MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: 3/18/2026

Department: Public Works

Title: Approve Resolution to Apply - OPRD Local Gov Grant

Management Update/Work Session Date: 3/3/2026 **Audio/Visual aids** ☐

Time Required: 0 minutes **Contact:** Kevin Thompson **Phone:** 4158

Requested Action:

Approve a Resolution to Apply authorizing Marion County Parks to submit a grant application under the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant Program for wildfire restoration at Bear Creek Park and Campground.

Issue, Description & Background:

The MC Parks Program would like to apply for a $1,000,000 grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's (OPRD) Local Government Grant Program (LGGP). This funding would be added to the $1,200,000 in PIER funding that has already been awarded for the rebuilding and expansion of Bear Creek Campground. OPRD requires applicants to submit a resolution approved by the applicant's governing body. The PIER funding, which has already been awarded by OHCS, will be used to satisfy the 50% project match requirement of the LGGP. The LGGP requires that land and/or facilities rehabilitated with these funds be dedicated to public recreational use for no less than 25 years.

Financial Impacts:

No County funds will be used to support this grant. The awarded PIER funding would be used to satisfy the 50% project match requirement of the LGGP.

Impacts to Department & External Agencies:

List of attachments: Resolution to Apply, Grant Program Details

Presenter: Kevin Thompson

Department Head Signature: Brian Nicholas

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of authorizing Marion County Parks)
to apply for a Local Government Grant)
from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department)
for redevelopment of Bear Creek Park and Campground)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the Local Government Grant; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Parks desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as means of rebuilding and enhancing the Bear Creek Park and Campground; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Parks staff have identified the rebuilding of facilities at Bear Creek Park and Campground as a high priority need in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, due to damage caused by the 2020 Beachie Creek wildfire, there are no operational campground facilities and only minimal day use amenities provided for park visitors at Bear Creek Park and Campground.

WHEREAS, the identified needs at Bear Creek Park and Campground will focus on rebuilding camping facilities and infrastructure, as well as improving general park amenities. This includes but is not limited to re-establishing the potable water system and electrical service, rebuilding tent campsites, building new RV and trailer campsites, along with restoring trails and safety barriers.

WHEREAS, Marion County Parks has available local matching funds to fulfill its share of obligation related to this grant application should the grant funds be awarded; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Parks will budget for on-going operations and maintenance of this park and recreation facility should the grant funds be awarded;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Marion County Board of Commissioners authorizes Marion County Parks to submit a grant application under the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant for restoration at Bear Creek Park and Campground.

DATED, this _____ day of March, 2026.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chair

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

Resolution to apply for LGGP grant to support Bear Creek Campground rebuild

Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) purpose, requirements and restrictions.

Purpose of the Program

The Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) is a competitive, state lottery–funded grant program administered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). It supports local government investment in outdoor public parks and recreation facilities across Oregon.

The program helps communities:

- Acquire land for public parks and open space
- Develop new outdoor recreation facilities
- Rehabilitate or modernize aging park infrastructure
- Plan for future park and recreation needs

Projects must align with Oregon's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and provide clear public benefit.

Eligible Applicants

Only local government entities legally responsible for providing public park and recreation services may apply:

- Cities
- Counties
- Park and Recreation Districts
- Metropolitan Service Districts
- Port Districts

Ineligible applicants include nonprofits, schools, private entities, and special districts that do not directly operate parks and recreation facilities.

Eligible Project Types

LGGP funding supports the following categories:

1. Acquisition

- Purchase of land for new or expanded outdoor recreation use

2. Development

- Construction of new facilities such as playgrounds, trails, restrooms, sports courts, parking, and picnic areas

3. Rehabilitation – *Applicable to Bear Creek Project*

- Major repairs, modernization, and ADA accessibility improvements to existing facilities

4. Planning

- Master plans, feasibility studies, and site-specific planning efforts that guide future park investment

All funded facilities must be outdoor, publicly accessible, and designed for long-term recreational use.

Grant Size and Funding Levels

Awards are competitive and depend on statewide funding availability. Typical grant categories include:

- **Small Grants:** up to $100,000
- **Large Grants:** up to $1,000,000 – *Applicable to Bear Creek Project*
- **Small Community Planning Grants:** up to $50,000

The Legislature determines total funding available each cycle.

Local Match Requirements

LGGP requires a local financial match, scaled by population size:

- Large jurisdictions (Counties over 50k population): **50% match -** ***Applicable to Bear Creek Project***
- Mid-sized jurisdictions: **40% match**
- Small or rural jurisdictions: **20% match**

Acceptable match sources may include:

- PIER Grant funds - ***Applicable to Bear Creek Project***
- Local budget funds
- Donated labor or materials
- Equipment use
- Land value
- Certain pre-project costs (within program limits)

This structure ensures strong local commitment while supporting smaller and rural communities.

Key Requirements and Obligations

Long-Term Public Use

- Land acquired with LGGP funds must be dedicated to public outdoor recreation in perpetuity
- Facilities developed or rehabilitated with LGGP funds must remain dedicated to recreation use for at least 25 years ***- Applicable to Bear Creek Project. Bear Creek Park has utilized Land and Water Conservation Funds in the past. Establishing the requirement for this park to be used for recreational use in perpetuity.***

Conversion Restrictions

- If LGGP-funded land or facilities are converted to non-recreational use without state approval, the local government may be required to provide replacement property of equal value and utility ***- Applicable to Bear Creek Project.***

Grant Management***- Applicable to Bear Creek Project.***

- Projects are reimbursable and must follow OPRD grant administration rules
- Regular reporting and financial documentation are required
- Agencies may be limited in the number of active LGGP projects at one time

Why LGGP Matters to Local Governments

- A significant leverage opportunity for state lottery dollars
- Support for community health, outdoor access, and quality of life
- Investment in infrastructure that benefits residents and visitors
- A reliable funding source for projects that often exceed local budget capacity
- Long-term protection of public park assets

Key Takeaways

- LGGP is one of Oregon's primary funding tools for local park and recreation investment
- Participation requires long-term commitment to public recreation use
- Match requirements ensure fiscal responsibility and local buy-in
- Grants help communities deliver visible, high-impact projects without relying solely on local tax revenue

This program is a strategic opportunity for communities to expand, improve, and protect public parks and recreation resources for current and future generations.