant Amount Requested, the amount of Cash Funds raised as a match, and the total estimated value of in-kind contributions to the project. The total project cost is the sum of these three amounts.

Grant Amount Requested (Column A)	\$2,500
+Matching Funds (Cash) (Column B)	\$250
+ In-Kind Matching Funds (Column C)	\$1,674.50
= Total Cost of Project (Column D)	\$4,424.50

Budget *

Project Costs	A Grant Dollars Requested	B Matching Funds (Cash)	C In-kind matching support	D Total Project Cost
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Project Costs	(A) Grant Dollars Requested	(B) Matching Funds (Cash)	(C) In-Kind Matching Support	(D) Total Project Costs
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Personnel services, contractors, consultants, performers				
Project administration costs (clerical, advertising, printing, postage, liability insurance, permits)	\$427			
Materials/Supplies and Equipment (New, not preexisting)	\$1,987.50			
Construction costs (specific to the project)				
Event costs (directly associated with the event, i.e. rentals)				
Transportation costs (fuel not to be included)				
Entity/persons Value of volunteer contributions				
Misc costs	\$85.50			
Totals	\$2,500	\$250	\$1,674.50	\$4,424.50

Description of In-Kind Match. List the sources of support for the project's in-kind match (e.g., volunteer hours and donations). As described * in the Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines, volunteer labor may be valued at the rate of \$33.49 per hour.

Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
cash	MNA funds	\$250
50 volunteer hours	MNA members	\$1,674.50

Total Amount

\$1,924.50

List all grants applied for in support of this project, and commitments confirmed to date. If you have not applied for any other grants, write N/A. *

N/A

Administrative costs are allowed as part of the project. What percentage of Enhancement Grants funds will be used for personnel services or administrative costs? *

N/A

Rich Text

Please upload one or more letters of support for the proposed project in the space provided below. Letters of support demonstrate that people who could be impacted by a project are aware of it and in support of it.

Required letters of support:

- a) Active partner organization – If your organization is working in collaboration with a partner organization to implement the proposed project, include a letter of support from that partner organization.
- b) Property owner - If the project will impact private property or city-owned property, then a letter of support should be included from the property owner. For example, if the proposed project will take place in a city-owned park, then a letter of support should be included from the Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department.
- c) Neighborhood Association and/or Business Association - Applicants should also include a letter of support from a relevant neighborhood association if there is an active neighborhood association where the proposed project will take place, or local business association whose membership includes a large number of Oregon City businesses.

We recognize that several neighborhoods do not have an active neighborhood association. To learn more about what neighborhood your project is in, go to the City of Oregon City website, and search "[What Neighborhood Am I In?](#)"

Please contact Ann Griffin with any questions – agriffin@orc.org.

Upload letter(s) of support *

Mike's letter of support.jpeg	34.8KB
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DOCA letter of support.pdf	149.47KB
Porchfest letter of support.pdf	379.24KB

Signature *





May 20, 2025

Dear review committee,

The Downtown Oregon City Association (DOCA) is pleased to offer our support for the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association's grant application to expand their long-running neighborhood sale event.

Located adjacent to the downtown district, the McLoughlin neighborhood plays a vital role in the broader landscape of Oregon City. The annual neighborhood sale consistently draws visitors from across the region, increasing foot traffic and creating a natural connection between the residential and commercial areas of our community.

At DOCA, our mission is to support both community and commerce in the downtown district. Events like the McLoughlin Neighborhood Sale directly align with that mission by driving purchase-minded visitors into the area—many of whom explore our downtown shops, restaurants, and attractions while they are here. We see this event as a valuable partner in our shared goal of creating a vibrant, thriving Oregon City.

We fully support the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association's efforts to grow this event and strengthen partnerships with local businesses. We look forward to seeing its continued impact on the economic vitality and community spirit of our city.

Sincerely,

Juliana Allen (she/her)

Executive Director

Downtown Oregon City Association

Dear Metro Community Enhancement Grant panel members,

Mike's Burgers is pleased to support the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association's application for a grant to assist with their annual Garage Sale. We have historically appreciated the benefit of increased business from people coming into the neighborhood. This also provides a benefit to our employees as we know we have to increase staff on these weekends.

Sincerely,

Chris Burrows



OREGON CITY PORCHFEST

Always the second weekend in August!

Oregon City Porchfest
1102 Jefferson Street
Oregon City, OR 97045
(503) 954-7122
oregoncityporchfest@gmail.com

May 20, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in support of the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association in their endeavor to seek funding for the McLoughlin Neighborhood Garage Sale.

Oregon City Porchfest is proud to confirm our unwavering support for this group and the work they plan to do in our community. The McLoughlin Neighborhood Garage Sale is an extremely popular and longstanding event. It promotes community building as well as draws many people into the neighborhood.

We are happy to discuss our support for this event further upon request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Dexter", is written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Amanda Dexter
Oregon City Porchfest Co-Founder

May 16, 2025

Metro Community Enhancement Grant Committee

To whom it may concern,

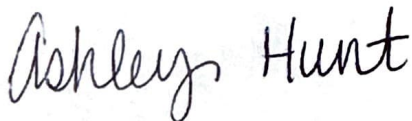
We are writing in support of the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association's application for grant funds to support their annual garage sale.

Events like this help bring together members of the Oregon City community and contribute to making O.C. a unique place to live, work, and visit. We not only operate our business in the heart of midtown, but we are also residents of Oregon City. We interact with the community through our work and our neighbors, schools, sports, library, etc.

Oregon City has retained its small town feel through support of independent businesses and through the work of organizations such as the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association.

We love our community. Events like these support further interaction with our neighbors and community members, both at work and at home. I invite you to consider granting their application, but also joining in on the fun on Saturday, August 9th as personal attendees. This year, the neighborhood garage sale will also coincide with the annual Porchfest event and should be extra fun.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Hunt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley & Joseph Hunt
Owners
The Hive Social and The Hardware Store
Oregon City, Oregon



2025 Metro Enhancement Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in the Community Enhancement Grant Program. Please read the 2025-2026 Community Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines before completing the application. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Your organization may need to apply for city building permits and/or liability insurance coverage to implement your proposed project. Please confirm what these costs are before you submit your project proposal. You may be able to use grant funds to pay for these costs. If you have questions, please contact Ann Griffin at agriffin@orc.org or 503-974-5517

Applicant Organization *

Oregon City Parks and Recreation, Pioneer Community Center Division

Title of Project *

Open Doors, Open Opportunities: Providing accessibility with new Slider Doors.

Is this a 501(c)(3) organization *

- Yes
 No

Non-Profit Federal Tax-exempt ID Number *

93-6002230

Address *

615 5th St

City, State, Zip *

Oregon City

Project Manager Responsible *

Cecily Rose, Manager, Pioneer Community Center

Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable)

Project Manager Phone Number *

503-496-1523

Chairperson Phone Number

Project Manager Email *

crose@orc.org

Chairperson Email

If you have received a Community Enhancement Grant in the past, indicate the last year you received funding and the name of that project.

2024, Movies in the Park - Oregon City Parks and Recreation, Pool Division

If you are applying for a third year, describe efforts to identify other sources of project support in addition to the Community Enhancement Grant.

N/A

Briefly describe the current project for which you are requesting funds. *

The Pioneer Community Center, a division of the Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department, located in the heart of the McLoughlin Neighborhood, seeks funding in the amount of \$14,157.02 to replace its aging entrance slider doors. The current doors have been identified by our facilities team as nearing the end of their life posing a safety concern, and their replacement has become a dire need. These doors provide direct accessibility to an average of 5,000 visitors each month. This essential upgrade will have a direct and positive impact on the residents of Oregon City who frequent the Center for Nutrition, Education, Art, Culture, and Recreation programs and services. The new sliding doors will improve safety by providing easy and improved access for individuals of all ages and abilities, including those with mobility challenges. With enhanced access to the Center, we anticipate a better and more positive experience for those utilizing our facility.

The proposed project must meet one or more of the following 10 goals. Please indicate which of the following outcomes your project will achieve. Select all that apply. *

- Result in significant improvement in the cleanliness of Oregon City.
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- Preserve or increase recreational areas and programs within the City.
- Improve safety within the City.
- Increase employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
- Provide work, training opportunities, or other benefits to youth, seniors, and low-income people or other underserved groups.
- Enhance art and culture within Oregon City.

Describe how the project meets the selected goal(s). *

The installation of new sliding doors at the Pioneer Community Center directly supports the goals of preserving and increasing recreational programs while enhancing safety and promoting art and culture within the city. The Pioneer Community Center is known for abundant recreation, a wealth of cultural and art events and programs, and the provision of vital social services to the residents of Oregon City. The Center currently holds 173 recreational programs each month that welcome an average of 5000 visitors. Of those 5000 visitors, data proves that an average of 85% or 4,250 are residents of Oregon City. The Center hosted numerous cultural events within the last biennium including a Lunar New Year Event, the Sister City Celebration with Tatashina Japan, the Diwali Festival and a Middle East North Africa Heritage Festival. The Center's educational opportunities include recreation, art, culture, and wellness topics. A wonderful venue for community members, the Center is home to the Three Rivers Art Guild Spring Fling and Holiday Art shows, a city-wide resource fair, Quinceaneras and numerous fundraising events that highlight and promote local artisans. Improving access and safety with the installation of new slider doors helps to preserve recreational programs and continue the promotion of and enhance the opportunities for art and culture within our beautiful Oregon City.

Project period: *

The project will take place in FY25-26. This one time capital improvement project is tentatively scheduled for Fall of 2025 and the completion of the project is projected to take only 3-5 business days total.

How will the community benefit from your project? What is the estimated number of people who will be positively effected? *

The Pioneer Community Center's project "Open Doors, Open Opportunities: Providing accessibility with new slider doors" will positively impact the 5000 visitors the Center averages monthly. Of these visitors, 85% or 4,250 are city residents and 15% or 750 are non-residents who travel to the Center for use. Visitors include center clients and participants, caregivers of those with disabilities, volunteers, partners and sponsors, renters, civic group members, and more. With the completion of this project, community members will be provided improved accessibility, enhanced safety, and the perseverance of numerous (currently 173 each month) recreational programs hosted at the only Adult Community Center in Oregon City.

Briefly describe your organization's prior experience managing similar projects. *

The Pioneer Community Center Facility has been well maintained by the City of Oregon City since its opening in 1979. As part of the preventative, scheduled, and routine maintenance program, numerous capital improvement projects have been completed at the Center to help ensure that the safe and sustainable infrastructure and City services can continue through the use of the facility. Center Manager, Cecily Rose, in partnership with Facilities Manager, Kyle Christoph, have completed numerous projects successfully this last Biennium including a security camera install, ADA upgrades, reception desk reconfiguration, lighting upgrades, and more. Fiscal stewardship and procurement process is overseen and monitored by the City's Finance Department and all project goals have previously been approved by the Parks and Recreation Department and City Management. Project match was proactively raised through generous donations from partners, sponsors, and community members. Our organization's extensive experience and proven history of managing diverse projects instills us with the confidence to successfully navigate and execute the proposed project "Open Doors, Open Opportunities: Providing Accessibility with New Slider Doors".

Describe the measurements you will use to assess the project's effectiveness. Be sure to describe project goals, changes and noticeable benefits that will come about as a result.

To assess the effectiveness of the project "Open Doors, Open Opportunities: Providing Accessibility with New Slider Doors" we will employ several key measurements aligned with our project goals of improving safety within the city, preserving and enhancing recreational facilities and programs and supporting inclusive access to arts, culture, and community services.

Accessibility: We will conduct pre and post installation surveys to evaluate how easily individuals can enter and exit the Community Center. This will include gathering feedback from patrons that frequent our Center. We will track the number of visitors using the Center within specific timeframes before and after the door installation to gauge changes in traffic and accessibility.

Safety: We will monitor incidents and their accompanying reports related to door functionality and safety before and after installation. A decrease in incidents, such as accidents or malfunctions, will indicate improved safety.

Preserve or Increase Recreation: We will analyze attendance records for community programs and events conducted at the Center, comparing

participation metrics before and after the installation of the new doors. A noticeable increase in attendance will signify the preservation and enhancement of recreational opportunity within our City.

Proposed Budget

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+Matching Funds (Cash) (Column B)	9,438.02
+ In-Kind Matching Funds (Column C)	0
= Total Cost of Project (Column D)	23,595.04

Budget *

Project Costs	A Grant Dollars Requested	B Matching Funds (Cash)	C In-kind matching support	D Total Project Cost
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Project Costs	(A) Grant Dollars Requested	(B) Matching Funds (Cash)	(C) In-Kind Matching Support	(D) Total Project Costs
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Project administration costs (clerical, advertising, printing, postage, liability insurance, permits)				
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Construction costs (specific to the project)	14,157.02	9,438.02		23,595.04
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Transportation costs (fuel not to be included)				
Entity/persons Value of volunteer contributions				
Misc costs				
Totals	14,157.02	9,438.02		23,595.04

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Total Amount

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N/A

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Please contact Ann Griffin with any questions – agriffin@orc.org.

Upload letter(s) of support *

Letter of Support PRAC Slider Door Metro Enhancement Grant.pdf	1.46MB
Letter of Support MNA Slider Doors.pdf	98.98KB

Signature *



M c L O U G H L I N



N E I G H B O R H O O D
A S S O C I A T I O N

May 14, 2025

Metro Enhancement Committee
City of Oregon City
625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant Committee,

The McLoughlin Neighborhood Association is pleased to offer our full support for the Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department’s funding proposal for the sliding door replacement project at the Pioneer Community Center.

Located in the heart of the McLoughlin Neighborhood, the Pioneer Community Center serves as a vital hub for recreation, community gatherings, and essential services for residents of Oregon City—particularly adults and seniors. With thousands of visitors each month, the Center’s existing sliding doors have reached the end of their functional life and are now in critical need of replacement to ensure continued safe and accessible entry for all.

We understand that this project will include the following key elements:

- Replacement of the current sliding doors
- Improved accessibility for all users
- Enhanced safety for community members and visitors

We believe this project aligns closely with the goals of the Oregon City Community Enhancement Program, specifically by:

(2)

- Improving safety within the city
- Preserving and enhancing recreational facilities and programs
- Supporting inclusive access to arts, culture, and community services

We appreciate the ongoing efforts of the Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department and look forward to continued collaboration to care for and improve our shared public spaces.

Best Regards,

Tim Powell
Chair
McLoughlin Neighborhood Association

Dear Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant Committee,

The City of Oregon City Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is pleased to submit this letter in support of the Parks and Recreation Department's Pioneer Community Center Slider Door Project.

This project strongly aligns with the mission of our Parks and Recreation system, as well as the goals of the Community Enhancement Grant—improving the quality of life and livability in Oregon City by promoting increased safety, accessibility, cultural enrichment, and recreational opportunities. The replacement of the existing doors with new, accessible sliding doors will significantly enhance both the safety and usability of the facility, particularly for older adults and individuals with mobility challenges.

The Pioneer Community Center plays a vital role in our community, serving as a cornerstone for recreational, educational, and cultural programming. Investing in improvements to this well-used facility supports the broader vision of creating and sustaining welcoming, inclusive, and engaging public spaces. As we continue to strengthen the cultural and recreational fabric of Oregon City, we believe this project will contribute meaningfully to the long-term vitality and accessibility of the Center—ensuring it remains a place where residents can connect, engage, and thrive.

We appreciate the ongoing dedication and efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department and look forward to continued collaboration as we work together to care for and enhance the parks, facilities, and shared spaces that serve our community.

Sincerely,

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee





2025 Metro Enhancement Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in the Community Enhancement Grant Program. Please read the 2025-2026 Community Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines before completing the application. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Your organization may need to apply for city building permits and/or liability insurance coverage to implement your proposed project. Please confirm what these costs are before you submit your project proposal. You may be able to use grant funds to pay for these costs. If you have questions, please contact Ann Griffin at agriffin@orc.org or 503-974-5517

Applicant Organization *

Oregon City Police and Code Enforcement Departments

Title of Project *

Keep OC Clean Program

Is this a 501(c)(3) organization *

Yes

No

Non-Profit Federal Tax-exempt ID Number *

93-6002230

Address *

1234 Linn Avenue

City, State, Zip *

Oregon City, OR 97045

Project Manager Responsible *

Captain David Edwins

Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable)

Project Manager Phone Number *

503-905-3528

Chairperson Phone Number

Project Manager Email *

dedwins@orc.org

Chairperson Email

If you have received a Community Enhancement Grant in the past, indicate the last year you received funding and the name of that project.

The Oregon City Police and Code Enforcement Department last received funding from the Community Enhancement Grant in fiscal year 2021-22. The grant was for a Homelessness Services and Camp Cleanup program.

If you are applying for a third year, describe efforts to identify other sources of project support in addition to the Community Enhancement Grant.

N/A

Briefly describe the current project for which you are requesting funds. *

The Keep OC Clean Program will consist of three (3) components.

1. Homeless Camp Cleanup - Provide assistance for the homeless community who reside within the city limits by connecting them with services, as well as coordinating the cleanup of debris from vacant encampments and therefore restoring natural areas for Oregon City residents.
2. Graffiti Removal – Enforce Oregon City Ordinance 9.12.050 regarding graffiti removal. The ordinance states “the owner or person in charge of any property shall remove, or cause to be removed, any graffiti from such property. In circumstances where the graffiti cannot be removed, and paint is used to cover the graffiti, the owner or person in charge shall use a similar color relatively consistent with the existing color. Graffiti must be removed within ten (10) days from the date a written notice is mailed.”
3. Shopping Cart Retrieval - In April of 2023, Oregon City Code Enforcement began a pilot program to address the growing amount of shopping carts and garbage being left on Oregon City streets. Since the inception of this program, Code Enforcement staff have collected 893 shopping carts and 92 bags of garbage.

The proposed project must meet one or more of the following 10 goals. Please indicate which of the following outcomes your project will achieve. Select all that apply. *

- Result in significant improvement in the cleanliness of Oregon City.
- Increase reuse and recycling efforts or provide a reduction in solid waste.
- Increase the attractiveness or market value of residential, commercial or industrial areas.
- Results in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code.
- Enhance new or existing wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands or marine areas, and/ or improve public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.
- Preserve or increase recreational areas and programs within the City.
- Improve safety within the City.
- Increase employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
- Provide work, training opportunities, or other benefits to youth, seniors, and low-income people or other underserved groups.
- Enhance art and culture within Oregon City.

Describe how the project meets the selected goal(s). *

Within the last decade Oregon City has seen a considerable increase in the homeless population. With this increase, the city has been faced with the challenge of cleaning up unauthorized encampments. When dealing with unauthorized encampments the goal is to work with individuals and to assist with putting them in contact with resource providers.

However, there are those who refuse resources. Often, these individuals don't always utilize facilities provided for restrooms and trash. Their belongings go with them wherever they go, and unauthorized encampments, and the trash that accompany them, move into areas where other residents enjoy recreational activities. These unauthorized encampments bring trash, feces, and other unhealthy items (such as unsanitary hypodermic needles) which need to be safely removed. These encampments require costly and time-consuming site cleanups.

The Keep OC Clean Program, by cleaning up trash from homeless encampments, will significantly improve the cleanliness of the city by increasing the attractiveness of public properties and will enhance and improve natural areas, allowing the public to enjoy and safely recreate in and around these areas. These cleanups will result in a significant improvement to the livability and cleanliness of the City. To clean up these encampments, the Oregon City Police Department contracts with a private vendor who is trained to cleanup these biohazard/hazmat situations and can properly dispose of hazardous items, therefore improving the safety of our community.

The Code Enforcement Department is responsible for enforcing Ordinance 9.12.050 regarding graffiti removal, which states the owner of any property shall remove graffiti from a property and if it is unable to be removed, paint must be used to cover it. Code Enforcement has started a community engagement effort with one of the Neighborhood Associations to remove graffiti within the public right of way. City staff assist with the effort and supplies for removal, paint, etc. are provided by the City.

Code Enforcement also began a pilot program tasked with collecting the growing number of abandoned shopping carts and garbage being left on Oregon City streets. While there is a private vendor that also contracts with local grocery stores, Code Enforcement is local, available, and can provide a timelier response. By cleaning up the city, it will naturally influence the attractiveness or market value of residential, commercial or industrial areas. Thus, potentially attracting new businesses and industry in the area and raising home values.

With the removal of waste and debris from vacant encampments, it will restore natural areas, enhance new or existing wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands or marine areas, and/ or improve public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them. This will also preserve or increase recreational areas and programs within the City.

All three components of the Keep OC Clean Program will meet these goals by removing waste and debris from vacant encampments, removing or painting over graffiti in public spaces and private property, and by proactively returning shopping carts to local grocery stores within the city, this will keep the streets clean from being littered with unused carts and back to the rightful owners. (1, 3, 5, 6, 7)

Project period: *

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

How will the community benefit from your project? What is the estimated number of people who will be positively effected? *

Benefits from this project will be measured through increased livability, cleanliness, and safety of our community. Previously when this program was implemented, camps in the city limits of Oregon City were cleaned and riparian areas were returned to their natural state. Citizens were able to utilize public recreation areas and felt safer. It's important for this project to be maintained for Oregon City and its residents to keep unauthorized camps, vacant camps, trash, illegal items in public places, and graffiti clean. This is a very costly program, and the cost of the

cleanups is increasing with the number of individuals coming to the city. Within the last year, the Oregon City Police Department has spent approximately \$50,000 on cleaning up debris from vacant encampments.

While we cannot estimate the total number of people affected by this initiative, we know Oregon City residents and business owners will notice the differences of this program and the effects it has on the waterfront recreation areas, Main Street/downtown area, historic neighborhoods, Newell Creek Canyon, and Hilltop business district.

Briefly describe your organization's prior experience managing similar projects. *

The Police Department was awarded the Enhancement Grant in FY20-21 and in 21-22. Quarterly reports, narratives, and expenditure receipts were sent to the City's Economic Development Coordinator.

Additionally, the Police Department has been formally managing expenditures, invoices, and vendor contracts related to the Homeless Camp Cleanup Program initiative since 2020. The department also manages multiple other state and federal grants.

Describe the measurements you will use to assess the project's effectiveness. Be sure to describe project goals, changes and noticeable benefits that will come about as a result.

We can assess the Keep OC Clean Program's effectiveness by reporting:

1. Homeless Camp Cleanup
 - a. Number of camps cleaned
 - b. Pounds waste/recycling dumped at the Metro South Station
 - c. Hours spent on cleanups

2. Graffiti Removal
 - a. Number of areas cleaned
 - b. Notices Written/Complied
 - c. Neighborhood Cleanups

3. Shopping Cart Retrieval
 - a. Number of Cart Enforcements
 - b. Number of Carts Returned
 - c. Number of Bags of Garage/Pounds of Trash Collected

Proposed Budget

In the table below, describe the project's proposed budget. Administrative costs are to be maintained at or below 10% of the total project cost.

Matching Funds

Please note that matching resources ARE REQUIRED. The total match amount required depends upon the total project cost. Matching funds may be either cash or in-kind. An in-kind match is a form of support for the project that does not need to be directly paid for. For example, the value of volunteer service is considered a match. Volunteer labor may be valued at a rate of \$33.49 per hour.

Total Project Cost	Funding Match Requirement
\$0-\$4,999	10% of total project cost
\$5,000 - \$9,999	20% of total project cost
\$10,000 - \$19,999	30% of total project cost
\$20,000 - \$39,000	40% of total project cost
\$40,000 - \$74,999	50% of total project cost

Budget summary

Using your proposed budget below, summarize the Grant Amount Requested, the amount of Cash Funds raised as a match, and the total estimated value of in-kind contributions to the project. The total project cost is the sum of these three amounts.

Grant Amount Requested (Column A)	\$40,000
+Matching Funds (Cash) (Column B)	\$15,000
+ In-Kind Matching Funds (Column C)	\$25,000
= Total Cost of Project (Column D)	\$80,000

Budget *

Project Costs	A Grant Dollars Requested	B Matching Funds (Cash)	C In-kind matching support	D Total Project Cost
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Project Costs	(A) Grant Dollars Requested	(B) Matching Funds (Cash)	(C) In-Kind Matching Support	(D) Total Project Costs
Personnel services, contractors, consultants, performers	\$35,000 (Cleanup Vendor)	\$15,000 (Cleanup Vendor)	\$20,000 (CE Staff Cleanup)	\$70,000
Project administration costs (clerical, advertising, printing, postage, liability insurance, permits)				
Materials/Supplies and Equipment (New, not preexisting)	\$5,000 (Paint & Signage)			\$5,000
Construction costs (specific to the project)				
Event costs (directly associated with the event, i.e. rentals)				
Transportation costs (fuel not to be included)				
Entity/persons Value of volunteer contributions			\$5,000 (NA Volunteer Cleanup)	\$5,000
Misc costs				
Totals	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$80,000

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Staff	CE Staff Graffiti Cleanup	\$15,000
Staff	CE Staff Shopping Cart Retrieval	\$5,000
Volunteer Staff	NA Graffiti Cleanup	\$5,000

Total Amount

\$25,000

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Upload letter(s) of support *

Metro Enhancement Grant OCPD - GLNA Letter of Support.pdf

209.77KB

Signature*

Kelly Dilbeck

G A F F N E Y

Lane Neighborhood Association

May 22, 2025

Metro Enhancement Grant
Portland, Oregon

Dear Friends:

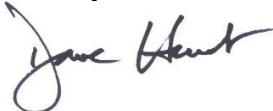
I am writing to enthusiastically support the Oregon City Police Department's application for a Metro Enhancement Grant to "Keep OC Green".

Granting these funds to Oregon City will help remove the increasing amount of graffiti that we are seeing in our neighborhood, clean up solid waste from public property, and retrieve the shopping carts that are increasing being used by our houseless neighbors. Each of these issues is a major concern for residents of our Gaffney Lane Neighborhood.

The City of Oregon City has been pro-active in adopting a new graffiti removal ordinance and developing a new shopping cart ordinance. They have also done their best to remove graffiti, garbage, and shopping carts within their existing resources. A Metro Enhancement Grant would enable them to take additional actions and make additional strides to enhance the livability and quality of life in our neighborhood and city.

I strongly urge you to fund the "Keep OC Green" Metro Enhancement Grant application. Thank you very much for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns: 503-810-8387 or dave@namicc.org.

Sincerely,



Dave Hunt, Chair
Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association



May 14, 2024

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Downtown Oregon City Association (DOCA) to express our support for Soulflags' Railroad Ave Salmon Life Cycle mural proposal.

Soulflags Art Community Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering artistic exploration and expression among youth and aspiring artists in our community. Through their programs and initiatives, they provide valuable opportunities for individuals to engage with different art styles and media, nurturing creativity and community.

The Railroad Ave Salmon Life Cycle mural proposal highlights Soulflags' dedication to community engagement and artistic enrichment. Not only will the mural enhance the aesthetic appeal of our downtown area, but it will also serve as an important dedication to our community's rich cultural heritage.

We endorse Soulflags' proposal and urge you to consider supporting its implementation. This project not only aligns with DOCA's commitment to revitalizing our downtown area but also embodies our shared values of accessibility, creativity, and community.

Thank you for considering our recommendation. Should you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Juliana Allen (she/her)

Executive Director

Downtown Oregon City Association

Juliana@downtownoregoncity.org

FW: Oregon City Franchise Agreement

Ann Griffin <agriffin@orc.org>
 To: "Tima Carlson (soufflagsartlit@gmail.com)" <soufflagsartlit@gmail.com>, "trieste.andrews@gmail.com" <trieste.andrews@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 18, 2024 at 7:56 AM


Great news! Aaron Hunt shared the following message and the attached with me yesterday. It looks like the railroad signed a Franchise Agreement with the City of Oregon City back in 1924 (100 years ago)! These documents come from the archives at their Omaha, NE headquarters. It appears that we do not need to ask Union Pacific for permission to do anything to the wall on Railroad Avenue.

Ann

From: Aaron Hunt <AMHUNT@up.com>
 Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 11:41 AM
 To: Ann Griffin <agriffin@orc.org>
 Subject: FW: Oregon City Franchise Agreement

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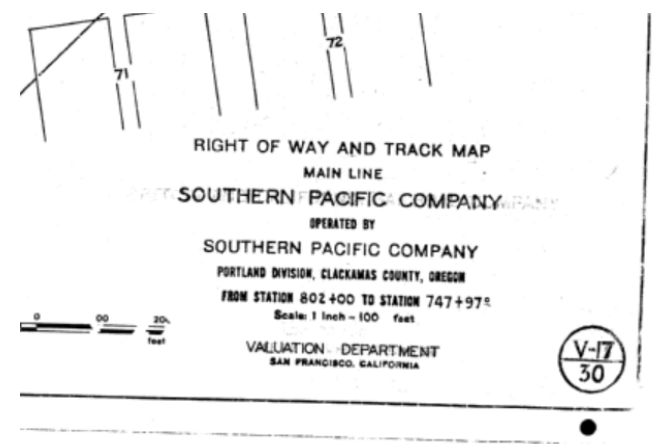
Hi Ann,
 We successfully located a copy of the franchise agreement dated August 14, 1925. Take a look at the attached.



Aaron Hunt
 Senior Director, Public Affairs – Pacific Northwest
 301 NE 2nd Ave. Portland, OR 97232
 Phone: 503-249-3079
 Email: amhunt@up.com

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Fwd: Two Rivers NA Meeting Minutes April 23, 2025

Marjorie Hughes <margie.hughes1@gmail.com>

Thu, May 8, 2025 at 2:50 PM

Reply-To: margie.hughes1@gmail.com

To: Soulflags <Soulflagsartlit@gmail.com>

Tina, Here are the minutes for our meeting. They will be put on the City's Website for Two Rivers NA. They are what you will need to attach to your application. This gives you what you need and documented at the City. Thanks, Margie

Margie Hughes

503-312-1111 Cell

 **Two Rivers NA Minutes of April 23, 2025 with attachements.pdf**
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TWO RIVERS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

CORNER 14

508 14th Street
Oregon City, OR

April 23, 2025

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Katie Rott, Chair at 6:25pm.

A presentation by Soulflags, Tina Carlson, Board Member, describing their project, The Circle of Life: The Beauty of Salmon, a mural to be added to the Wall on Railroad Avenue. See Attached.

Two Rivers NA endorses and support their project. We are looking forward to viewing the mural once it is completed.

Julianna Allen, Executive Director for the Downtown Association presented their request for funding. Oregon Outdoor Lighting to enhance the tree lighting in downtown Oregon City. They have requested a Metro Grant for additional funds.

Two River NA supports and endorses this project and joins them in asking for them to receive the Metro Grant. See attached Project Proposal.

John Duke, Executive Director of Homeless Solutions Coalition of Clackamas County presented our members an update on their project. Land has been cleared, breaking ground around September 1, 2025, and construction should be completed with in one year of start date.

Seth Henderson, Level Development NW discussed the proposal his firm submitted to Clackamas County regarding the sale of the Main Street Courthouse.

Clackamas County received only their proposal and will be having discussions regarding the proposal. Their proposal is to remove the old courthouse and build a new multi-purpose project. It also includes expanding the Liberty Plaza and adding parking. See attached.

Members of the NA received an Invitation from The Rivers Assets and Opportunity Task Force to join them on a River Cruise. See attached.

Meeting was adjourned by Katie Rott, Chair at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Marjorie Hughes
Secretary
Two Rivers NA

4/23/25

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Margaret Hughes Secretary

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Oregon City - Salmon Circle of Life Mural - Ana the Artist

The Circle of Life: The Beauty of Salmon

By Ana the Artist

Concept statement:

"The Circle of Life: The Beauty of Salmon" is a mural that celebrates the breathtaking natural cycle of salmon, a species deeply intertwined with Oregon's history, culture, and ecosystem. This artwork will depict the remarkable journey of salmon—from the moment adult salmon lay eggs in gravel nests called redds to the hatching of alevins, their transformation into fry, and their growth into parr with striking camouflage stripes. As they mature into smolts, their silvery sheen helps them navigate the vast ocean, where they develop into powerful adults before making the courageous return to their spawning grounds, completing the eternal cycle of life.

At the heart of the mural, a mesmerizing spiral will symbolize the unbroken continuity of this process, a testament to nature's resilience and renewal. Vibrant hues of silver, blue, green, red, and white will bring this story to life, capturing the movement and vitality of the salmon as they journey through different stages of existence.

Beyond its visual beauty, this mural is a tribute to Oregon's wildlife, honoring the significance of salmon not only as a keystone species but also as a symbol of strength, perseverance, and the deep connection between nature and the communities that rely on it. Through art, "The Circle of Life: The Beauty of Salmon" will inspire appreciation for the natural world, reminding viewers of the delicate balance that sustains life in Oregon's rivers and beyond.

Artwork Concept:



anatheartist.net



Outdoor Lighting Project Proposal

Downtown Oregon City

March 14, 2025

Proposed Design



Proposed Design



Proposed Design



Proposed Design



Proposed Design



Proposed Design



PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Garden Light LED | Specification Sheet | Version 21



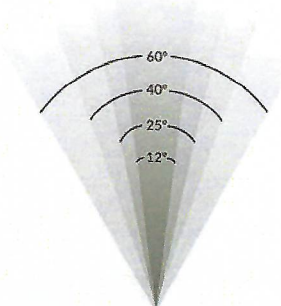
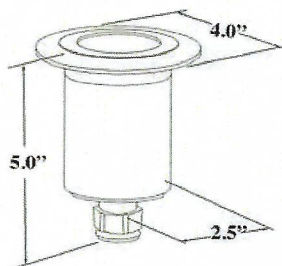
WL | Well Light

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Ideal for uplighting, shadowing, wall washing, silhouetting, and architectural accents.

The Well Light provides the perfect in-grade solution for uplighting on landscapes and hardscapes. Great for illuminating garage doors, architectural accents and so much more.

PRODUCT DIMENSIONS & BEAM SPREADS



FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Built in the U.S.A.
- CNC-machined from 6061 aircraft-grade aluminum or raw brass.
- U.S.A. made light engine and driver.
- Built in surge protector.
- Strong enough to withstand pressure washers.
- IP67 rated.
- CREE 2 step binned LEDs with L70 over 80,000 hours.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Construction:** 6061 aircraft-grade aluminum or raw brass
- **Finishes:** Stainless Aluminum (SSA), Brass (BR)
- **Lead Wire:** 58" 18 AWG SJEOOW tinned copper
- **Lens:** Clear flat
- **Driver System:** Internal
- **Operating Voltage:** 10.5-18 VAC
- **CRI:** 80+
- **Beam Spreads:** 12°, 25°, 40°, 60°

POWER CONSUMPTION

COLOR TEMPERATURE	WATTAGE	VA	LUMENS
3000K*	2W	4VA	160LM
	4W	7VA	400LM
	6W	10VA	540LM
	9W	15VA	740LM

ADDITIONAL COLOR TEMPERATURE OPTIONS

- 2700K • 5000K • Amber** • Blue • Royal Blue
- Green • Red** • Fuchsia • Lavender

WARRANTY

20 Year Limited Warranty

CERTIFICATIONS



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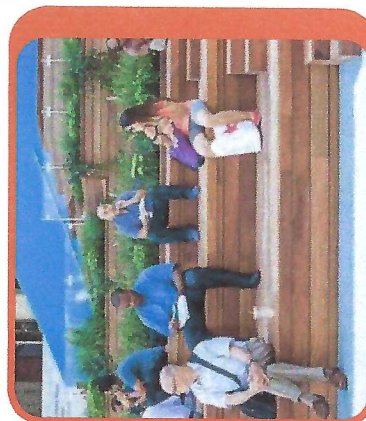
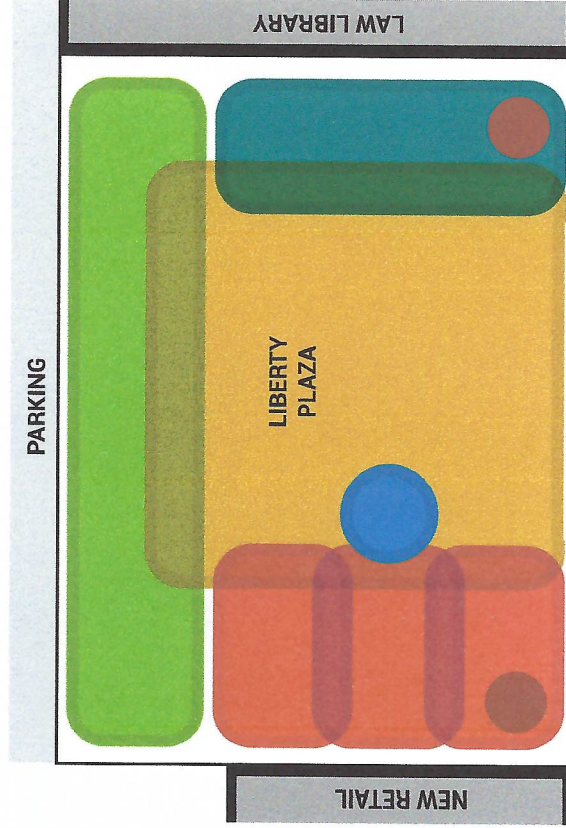
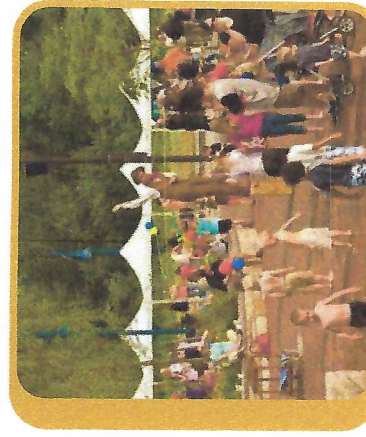
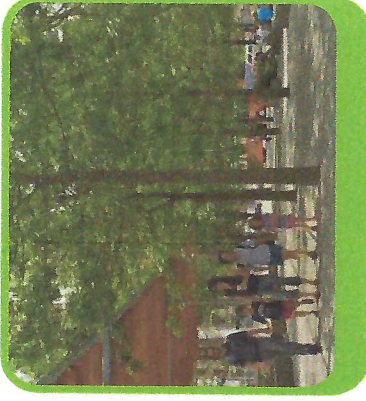
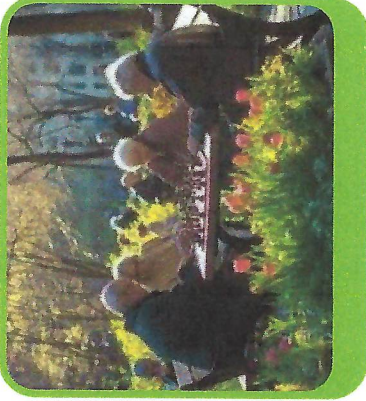
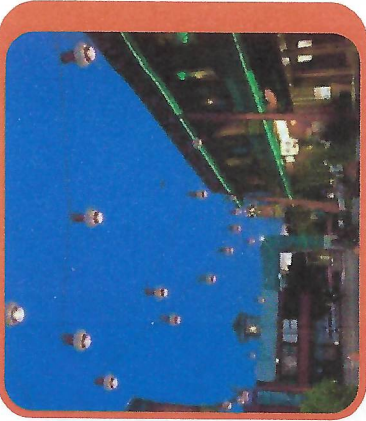
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*Indicates stocked items. Non-stocked items require 5-7 business days additional lead time, special order deposit and are non-refundable. Fuchsia and Lavender require additional lead time above the standard 5-7 business days.

**Amber not available in 6W or 9W and red not available in 9W.

IES files can be found at www.gardenlightled.com

2. PROPOSAL: MEETING THE COUNTY GOALS



SEATING AREAS

With comfortable and flexible seating areas adjacent to the retail, residents and visitors can find a place to relax downtown. Festive lighting will create a safe and enjoyable experience into the evening.

GREEN EDGE

A cool, sun-dappled oasis is a welcome sight on a hot day. The lush greenery surrounds quiet places to sit and socialize.

CANOPY AND PLATFORM

The plaza could host even more types of events with a weatherproof canopy that shelters residents, visitors, performers, and their equipment from the elements.

PLAZA & WATER FEATURE

An open and flexible plaza will host a variety of civic gatherings, and a potential water feature could add vibrancy and the sound of falling water to the downtown.

HISTORICAL MARKERS

The history of the courthouse will be proudly displayed in the plaza through saving and reusing courthouse elements.

MAIN STREET

News on the River!

Discovery tour finds success on Willamette River



Next Cruise!!

Wednesday, June 25th, 2025 11:00AM – 1:00PM

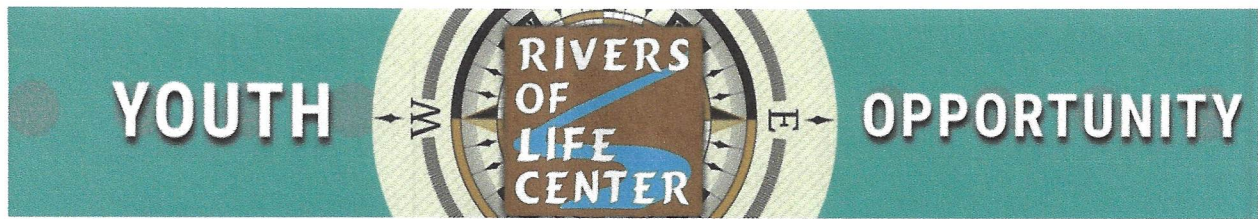
Cost: \$40 per person

Departs Sportcraft Marina and Landing

Call Jerry Herrmann at (503) 260-3432 for Reservations

The River Assets and Opportunities Task Force plans a summer cruise that mirrors successful past cruise. West Linn, Oregon City, Gladstone and Canby are cooperatively working together on advancing river-based tourism for their region and Willamette Falls. The River Assets and Opportunities Task Force completed a discovery tour on Sept. 21 aboard the 65-foot motor vessel Reliant.

Coming from distant areas such as Vancouver, Forest Grove and Hillsboro, 48 people participated. Pictured above, from left, are Gladstone resident Jerry Herrmann (holding a picture of 1820s era explorer/botanist David Douglas) West Linn resident Kent Ziegler, Venezuelan immigrant Guillermo Basalo Sucre and Captain Lowell Gillespie. People had a chance to hear about John McLoughlin – founder of the area – but also early scientists and explorers like geology specialist Jay Harlan Bretz who described the rock formations of our region.



**PO BOX 444,
Gladstone, OR 97027**

April 25, 2025

To Grant Review Committee:

Tima Carlson presented an outline of mural efforts (The Circle of Life: The Beauty of Salmon) to celebrate Oregon City at a recent meeting we participate in for the 2 Rivers Neighborhood Association.

We were impressed with her presentation and wanted to give her some background and support. First of all, Rivers of Life Center created the plantings and improvements at the turn of the 99E tunnel and Railroad Avenue 5 years ago. We also cleaned up the overbrush and overhanging invasives along Railroad Ave to the Elevator for service projects.

We believe the idea of a mural celebrating the lifecycle of salmon is a great idea for that area. Another thing that was not discussed was maybe the mural idea could include several species below Willamette Falls. One in particular is the Pacific White Sturgeon. This is an ancient species, over 200 million years in existence, and has uniquely established feeding over decaying materials over Willamette Falls. The only other part of the northwest that has equal numbers is Bonneville Dam on the Columbia. One way or another, we would like to register our support of educational messaging by beautiful outdoor murals.

For the record, we helped US bank regional director Laura Laws in her efforts to establish the first murals throughout Oregon City – most of which have now faded. She worked immensely to provide funding through US Bank and other resources to make most of those murals possible. We would hope that this project near the tunnel and 99E could be the beginning of the restoration of the many important murals of the past.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerry Herrmann', is written below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Jerry Herrmann
President



2025 Metro Enhancement Grant Application

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Applicant Organization *

Soulflags

Title of Project *

Salmon Life Cycle

Is this a 501(c)(3) organization *

Yes

No

Non-Profit Federal Tax-exempt ID Number *

83-2178648

Address *

504 Main Street

City, State, Zip *

Oregon City, OR 97045

Project Manager Responsible *

Tima Carlson

Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable)

Project Manager Phone Number *

5037058014

Chairperson Phone Number

Project Manager Email *

tima@soulflags.org

Chairperson Email

If you have received a Community Enhancement Grant in the past, indicate the last year you received funding and the name of that project.

2021-2022

If you are applying for a third year, describe efforts to identify other sources of project support in addition to the Community Enhancement Grant.

Soulflags was denied previous applications for the mural because it was presumed the Pacific Railroad owned the wall and we were unable to receive letters of support/correspondence from the railroad. However it was determined in 2024 that the railroad had provided the city with a franchise agreement in 1924 (attached).

Briefly describe the current project for which you are requesting funds. *

Soulflags is applying for a grant of \$46,000 to create a mural that will be painted along Railroad Avenue east of 99E tunnel and adjacent to the pedestrian tunnel. The mural will be triangular in shape, approximately 160 ft in length ranging in height from 3 to 20 feet. The mural will consist of a Salmon Life Cycle and scene from an Indigenous campsite (note: current image of mural is salmon life cycle. Mural artist will update when the grant is approved and 25% put down with contract). Mural artist is a well-known artist from Vancouver, WA that has painted numerous large murals on exteriors of buildings; Ana the Artist (<https://www.anatheartist.net/>). Members of the City of Oregon City have met with Soulflags and the mural artist to discuss process and community participation opportunities.

Soulflags previously applied for this grant in 2024-2025. However, Soulflags did not have a letter from the Pacific Railroad indicating they were approving painting of the mural on their wall, which was presumed to be owned by the railroad. However, in mid-2024 it was determined that the City of Oregon City was granted ownership of the wall in the 1920's.

The proposed project must meet one or more of the following 10 goals. Please indicate which of the following outcomes your project will achieve. Select all that apply. *

- Result in significant improvement in the cleanliness of Oregon City.
- Increase reuse and recycling efforts or provide a reduction in solid waste.
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- Improve safety within the City.
- Increase employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
- Provide work, training opportunities, or other benefits to youth, seniors, and low-income people or other underserved groups.
- Enhance art and culture within Oregon City.

Describe how the project meets the selected goal(s). *

Creation of the Soulflags "Salmon Life Cycle" Mural will beautify the area along Railroad Avenue adjacent to the heavily vandalized pedestrian tunnel changing an area of drab gray to amazing colors. Murals benefit cities and communities by attracting tourism, inspiring change, and making spaces feel safer which is directly correlated to increasing attractiveness and upgrading property values. Murals make people feel happy, provide education, motivation and so much more. The "Salmon Life Cycle" will improve public awareness, educate the community and youth of what is occurring on a daily basis in the Willamette River adjacent to our city. Also included will be a scene of the first people's camp next to the river and falls.

Project period: *

July 2025 - Aug 2025

How will the community benefit from your project? What is the estimated number of people who will be positively effected? *

The community will benefit directly from this project by beautifying a bare wall of concrete that has been repeatedly vandalized and is adjacent to the significantly vandalized pedestrian tunnel. Painting this adjacent wall could potentially reduce the crime that may be witnessed and/or after affects related to. The remaining paint can be used to paint the tunnel as well. The estimated number of people affected would be city and county wide, with drivers along 99E and Railroad Ave observing the mural (estimated 4,000 daily drivers based on 2023 Traffic Study prepared by City of Oregon City) not including the pedestrians that would be commuting within the area. Soulflags will be working with the mural artist to create a "Paint by Number" opportunity for the community to participate in, painting the lower portions of the mural. This would happen in one or two opportunities for the community to participate in. Soulflags would invite members of the Grande Ronde tribe and other tribes that may be interested to collaborate and include members that would want to be involved in the "Paint by Number" activity as well.

Briefly describe your organization's prior experience managing similar projects. *

Soulflags has worked with mural and mixed media artists involving the community in mural creation for many years. Soulflags 2021 grant worked with the community in creating 5 mosaic tile panels of well known works of art altered with an Oregon City icon completed at the Festival of the Arts in Oregon City. Since then, Soulflags has annually been involved with the summer festival creating community "Paint by Number" murals at the 2 to 3 day events. Soulflags has also created similar murals at their annual participation of Cinco de Mayo PDX on the Portland Waterfront.

Describe the measurements you will use to assess the project's effectiveness. Be sure to describe project goals, changes and noticeable benefits that will come about as a result.

Soulflags would survey participants in the "Paint by Number" activities to assess the projects effectiveness, with the following questions: Do you live in Oregon City? Do murals beautify the community? Would murals and other art or community related activities bring you back to Oregon City? Soulflags will work with city entities such as Tourism and local organizations/non-profits like Downtown Oregon City Association (DOCA) and the Chamber of Commerce to survey the community after creation of the mural with similar questions to determine if goals have been reached, and document what changes/outcomes and benefits come from the results of adding a mural along Railroad Avenue in downtown Oregon City.

Proposed Budget

In the table below, describe the project's proposed budget. Administrative costs are to be maintained at or below 10% of the total project cost.

Matching Funds

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Budget summary

Using your proposed budget below, summarize the Grant Amount Requested, the amount of Cash Funds raised as a match, and the total estimated value of in-kind contributions to the project. The total project cost is the sum of these three amounts.

Grant Amount Requested (Column A)	46,000
+Matching Funds (Cash) (Column B)	1,000
+ In-Kind Matching Funds (Column C)	22,000
= Total Cost of Project (Column D)	

Budget *

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Project Costs	(A) Grant Dollars Requested	(B) Matching Funds (Cash)	(C) In-Kind Matching Support	(D) Total Project Costs
Personnel services, contractors, consultants, performers	30,000		22,000	52,000
Project administration costs (clerical, advertising, printing, postage, liability insurance, permits)	10,000			10,000
Materials/Supplies and Equipment (New, not preexisting)	4,000		1,000	5,000

Construction costs (specific to the project)		1,000		1,000
Event costs (directly associated with the event, i.e. rentals)	1,000			1,000
Transportation costs (fuel not to be included)				
Entity/persons Value of volunteer contributions				
Misc costs	1,000			1,000
Totals	46,000	1,000	23,000	70,000

Description of In-Kind Match. List the sources of support for the project's in-kind match (e.g., volunteer hours and donations). As described * in the Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines, volunteer labor may be valued at the rate of \$33.49 per hour.

Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
1	Non-Profit Discount from Mural Artist (25%)	12,000
2	Volunteer Assistance (161 hrs or 3 days at \$33.49/hr or 15%)	5,400
3	Mural Artist Time Donation (137 hrs at \$33.49/hr or 15%)	4,600
4	City to Pressure Wash Wall at No Cost	1,000

Total Amount

\$23,000

List all grants applied for in support of this project, and commitments confirmed to date. If you have not applied for any other grants, write N/A. *

N/A

Administrative costs are allowed as part of the project. What percentage of Enhancement Grants funds will be used for personnel services or administrative costs? *

22%

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Upload letter(s) of support *

Letter of Support - Two Rivers NA Minutes of April 23, 2025 with attachments.pdf	8.86MB
Rivers of Life Letter of Support.pdf	761.48KB
DOCA Souflags Letter of Support.pdf	123.01KB
City Letter of Support Gmail - Souflags Mural.pdf	234.1KB
Gmail - FW_ Oregon City Franchise Agreement.pdf	243.85KB

Signature *



To: Grant Selection Committee
From: Jarrod Lyman, Communications Manager
Re: Letter of support for Soulflags mural
5-22-25

Grant Selection Committee,

I would like to express my support for the mural project put forth by Soulflags.

Public art is an important part of a community's identity, creating that authenticity that makes a resident proud to call the community home, and fun to explore for visitors. In addition, the vision of the Oregon City Arts Commission includes a community with more public art, and this proposal from Soulflags will help make that vision a reality.

The location of the mural is one that would benefit greatly from beautification, and the design is true to Oregon City's connection with the river and its environment. Its design is both beautiful and educational, showcasing the life cycle of the native salmon. It will create a point of pride and serve as an enhancement for a space that sees a lot of traffic day in and day out.

As the person overseeing communications and community engagement, I see ample value in the merits of this proposal. I hope the grant selection committee agrees.

Sincerely,



Jarrod Lyman
Communications Manager
City of Oregon City



2025 Metro Enhancement Grant Application

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Applicant Organization *

Willamette Falls Studios

Title of Project *

Hunger for Hisotry

Is this a 501(c)(3) organization *

- Yes
 No

Non-Profit Federal Tax-exempt ID Number *

80-0762454

Address *

1101 Jackson Street

City, State, Zip *

Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Project Manager Responsible *

Rae Gordon

Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable)

Billy Roberts (vice chair)

Project Manager Phone Number *

503-452-0440

Chairperson Phone Number

214-621-4742

Project Manager Email *

Rae@wfmstudios.org

Chairperson Email

BRoberts@wfmstudios.org

If you have received a Community Enhancement Grant in the past, indicate the last year you received funding and the name of that project.

2023 Community Music Studio ADA Ramp

If you are applying for a third year, describe efforts to identify other sources of project support in addition to the Community Enhancement Grant.

N/A

Briefly describe the current project for which you are requesting funds. *

Hunger for History is a food series with each episode sharing the story and recipe of a local restaurant, food business or organization. This is done through interviews of the people behind the food and cooking demonstrations. The goal is to introduce the audience to different cultures and ways of life and to build inclusion and acceptance of each other while supporting small businesses. Written and filmed by a professional crew, with support from intern youth. This will be for broadcast on Willamette Falls Studios channels and for the use of highlighted business or organization.

The proposed project must meet one or more of the following 10 goals. Please indicate which of the following outcomes your project will achieve. Select all that apply. *

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- Enhance art and culture within Oregon City.

Describe how the project meets the selected goal(s). *

Hunger for History will increase employment and economic opportunities for city residents by highlighting their restaurants and food related businesses. This will be done by showcasing their recipes and the stories behind them.

Hunger for History will take place in the kitchen studio of Willamette Falls Studios (WFS). WFS has existing relationships with the Oregon City School District, Clackamas Community College and Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences to provide training opportunities, especially for those students in need of additional education credits to graduate.

Hunger for History will not only share the passion and personalities behind our restaurants and food businesses, but the culture at the root. We will use recipes and stories to build community connections. Person or persons associated with different cultures and/or heritage dishes will be interviewed by a host while they show the audience how to make the highlighted dish or baked goods. Emphasis will be on their family and/or business story and the passion they bring to their food craft. The goal is to introduce the audience to different cultures and to build acceptance of each other and other beliefs, values, customs and ways of life, while promoting small businesses or organizations.

Project period: *

September 2025 to April 2026

How will the community benefit from your project? What is the estimated number of people who will be positively effected? *

The small food related businesses highlighted in the episodes will show an increased attendance. While the overall appreciation, appreciation and understanding of other cultures will enhance the city's livability. 156 estimated number of people will be directly affected as restaurant staff and owners.

Briefly describe your organization's prior experience managing similar projects. *

Willamette Falls Studios has been involved in many projects using the kitchen studio. These have included The Blind Kitchen, which is a series that teaches helpful strategies and demonstrates adaptive tools to help blind and vision impaired people cook safely and independently with confidence. WFS has also helped Oregon State University extension services. Oregon Farm Direct Marketing series was a production of four food preservation demonstration videos in the studio kitchen.

Describe the measurements you will use to assess the project's effectiveness. Be sure to describe project goals, changes and noticeable benefits that will come about as a result.

We will follow up with people and food businesses or organizations we have highlighted to instill protocols to measure the effectiveness of their episode and its ability to bring people to their doors. Our project goals are to introduce audiences to people of different backgrounds and culture; to build community and understanding using food as the connector; educate on history using old food recipes and handling practices; and to promote small local food related businesses and organizations. Hunger for History will not only benefit the people involved economically, but will grow community awareness of different cultures and make more people aware of our area's history.

Proposed Budget

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Budget *

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Project administration costs (clerical, advertising, printing, postage, liability insurance, permits)	234.00			
Materials/Supplies and Equipment (New, not preexisting)		120.00	480.00	600.00
Construction costs (specific to the project)				
Event costs (directly associated with the event, i.e. rentals)			1680.00	1680.00

Transportation costs (fuel not to be included)				
Entity/persons Value of volunteer contributions				
Misc costs				
Totals	7290.00	120.00	4169.40	11345.40

Description of In-Kind Match. List the sources of support for the project's in-kind match (e.g., volunteer hours and donations). As described in the Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines, volunteer labor may be valued at the rate of \$33.49 per hour. *

\$2,009.40 - Youth Interns from local schools. \$33.49 for 10 hours for each episode. Tasks include support for shoot as well as editing.

\$1,680 - Cost of studio from Willamette Falls Studios at \$35 an hour for 8 hours to set up, shoot and take down each episode.

\$480 - Cost of food supplies for ingredients in cooking demonstration and finished dish from highlighted food businesses and organizations. This includes, but would not be limited to Nebbiolo Wine Bar, Trails End Saloon, Philip Foster Farm and Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
Interns	Clackamas Community College, Oregon City School District	2009.40
Studio	Willamette Falls Studios	1680.00
Food	Nebbiolo Wine Bar, Trails End Saloon, Philip Foster Farm/End of the Oregon Trail Interpretative Center, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	\$480.00

Total Amount

4169.40

List all grants applied for in support of this project, and commitments confirmed to date. If you have not applied for any other grants, write N/A. *

N/A

Administrative costs are allowed as part of the project. What percentage of Enhancement Grants funds will be used for personnel services or administrative costs? *

98.38%

Rich Text

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Upload letter(s) of support *

Copy of MNA.pdf

29.77KB

Signature *

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rae Gordon".

To Whom it May Concern,

Corner 14 wholeheartedly supports the *Hunger for History* project. As a small business rooted in community and culture, we believe this show offers a meaningful way to highlight the people, food, and stories that make our region unique.

While we don't personally own any of the food carts at Corner 14, we proudly host a diverse collection of small, locally owned food businesses—and we'd love to see our carts participate and be featured. Each cart has its own rich story and flavor, contributing to the vibrant community we've cultivated here.

At Corner 14, we bring the libations—offering craft cocktails, local beers, and wines that complement and celebrate the food being served. We'd be honored to be considered for a future episode and would love the opportunity to help share the stories behind the food and drink that connect us all.

Warmly,

Cherisse Reilly
Owner, Corner 14



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N E I G H B O R H O O D
A S S O C I A T I O N

May 23, 2025

Metro Enhancement Committee
City of Oregon City
625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant Committee,

The McLoughlin Neighborhood Association is pleased to offer our full support for the Willamette Falls Studios request for a grant.

It is our understanding that the requested funds from the Metro enhancement grant will help to develop a food series in the Oregon City studio. This program will highlight other cultures and foods that have been created for their way of life. Oregon City has long been an open community that accepts everyone and has been open to learning about other cultures and their ways of life that may differ from ours.

The Willamette Falls Studios have been very supportive of Oregon City and has helped many organizations get their messages out effectively and professionally and we believe this is an excellent opportunity to bring Oregon City into the limelight of cable cooking shows that will have a much deeper message of inclusion and acceptance which is a much needed effort in today's world.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this worthwhile request.

Best Regards,

Tim Powell
Chair
McLoughlin Neighborhood Association

