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Travel Oregon directs more than \$800,000 to support small businesses across the state

-121 local businesses across Oregon receive aid through the COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant Program-

Portland, ORE. – June 3, 2020 – The Oregon Tourism Commission, dba Travel Oregon, has awarded \$800,225 to local Oregon businesses to support job retention and stabilization through a newly created COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant Program. The agency redirected its standard scheduled competitive medium grant cycle and reallocated this funding to help support operational costs for local, small tourism businesses with the goal of maintaining jobs and the ability to keep doors open when travel resumes. Eligible applicants included lodging properties, tour operators, guides and outfitters, federally recognized tribes and destination marketing organizations (DMOs).

In total, 332 applications were submitted with 121 awarded in 30 Oregon counties. More than 90% of the funds are awarded to businesses in Oregon communities with fewer than 35,000 residents and more than 70% of the funds are dedicated to cover some portion of payroll expenses.

"Our hope is that these grant dollars help keep businesses and organizations from shuttering permanently. As Oregon gradually positions itself to begin to welcome visitors, it will be these marketing organizations, small lodging properties, guides and outfitters and the like that will be providing and sharing legendary Oregon experiences with them," said Todd Davidson, CEO Travel Oregon. "Public health has to remain a priority for our state as we help Oregon communities that rely on tourism to stabilize during this time of transition. Long-term, it is these businesses that will be crucial to the state's economic recovery."

The 121 grant projects funded will be completed (funding spent) by December 31, 2020.

For more information on Travel Oregon's grants program visit: industry.traveloregon.com/grants.

About Travel Oregon

The Oregon Tourism Commission, dba Travel Oregon, works to enhance visitors' experiences by providing information, resources and trip planning tools that inspire travel and consistently convey the exceptional quality of Oregon. The commission aims to improve Oregonians' quality of life by strengthening the state's tourism economy that employs thousands of Oregonians statewide. Visit traveloregon.com to learn more.

The COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant awardees are:

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Albany Visitors Association, Albany (\$10,000)

Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, Astoria (\$10,000)

Baker County Unlimited, Baker City (\$5,000)

Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, Cannon Beach (\$10,000)

City of Lincoln City, Lincoln City (\$10,000)

City of Seaside Visitors Bureau, Seaside (\$10,000)

Clackamas County Tourism & Cultural Affairs, West Linn (\$5,000)

Coos Bay-North Bend Visitor and Convention Bureau, Coos Bay (\$10,000)

Dallas Area Visitors Center, Dallas (\$5,000)

Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce, Depoe Bay (\$5,000)

Eastern Oregon Visitors Association, La Grande (\$10,000)

Forest Grove/Cornelius Chamber of Commerce, Forest Grove (\$5,000)

Heppner Chamber of Commerce, Heppner (\$5,000)

Hood River County Chamber of Commerce, Hood River (\$10,000)

Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce, Cave Junction (\$5,000)

Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville (\$5,000)

La Pine Chamber of Commerce, La Pine (\$5,000)

Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, Pendleton (\$5,000)

Redmond Chamber of Commerce, Redmond (\$5,000)

Reedsport/Winchester Chamber of Commerce, Reedsport (\$5,000)

Sherwood Area Chamber of Commerce, Sherwood (\$2,500)

Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce, Sisters (\$10,000)

Sutherlin Area Chamber of Commerce, Sutherlin (\$5,000)

Tillamook Coast Visitors Association dba Visit Tillamook, Tillamook (\$10,000)

Travel Ashland, Ashland (\$5,000)

Travel Baker County, Baker City (\$10,000)

Umatilla County Tourism, Pendleton (\$5,000)

Union County Chamber of Commerce, La Grande (\$10,000)

Visit Corvallis, Corvallis (\$10,000)

Visit Newberg, Newberg (\$10,000)

Waldport Chamber of Commerce, Waldport (\$5,000)

Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise (\$2,500)

Willamette Valley Visitors Association, Salem (\$10,000)

Lodging Properties

Balch Hotel, Dufur (\$5,000)

Days Inn, Klamath Falls (\$5,000)

Aspen Inn, Fort Klamath (\$5,000)

Embarcadero Resort Hotel & Marina, Newport (\$10,000)

Bandon Wayside Motel & RV, Bandon (\$2,500)	Leaping Lamb Farm LLC, Alsea (\$5,000)		
Sheltered Nook on Tillamook Bay, Bay City (\$5,000)	Lonesome Duck Ranch, Chiloquin (\$5,000)		
Cannon Beach Property Management, Cannon Beach (\$10,000)	Columbia Inn, Astoria (\$5,000) McKenzie Orchards Bend and Breakfast, Springfield (\$2,500)		
Captain Cook Inn, Lincoln City (\$10,000)			
Cascade Motel, Oakridge (\$5,000)	River Run Lodge, Maupin (\$2,500) Mountain Getaway Lodging, Enterprise (\$10,000)		
Edgewater Cottages, Waldport (\$2,500)			
City Center Motel, Prineville (\$5,000)	Hotel Condon, Condon (\$10,000)		
Coast Cabins LLC, Manzanita (\$10,000)	North Fork 53, Nehalem (\$5,000)		
Columbia Gorge Vacation Rentals, Hood River (\$5,000)	Ocean Creek Bed and Breakfast, Yachats (\$2,500)		
Crater Lake Country Suites, Medford (\$2,500)	Ocean Inn, Manzanita (\$10,000)		
Douglas on Third Boutique Lodging, McMinnville (\$10,000)	Ocean Terrace Condominiums, Lincoln City (\$10,000)		
D Sands Motel, Lincoln City (\$10,000)	Old Parkdale Inn Bed and Breakfast, Parkdale (\$5,000)		
Days Inn Portland Central, Portland (\$5,000)			
DreamGivers Inn LLC, Newberg (\$5,000)	On The Beachfront Properties LLC, Lincoln City (\$10,000)		
Grande Hot Springs RV Resort , La Grande (\$10,000)	Umpqua's Last Resort Wilderness Cabins, RV Park and Glamping, Idleyld Park (\$10,000)		
McKenzie River Mountain Resort, Blue River (\$10,000)	Oversea Condominiums, Lincoln City (\$5,000)		
Ecola Properties, Cannon Beach (\$5,000)	Painted Hills Vacation Rentals LLC, Mitchell (\$5,000)		
Elan Guest Suites & Gallery, Jacksonville (\$2,500)	Travelodge Pendleton, Pendleton (\$5,000)		
Prospect Historic Hotel-Motel and Dinner	Holiday Motel, Forest Grove (\$2,500)		
House, Prospect (\$5,000)	Forest Grove Inn, Forest Grove (\$5,000)		
Geiser Grand Hotel, Baker City (\$5,000)	River Bend Motel, Spray (\$5,000)		
Greenway Motel, Redmond (\$5,000)	Rovers RV Park, Waldport (\$5,000)		
Harbick's Country Inn, Blue River (\$10,000)	Itty Bitty Inn, North Bend (\$2,500)		
Horse Creek Lodge & Outfitters, McKenzie	Le Puy, A Wine Valley Inn, Newberg (\$5,000)		
Bridge (\$5,000)	Seashore Hotel, Seaside (\$5,000)		

Seaside Oceanfront Inn, Seaside (\$10,000) Imperial River Company, Maupin (\$5,000) **Travelodge Suites**, Newberg (\$5,000) **Indigo Creek Outfitters**, Phoenix (\$5,000) Steamboat Inn, Idleyld Park (\$5,000) Jerry's Rogue Jets, Gold Beach (\$5,000) **Summit Meadow Cabins**, Government Camp **Krein Consulting LLC**, Maupin (\$5,000) (\$4,225) Marine Discovery Tours, Newport (\$5,000) Territorial Bed and Breakfast and Barn, Momentum River Expeditions Inc., Ashland Junction City (\$2,500) (\$10,000)The Terimore Motel, Netarts (\$10,000) Northwest Rafting Company, Hood River (\$10,000)Timbers Motel, Eugene (\$10,000) Crater Lake Resort, Fort Klamath (\$10,000) Paulina Plunge Inc., Bend (\$2,500) **Comfort Inn Troutdale**, Troutdale (\$5,000) River Drifters White Water Tours, Inc., Maupin (\$9,000) Turtlejanes Bed and Breakfast, Oceanside (\$5,000) **Gray Line of Portland**, Portland (\$10,000) Tyee Lodge Oceanfront Bed and Breakfast, Roe Outfitters LLC, Klamath Falls (\$5,000) Newport (\$2,500) Safari Town Surf Shop, Lincoln City (\$5,000) Westfir Lodge and Mountain Market, Westfir Steens Mountain Running Camp, Eugene (\$5,000) (\$10,000) Willamette Wine Country RV Park & The **Travel Dream West Tours, Inc.**, Talent (\$7,000) Vintages Trailer Resort, Dayton (\$10,000) **US-J Connect, Inc.**, Portland (\$10,000) Winding Waters River Expeditions, Joseph **Tour Operators, Guides and Outfitters** (\$10,000) Cog Wild Bicycle Tours, Oakridge (\$5,000) Crater Lake Zipline LLC, Klamath Falls (\$10,000) **Federally Recognized Tribes Deschutes River Adventures**, Maupin (\$10,000) Tamástslikt Cultural Institute, Pendleton Garibaldi Charters, Garibaldi (\$10,000) (\$10,000)

Oregon Coast Glassworks, Newport (\$2,500)

Haystack Fishing Club, Inc., Pacific City (\$2,500)

America's Hub World Tours, Oregon City

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