

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

July 21, 2014

Agenda Item:	2a	Action
Topic:	Local Government Grant Program (Lottery-Funded) 2014 Annual <u>Large</u> Grant Awards	
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Background:

Originally established by the 1999 Legislature under ORS 390.180, the lottery-funded Local Government Grants program helps local government agencies finance projects to acquire, develop, and rehabilitate local and community parks and public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 736-006 provides for the program's implementation.

The Local Government Grants program provides funding assistance up to 50% of the cost of most projects. Cities and districts with a population greater than 25,000 and counties with a population greater than 50,000 must provide a match of at least 50 percent of total project costs. Cities and districts with a population between 5,000 and 25,000 and counties with a population between 30,000 and 50,000 must provide a match of at least 40 percent of total project costs. Cities and districts with a population of less than 5,000 and counties with a population of less than 30,000 must provide a match of at least 20 percent of total project costs.

The Local Government Advisory Committee met June 3-5, 2014 for their annual review of large grant requests (\$75,001 - \$750,000 for rehabilitation and development and up to \$1,000,000 for acquisitions). The advisory committee scored the projects based upon established criteria including the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Thirty-six large grant requests were submitted to OPRD for funding assistance.

The Oregon Constitution requires that at least 12% of OPRD's share of net Lottery proceeds be distributed as community grants. Staff targets approximately 70% of the biennium's projected grant funds to be allocated in the first year of the biennium so that project sponsors have ample time to complete their projects. The remaining 30% is allocated for the second year of the biennium. For the second year of the 2013-15 biennium, \$2,369,204 is being requested to support funding for 9 large projects.

Prior Action by Commission: Large grant requests have been approved in prior years.

Action Requested: Staff seeks Commission approval to award Local Government Grants – Large Grant Requests - as detailed on the attached spreadsheet in the amount of \$2,369,204.

Attachment: Exhibit 1 – Large Grant Amount Recommendations

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