



Reopening Parks and Recreation in Oregon

A grant provided by The North Face and ORPA

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ABOUT THE GRANT

At the Oregon Recreation & Park Association (ORPA) we recognize the critical importance outdoor spaces and recreational facilities play in improving physical health, cultural understanding, and mental wellbeing for the public. The COVID-19 pandemic forced closures, resulting in barriers to access to parks and recreation - a resource much needed during the turmoil of this time.

The North Face has provided ORPA with a \$10,000 grant to disperse to agencies in Oregon in an effort to reopen access to park and recreation spaces. Specifically, this grant seeks to:

- Assist with reopening recreational spaces to the public in a safe manner
- Provide the public with an opportunity to recreate
- Ensure that park and recreation agencies have an opportunity to thrive

About The North Face

This grant is part of The North Face's [United to Move the World Forward Campaign](#), a \$1 million commitment through its [Explore Fund](#) to support global outdoor communities that make exploration possible and accessible, as they rebuild and start bringing people back outside.

Through this initiative, The North Face is working closely with state governments and outdoor officials across the country to find and fund the most pressing needs for outdoor communities dealing with the impacts of COVID-19.

Additionally, The North Face has partnered with the American Mountain Guides Association to make resources, training and assistance broadly available to the many guides, educators and nonprofits that support the ways that we explore – ensuring they are equipped to facilitate responsible experiences as we take our first steps back outside.

Amount

This grant is available for an amount between \$1,000 and \$2,500. Please specify the amount you are requesting (up to \$2,500) in increments of \$500.

Definitions

Recreation Space: Any physical space wherein the public may be allowed to participate in recreational activities. This may be an indoor or outdoor space. The recreational activity may be guided or self-defined. Spaces may include, but are not limited to:

- Trail systems
- Campgrounds
- Rec Centers
- Indoor and outdoor pools
- Parks
- Sports fields / sports courts
- Summer camp facilities

Reopening: The process of enabling the public to access recreation spaces again following closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ELIGIBILITY

Those applying for this grant must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be a current agency or organization member of ORPA
- Must be a provider of recreation and parks in Oregon
- Minimum application requirements met:
 - Timely submission of grant application.
 - Completed grant application.
 - Contact information for lead staff person will be up-to-date and complete.

- Project budget will be complete.
- Application is filled out accurately. Providing falsified information will automatically disqualify application.

Example Projects

- Acquiring PPE or sanitation supplies or equipment
- Development and printing of safety signage for spaces
- Repairing facilities damaged due to closure
- Media and communication outreach to public
- Handwashing stations or temporary restrooms
- Training of staff by outside contractor or service

ORPA will NOT fund any of the following:

- Projects that are initiated and implemented by an individual rather than an organization
- Projects that require more than 6 months from the award notification date to be completed.
- Salary or professional funds for hiring or paying for staff
- Catering for volunteer-only events
- Purchases or activities that occur prior to the grant decision
- Deferred maintenance that does not directly result in the reopening of a recreation space
- Grants or loans to individuals
- Annual fund appeals or endowment funds

AWARD CRITERIA

The grant committee will be looking for applicants who can most closely address the following:

- Demonstration of ability to reopen recreation space
- How this grant plays a critical role in enabling access to park and recreation services for the public

REPORTING

Grant awardees must provide a final report to ORPA in order to be reimbursed for the amount of the grant. This final report includes:

- Final budget outlining expenses

- Write-up of how the grant served to play a role in the reopening of a recreation space. (1000 words)
- At least 10 photos of the recreation space, any equipment or supplies purchased from the grant, and use of the space by the public
- Copies of receipts for reimbursement

TIMELINE

June 11	Grant Informational Webinar + Q&A
June 30	Grant Application Deadline @ 6:00 PM (PT)
July 8	Finalists may receive questions from grant committee regarding applications, if any.
July 15	Applicants notified of grant decisions; recipients must sign grant agreement
Sept 30	Status report due if final report not yet submitted
Jan 15, 2021	Final Report Due (may be submitted any time prior to this date)

HOW TO APPLY

1. Attend the [Grant Information Webinar](#) on June 11 @ 11 AM (Optional)
2. Download the [Grant Application](#) and complete.
3. Create a **Project Budget** equal to the total amount requesting in a separate Word Document.
4. Upload both the Grant Application and your Project Budget into the [online application system](#).
5. Agree to the understandings and terms outlined in the online application system.
6. Submit your application by **June 30 at 6:00 PM**.

[Tips for Preparing a Successful Grant Application](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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