

Community Project Grants Terms and Minimum Requirements

Purpose: The Community Projects Grant program provides grants to municipalities to promote economic development through increasing the livability and safety within communities and unincorporated areas of Marion County. The types of projects funded have varied from feasibility studies to façade improvement grants to enhance downtown development.

The Applicant must meet the minimum requirements as outlined below; additional requirements may apply. Please contact the Economic Development Coordinator prior to submitting an application.

Grant Amount: \$500 to \$25,000

Match Requirement: None required. However, applicants are encouraged to demonstrate community commitment via match of funds, volunteer time, and/or in-kind donations.

Eligible Entities: Municipalities and unincorporated communities within Marion County.

Eligible Projects: Must have economic development significance as defined in ORS461.540 and contribute to improving the liability and safety of communities, and must:

- Be implemented in Marion County.
- Have a countywide significance and/or strong support within a community.
- Have a letter of support from the city, municipality, or jurisdiction in which the project will occur.

Eligible Expenses: Capital construction or facility needs
Project planning and design
Match requirement for larger grants

Project Period: The grant funded portion of the project must begin after the start date of the contract and no later than June 30th of the fiscal year (July 1-June 30) in which the grant was made. Costs incurred prior to the contract effective date will not be eligible for reimbursement. Grants awarded for match requirements for larger grants must be expended within three years.

Ineligible Projects: (a) Support for on-going programs (b) Funding for individuals, and (d) Funding for religious organizations where the facility or program includes religious worship or instruction.

Application Requirements: Prospective applicants must contact the Economic Development Coordinator to discuss project eligibility prior to submitting an application. If invited to submit a proposal, the application must be submitted using the following forms: Application Summary Form, Project Narrative, Project Budget, Assurances, and W-9 (if other than a incorporated city).

Applications can be submitted via email to THogue@co.marion.or.us; by mail to Community Services PO Box 14500 Salem, OR 97309; or in person to 555 Court St NE Suite 3120, Salem, OR.

Award Notification: Within eight (8) weeks of application submission.

This is an information-only document. To learn more please contact Thomas Hogue at (503) 589-3277, THogue@co.marion.or.us or visit www.co.marion.or.us/CS/EconomicDevelopment