

## Request for Proposals: Oregon Historic Trails Fund

### PURPOSE OF FUND

The Oregon Community Foundation is pleased to announce that funds are available for grant making through the Oregon Historic Trails Fund.

In 1998, the financial assets of the Oregon Trails Coordinating Council were transferred to OCF to establish the Oregon Historic Trails Fund, dedicated to projects related to Oregon historic trails as recognized by the state legislature in ORS 358.057. These trails included (please see map on page three, or for more information, a detailed map and report at [oregoncf.org/Oregon-historic-trails](http://oregoncf.org/Oregon-historic-trails)):

- Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail
- Applegate National Historic Trail
- Oregon National Historic Trail
- Nez Perce National Historic Trail
- Whitman Mission Route
- Upper Columbia River Route
- Meek Cutoff
- Free Emigrant Road
- Cutoff to the Barlow Road
- Klamath Trail
- Jedediah Smith Route
- Nathaniel Wyeth Route
- Benjamin Bonneville Route
- Ewing Young Route
- John Fremont Route
- Santiam Wagon Road

The purpose of the fund is to develop interpretive, educational, and economic projects to preserve and protect the cultural and natural resources of Oregon's historic trails. Proposals related to non-designated significant historic trails will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

An advisory committee made up of persons who are knowledgeable about Oregon's historic trails and cultural resources reviews grant applications and makes recommendations to the OCF board of directors. Grants are typically \$10,000 or less, and applicants will be notified of funding decisions in November.

### PROPOSALS SOUGHT

The OCF/Oregon Historic Trails Fund will make grants upon the recommendation of an advisory committee to support projects that interpret, preserve, or maintain trail-related resources. Grants may be awarded also for marketing, education, advocacy, and research related to historic trails.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be a governmental agency, a federally recognized tribe or be classified by the IRS with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and further classified as a public charity (as opposed to a private foundation).
- Investment will be within the state of Oregon, but out-of-state partnerships are encouraged.
- Projects must meet interpretive standards equal to those of the National Association for Interpretation, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, or the American Association of Museums.

- Priority is given to projects that interpret, preserve, or maintain trail-related resources. Funding also can be used for marketing, education, advocacy, or research related to historic trails.
- If projects are intended to engage with, serve, and/or highlight specific cultures and populations, staffing and leadership must reflect the populations served and/or have actively involved them in the development of the work described. Applicants will be asked to share how their expertise, partnerships and community connections help them carry out this work.
- Funds cannot be used for administrative or general operating expenses.
- Large capital construction projects will not be considered.
- Grants requests of more than \$5,000 require a 1:1 match, 50% of which can be in-kind. Grant requests of \$5,000 or less do not require any match.
- Projects must be completed within one year of the grant payment, unless an extension is permitted by OCF.
- Funds are distributed when projects are ready to proceed.
- Grantees are required to submit reports, including the documentation of expenditures, within two months of completing the project.

#### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Applications will be accepted through [MyOCF](#), The Oregon Community Foundation's online application system. MyOCF is accessed via OCF's website ([oregoncf.org](http://oregoncf.org)) on the [Oregon Historic Trails Fund](#) web page, or by clicking the "MyOCF" link at the top of OCF's home page. If you would like to preview the questions and required attachments before you begin your application, please review the online application questions document on the Oregon Historic Trails Fund page.

#### **APPLICATION WINDOW & DEADLINE**

The application window opens July 1. Applications are due by 5pm on August 31 (or the Friday beforehand, if the date falls on a weekend).

If you have questions, please contact Eva Miller, Program Officer, at [emiller@oregoncf.org](mailto:emiller@oregoncf.org).

# Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council was established in 1998 by the Governor to oversee the sixteen designated historic trails in Oregon. It consists of nine appointed volunteers given the task of locating, preserving, and promoting the use of the historic trails by Oregonians and state visitors.



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| 1. Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail        | 9. Cutoff to the Barlow Road  |
| 2. Oregon National Historic Trail                 | 10. Klamath Trail             |
| 3. California (Applegate) National Historic Trail | 11. Jedediah Smith Route      |
| 4. New Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail | 12. Nathaniel Wyeth Route     |
| 5. Whitman Mission Route                          | 13. Benjamin Bonneville Route |
| 6. Upper Columbia River Route                     | 14. Ewing Young Route         |
| 7. Meek Cutoff                                    | 15. John Fremont Route        |
| 8. Free Emigrant Road                             | 16. Santiam Wagon Road        |