



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: June 21, 2017

Department: Community Services Agenda Planning Date: 06/15/17 Time required: 5 mins

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TITLE: 16/17 Community Project Grant Applications and Funding Recommendations

Issue, Description & Background: Marion County has budgeted over \$1.6 million in Oregon Video Lottery revenue in FY16/17 to support economic development efforts in Marion County. Of the \$1.6 million, \$125,000 is allocated for Community Project Grants (CPG), which provides funding to nonprofits, legal entities, or municipalities for projects that promote economic development through increasing the livability and safety within communities and unincorporated areas of Marion County. Community Services released a request for applications (RFA) for FY16/17 CPG on November 14, 2016 with they second round of applications closing May 26, 2017. The Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) evaluated the applications on June 7, 2017 and recommended funding two projects totaling \$31,000.

Financial Impacts: Awarded projects will benefit from the investment of Oregon Video Lottery funds.

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: No impact to departments; revenues recommended for award by order are included in the approved FY16/17 budget.

Options for Consideration: a) Approve the EDAB recommendations to award Community Project Grants totaling \$31,000 as follows: City of Gates for \$16,000 and City of Mt. Angle for \$15,000. b) Do not approve the grant awards as recommended; or c) Modify the recommended grant awards.

Recommendation: Approve the Community Project Grants awards as recommended.

List of attachments: Board Order and Issue Brief

Presenter: Sarah Spinks

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ISSUE BRIEF

June 21, 2017

Oregon Lottery Community Project Grants

BACKGROUND:

Community Services oversees the County’s Economic Development program which includes administration of its Oregon Lottery Grant programs. A review of three Community Project Grant applications was conducted at the June 2017 Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) meeting.

REVIEW PROCESS:

Staff reviewed applications for completeness and adherence to the submission requirements. A copy of the applications was provided to each EDAB member for independent review and scoring. At the June 7th EDAB meeting, members participated in a group review and discussed application strengths, weaknesses, and scores.

COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT SCORES:

Grant Reviewer	City of Gates	City of Mt. Angel	Salem Police Foundation
1	42	57	52
2	75	100	100
3	93	99	64
4	65	68	85
5	86	92	96
6	70	80	95
7	85	90	90
8	79	76	50
9	94	96	96
10	70	95	90
Total Points	759	853	818
Average Points	75.9	85.3	81.8
Funding Request	\$16,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Funding Recommended	Yes	Yes	No

COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT SUMMARIES & RECOMMENDATIONS:

City of Gates City Hall Accessibility and Safety Remodel Project grant request of \$16,000 will fund a remodel of City Hall to create a larger public meeting space, make the facility ADA accessible, and create a second exit for employee safety.

Average Score: 75.9

Positives – Adequate meeting space will support citizen involvement. Project will mitigate city's risk of noncompliance with ADA requirements.

Negatives – Lack of thought and professional presentation in providing handwritten drawings; concerned with current level of deferred maintenance and if improvements will be sustained; and lacks leverage.

Recommendation: Fund at requested amount of \$16,000 with release of funds contingent upon approved permits.

City of Mt. Angel Heritage Trail Project grant request of \$15,000 will create an urban trail designated by trail markers providing historical and directional information for various community institutions and landmarks to highlight historical and cultural features for residents and visitors alike while incentivizing walkability of the community.

Average Score: 85.3

Positives – Generates tourism; generates local interest; and builds community pride.

Negatives – None provided.

Recommendation: Fund at requested amount of \$5,715.

Salem Police Foundation Rescue Gator Project grant request of \$10,000 will fund the purchase of a Rescue Gator for Salem Police and Salem Fire emergency use at the Willamette River Parks Complex. The Rescue Gator is an all-terrain off-road transport that will have a public safety light/siren package, specialized medical equipment and an automated external defibrillator. The project will support public safety by increasing accessibility to the park by first responders and improve livability by allowing Salem Police to more easily identify and access homeless campers.

Average Score: 81.8

Positives – Leverage, requested a small amount compared to the overall project budget.

Negatives – Project does not fit within the grant purpose, safety and livability of this project does not have an economic impact as it does not preserve business or drive people/tourism to the park. Seems like a nice to have item, but not a necessity. Project should be funded through other sources.

Recommendation: Do not fund the project.

