

OPRD Seeks Candidates for Local Government Grant Program Advisory Committee

The **Oregon Parks and Recreation Department** (OPRD) is currently seeking nominations and accepting applications to fill four positions on the **Local Government Grant Program Advisory Committee**.

The four positions to be filled are:

- 1) a member representing **Park and Recreation Districts** or **Port Districts**,
- 2) a member representing **Cities with a Population under 15,000**,
- 3) a member representing **People with Disabilities**, and
- 4) a member representing the **Public at Large*** who represents a historically underrepresented community.

* Public at Large positions may be held by a recreation professional or a private citizen with an interest or background in outdoor recreation.

The **Local Government Grant Program** (LGGP) is funded by the Oregon Lottery and historically awards about \$6 million annually to outdoor recreation projects throughout the State. Eligible applicants to the Program are: Cities, Counties, Parks and Recreation Districts, Port Districts and Metro.

The Program is administered by OPRD and governed by the LGGP Advisory Committee. The 11-member Committee typically meets annually in June or July, for a 3-day meeting. If travel is involved, OPRD will cover all travel expenses for Committee members during the meeting days. In recent years, the Advisory Committee has met via Zoom, and this will likely continue.

During April, May and June, Committee members need to review 25-35 project applications using OPRD's online application system. Typically, it takes about 30-40 minutes to review each application, so this can be a significant time commitment leading up to the June meeting.

During the Advisory Committee meetings, 25-35 applicants present their projects in 20 minute timeslots. Committee members score all projects in order to establish a priority ranking list which is then forwarded to the OPRD Commission for final review and approval.

Here is what interested candidates should consider and respond to on the Interest form:

- 1) Does this position sound interesting to you? Do you think you would be a good fit and find this work rewarding? Do you have a genuine interest in public park and outdoor recreation facilities and projects? Would you enjoy serving on this committee?
- 2) Do you have the interest, time and ability to attend a 3-day Application Review meeting in Salem or on Zoom, in June, and the ability to attend that same June meeting (as far as you can tell) for the following 3 years? The term of service is for 4 years.
- 3) Do you have the interest, time and ability to access, read, evaluate and score 25-35 LGGP applications using an online application system? We believe it takes, on average, about 30-40 minutes to review each application.
- 4) And finally, all State Advisory Committee volunteers must take a one-hour online training module titled *Preventing Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace*.

Interested applicants should go to:

- <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/GRA/pages/GRA-lggp.aspx>
- Select **Committee Roster and Application Information**,
- complete a **Committee Interest Form**, and

- submit it to Mark Cowan at mark.cowan@opr.oregon.gov.

Applications / Interest Forms will be accepted through **March 15, 2023**.

Please forward this information to anyone you believe might be interested in serving in this capacity.

OPRD is committed to ensuring that all Committees represent the growing age, ethnic and gender diversity of the State. New Committee members will be appointed by the OPRD Director.

Questions? Feel free to call or email . . .

Mark Cowan, 503-951-1317, Mark.cowan@opr.oregon.gov