

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

November 20, 2013

Agenda Item:	7a	Information
Topic:	Oregon Heritage MentorCorps	
Presented by:	Roger Roper	

Background:

The Oregon Heritage Commission will launch in January 2014 the Oregon Heritage MentorCorps. The three dozen members – all volunteers but most with professional experience in heritage – will provide technical assistance on request to the approximately 1,000 heritage organizations in the state. This project has been a few years in the making and has been a key effort of the Heritage Commission this past year.

The MentorCorps is part of a three-part project launched after Heritage Commission surveys showed that besides money, the biggest need identified by heritage organizations in Oregon was for more training. The Commission, on behalf of a half-dozen statewide organizations, obtained a \$241,000 grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services for the project. The MentorCorps members have received common trainings in collections care and disaster recovery, which were also attended by members of the public. They also have received exclusive training in adult education techniques. These training workshops, 28 in all, were the second part of the overall project. The third part is a website that will be launched in January.

The MentorCorps will be operated through the commission's ongoing technical assistance program following the completion of the grant-funded project. The remainder of the federal grant funds will support MentorCorps travel costs during the first year (2014), but thereafter those costs, typically nominal, will have to be absorbed by the recipient heritage organizations.

The Oregon MentorCorps program is being looked at by many as a model for delivering professional services to local organizations, especially those in rural areas with limited on-staff expertise. The concept could even extend beyond the heritage arena. OPRD's Recreation Grants Division is looking at trying to implement something similar to assist local parks and recreation organizations with recreation master planning, project scoping for potential grant-funded projects, and general technical assistance.

Prior Action by Commission: No official approval required, but general approval primarily in 2012 as part of the standard budget building and authorization process.

Action Requested: None

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Agenda Item:	7b	Information
Topic:	Heritage Grants	
Presented by:	Roger Roper, Assistant Director — Heritage Programs	

Heritage Programs has recently awarded grants under two of its five heritage grant programs: Preserving Oregon grants and Historic Cemetery grants. These programs typically provide a total of about \$375,000 per biennium in lottery and other funds with an average of 54 grants per biennium. Preserving Oregon grantees must match their grants at least one-to-one; Historic Cemeteries grantees are not required to have a match, although competition favors match. There are two grant rounds per biennium; in this first round 23 total grants were awarded.

Preserving Oregon grants are for actual restoration work on designated historic buildings or for important archaeological projects. Priority is given to projects undertaken by local governments or non-profit organizations, as opposed to private property owners, who have access to tax incentives to help support their restoration efforts.

Historic Cemeteries grants are for actual improvements to designated historic cemeteries (approximately 800 statewide), as well as education and awareness. Typical projects include work on site protection, marker repair, and signage.

Recently awarded grants:

- Cemetery Grants
 - 15 grants
 - \$53,627
 - For site improvements and public education
- Preserving Oregon Grants
 - 8 grants
 - \$99,090
 - For historic building restoration

See attachments A and B for further details about the specific grants awarded.

Prior Action by Commission: July 17, 2013, approval of Heritage Programs' overall grant program, in lieu of individual grant approvals.

Action Requested: None

Attachments:

Item 7b-Heritage Grants Attachment A
Item 7b-Heritage Grants Attachment B

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2013 Historic Cemetery Grants

Heritage Programs, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Grantee	Project Description	Grant Amount	Match Amount	Over-Match	Project Total
Baty Cemetery	Trim trees, erect perimeter fence and repair markers at the Baty Cemetery in Clackamas County.	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
Camp Polk Cemetery	Clean up cemetery, trim trees and update records at Camp Polk Cemetery in Deschutes County.	\$744	\$716	\$0	\$1,460
Clatsop Community College	Conduct a two-day workshop on the fundamentals of cemetery preservation at Clatsop Community College historic preservation program. Provide a free public presentation about the workshop and cemetery issues.	\$2,478	\$1,494	\$0	\$3,972
Comstock Cemetery Assoc	Replace cemetery gate and a portion of fencing and improve access roads at Comstock Cemetery in Douglas County.	\$7,895	\$2,000	\$0	\$9,895
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Perform walking survey of Upper McKay Cemetery on the CTUIR Reservation, take photographs and create a survey sheet of each burial, and create a map and database for the cemetery.	\$3,190	\$255	\$0	\$3,445
Dora Cemetery Association	Clean, level and reset approximately 40 markers in Dora Cemetery in Coos County.	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0	\$2,200
Fair Grove Historic Cemetery Association	Rebuild the access road to the upper parking lot of Fair Grove Cemetery in Lane County.	\$7,450	\$7,450	\$7,545	\$22,445
Fort Klamath Cemetery Assoc	Enclose the military part of the cemetery with a border fence and place a single monument listing the soldiers interred there.	\$4,050	\$4,050	\$2,186	\$10,286
Harmony Cemetery	Create and install plot map at Harmony Cemetery in Polk County.	\$2,585	\$0	\$0	\$2,585
Klamath County Museums	Replace fencing for the Modoc gravesites at the Fort Klamath museum in Klamath County.	\$4,000	\$3,300	\$0	\$7,300
Luper Cemetery	Install a monument to list the names of the those buried but without a marker in the Luper Cemetery in Lane County.	\$2,700	\$640	\$0	\$3,340
Marshfield High School	Replace fencing on the west side of Marshfield Cemetery in Coos County.	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$1,517	\$9,517

Grantee	Project Description	Grant Amount	Match Amount	Over-Match	Project Total		
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department	Replace fencing and trim and remove dangerous trees at the family cemetery at Bullards Beach State Park in Coos County.	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$8,000		
Tichenor Family Historic Cemetery	Repair grave enclosure fencing at Tichenor Cemetery in Curry County.	\$2,455	\$2,455	\$0	\$4,910		
Winchester Elementary School	Replace the chain link fence and trim and remove unhealthy trees in Winchester Cemetery in Douglas County.	\$2,980	\$2,980	\$2,596	\$8,556		
Number of Grants	15		Grand Totals	\$53,627	\$34,440	\$13,844	\$101,911

2013 Preserving Oregon Grants

Heritage Programs, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Grantee	Project Description	Grant Amount	Match Amount	Over-Match	Project Total	
Applegate House Heritage, Arts & Education	Conduct ground penetrating radar on the historic Applegate House property in Yoncalla to try to determine the location of the original cabin and the blacksmith shop.	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$3,000	
Egyptian Theatre Preservation Assoc	Complete seismic and structural upgrades to the Egyptian Theater in Coos Bay.	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$1,500	\$41,500	
Enterprise Mercantile and Milling Assoc	Restore 40 deteriorated wood windows of the Enterprise Mercantile and Milling Building in Enterprise.	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$6,750	\$46,750	
Fort Dalles-Anderson Homestead Museum	Replace the roof on the Anderson Homestead Barn at the Fort Dalles Museum in The Dalles.	\$6,340	\$6,340	\$2,183	\$14,820	
McKee Bridge Historical Soc	Replace the roof of the McKee Covered Bridge in Jackson County.	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$6,200	\$46,200	
Port Of Bandon	Restore 10 window sets at the Coquille River Life Boat Station in Coos County.	\$8,310	\$8,310	\$8,314	\$24,936	
Rivoli Coalition	Remove and dispose asbestos-containing materials in the Rivoli Theater in Pendleton.	\$5,940	\$5,937	\$0	\$11,877	
Willamette National Forest	Rehabilitate the Independence Prairie Ranger Station and homestead cabin in Linn County. Replace the roof of the ranger's cabin, repair and replace sill logs, and chink and dob both cabins.	\$17,000	\$17,000		\$34,000	
Number of Grants	8	Grand Totals	\$99,090	\$99,087	\$24,947	\$223,124