

Oregon City Metro Enhancement Grant "Preparing Clackamette Cove Resource Areas"



Dear Grant Review Members,

Rivers of Life Center and its extensive adult volunteer program wish to establish and complete the renovation of degraded lands adjoin Oregon City's Clackamette Cove Project on the north and west boundaries. We are leveraging State and Oregon Community Foundation funds with local business donations to mobilize up to 30 youth and an equal number of community volunteers to cleanup and beautify over seven acres of lands not otherwise scheduled for attention under the Cove Master Plan

These Lands adjoin Clackamette Park and will serve as walking, hiking, and bicycle corridors for Cove and Park visitors in the very near future. The project has been fully vetted through Oregon City's Park and Recreation Department, and local and regional biologists and ecologists serving as advisors for the project. Without this work, many areas of degraded lands with homeless camps will be left difficult to monitor, maintain, and most importantly be used by the public.

We hope you can support this project.

Sincerely, 

Gerald W. Herrmann, President, Rivers of Life Center



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Enhancement Grant Program Application

Before filling out this form, please read the Enhancement Grant Program Information for complete submittal instructions and to be sure that your proposal qualifies for funding. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Liability insurance coverage may be required. Limit answers to the space provided.

Title of Project Preparing Clackamette Cove's Resource Areas

Organization Rivers of Life Center

Is this a Non-Profit Organization? Yes ☒ No ☐

Non-Profit Federal tax exempt ID Number 46-4703589

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Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable) Jerry Herrmann

Phone 503-260-3432

Signature 

(The person authorized to represent the organization must sign the application with a digital signature or actual signature on a hard copy.)

*****Complete the budget sheet on page 7 first.**

Amount totals from that sheet will auto fill into this table

Grant Amount Requested:	\$	23,500
+ Matching Funds (Cash):	\$	11,800
+ In-Kind Matching Funds (See question #15):	\$	13,000
= Total Cost of Project:	\$	48,300

Proposal Information

1. Is this your first grant application to the Enhancement Grant Committee?

Yes ☐ No ☒

2. Have you received an Enhancement Grant in the last 3 years? (Include past Metro Enhancement Grants)

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please describe the projects/programs for which you received funding.

Rivers of Life Center and its Earth Crusaders program have executed over a dozen Metro enhancement projects through 2016. The organization has developed close relationships with the Oregon City School District, Oregon City staff and the project development team of Clackamette Cove. Past projects executed by our organization have improved gateways, public areas, the downtown district and landscape buffers throughout the city. Youth teams work cooperatively with assisting adults to improve two dozen high visibility areas of the city.

3. If you received an Enhancement Grant last year, what is the status of the project?

"Clackamas Community College- Environmental Learning Center Plant Salvage and Relocation Project" is complete with over 5000 plants salvaged, replanted and 800 feet of adjoining trails restored.

4. Will this grant-funding request be used for the first phase of a project, with possible grant requests for future phases?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please explain.

5. Briefly describe the project for which you are requesting funds.

"Preparing Clackamette Cove's Resource Areas" is a project supported by Oregon City's Park and Recreation Department and development for Clackamette Cove. The project will clear out debris, invasive plants and, most importantly, hidden and illegal camp site areas for homeless campers.

Project areas targeted under the resource and enhancement program will be cleaned of illegal debris and made ready for planting, trails and future wildlife and public uses. These areas total some 7 acres of degraded lands sanctioned for enhancement that is not being done under the Cove's Phase I and Phase II agreements. The Cove's northwest boundary by Main Street, all the way to the Clackamas River and thence South East on a peninsula of land, all owned by Oregon City's Urban Renewal District is the focus. Staff of Parks and Recreation, are faced with debris dumping and misuse of these lands by transients and others that seek shelter in dense thickets of blackberries and other invasive plants.

These areas will be renovated by youth and community volunteers using line trimmers, pruning shears and other techniques in preparation for planting of desirable natives. The project advisory team includes John Runyon and Associates, Clackamette Cove LLC and staff of Oregon City's Parks and Recreation Department who will guide our work. Youth from Oregon City's Junior ROTC program and referrals by the Clackamas County Children, Youth & Families Division, will all be involved in performing needed work under the supervision of Rivers of Life Center's crew leaders and President, Jerry Herrmann.

6. Describe why this project was selected and the community need(s) to which it will respond.

"Preparing Clackmette Coves Resource Areas" integrates Oregon City area youth directly in improving up to 7 acres of degraded lands at Clackmette Cove that otherwise will not be addressed in the Cove's major economic redevelopment.

This enhancement work will build a stewardship ethic among youth and community participants that will ultimately allow them to be "protectors of their improved areas." Oregon City's Park and Recreation staff are providing dumpsters, disposal and guidance for this project. Fish and Wildlife experts and local biologists will help youth advance through "Service Learning" to earn credits in their respective classes.

7a. Identify and describe how this proposal meets one or more of the goals for funding within the enhancement area boundaries (check those below that apply and describe by item number below).

- ☒ 1. Result in an improvement to the appearance or environmental quality of the area/neighborhood.
- ☒ 2. Result in the reduction in the amount or toxicity of waste, or increase reuse and recycling opportunities.
- ☐ 3. Result in rehabilitation, upgrading or direct increase in the real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code.
- ☒ 4. Result in the preservation or enhancement of wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands and marine areas, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.
- ☒ 5. Result in improvement to, or an increase in, recreational areas and programs.
- ☒ 6. Result in improvement in the safety of the area.
- ☒ 7. Result in projects that benefit youth, seniors, low-income persons or underserved populations.
- ☒ 8. Result in significant improvement in the cleanliness of the City.
- ☒ 9. Result in increased employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
- ☐ 10. Result in increased attractiveness or market value residential, commercial or industrial areas.

7b. List by item number from 7a and describe how the project meets the each goal.

- 1. "Result in improvement to appearance" (This section of Clackamette Cove will not receive attention under the Cove's redevelopment plan unless steps are taken.)
- 2. "Result in reduction of waste" (Project removes on-site garbage applies mulches.)
- 4. "Result in wildlife improvements" (Project bounds wetlands, established riparian zones and includes mature forests to be enhanced.
- 5. "Enhances recreation" (The Cove is intended for public use including resource areas such as these once invasive plants, debris and obstructions are removed.)
- 6. "Result in improved safety" (The area is difficult to monitor, police and is generally unsafe for the public at this time)
- 7. "Result in projects that benefit youth" (Up to 30 area youth will directly participate with an equal number of committed "adult cove volunteers" in the project.
- 8. "Result in cleanliness" (The area has been an open dumping ground over the past 24 years. This will be corrected.)
- 9. "Economic Improvement" (This project completes the Cove as a showcase project

8. Project Period: 10 months

(Number of months in duration)

Beginning Date: July 1st, 2017

Ending Date: April 30th, 2018

9. What is the geographic area of Oregon City where the project will take place?

This project is focussed on Oregon City's North End redevelopment area-specifically degraded lands adjoining the Clackamette Cove redevelopment project. The Two Rivers Neighborhood Association is the project review group and supports the project. Project work will remove invasive plants, hiding and camping areas for non-allowed uses and all benefiting Clackamette Cove's major improvements, adjoining Clackamette Park and the Oregon City Shopping Center's economic district.

10. How will the community benefit by your project? What is the estimated number of people affected and anticipated outcome(s)?

This project will benefit 600 new families which will soon establish in Phase I and Phase II of Clackamette Cove's Master Plan. Planned retail, light commercial and office rentals are expected in both phases. They will benefit from adjoining lands being properly cleaned up. Unlawful uses of the land, such as camping will be reduced.

The 7 acres targeted for cleanup that have been "off limits" to the general public for years will now be made safe and secure. The result will be a cleaner and more complete Cove project.

11. What community resources will be used as support for this project (i.e. community, city-owned property, city departments, transportation services or other civic groups)?

Oregon City Park and Recreation Department will provide dumpsters and on-site supervision and advice as the work proceeds. Clackamas Landscape Supply and others will provide gravels for existing path reestablishment.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife staff and professional ecologist John Runyon have agreed to interact with youth on career sampling and education pursuits for youth interested in professional natural resource management careers.

12. Briefly describe prior experience managing similar projects, including any past enhancement projects.

Eight major projects for beautification, enhancement and debris removal have been managed by Rivers of Life Center for Oregon City, over the past decade. Rivers of Life Center staff and volunteers have joined forces with Clackamas Community College to clean, salvage, and improve areas of the college's Environmental Learning Center. All Rivers of Life Center staff receive formal training by Oregon's Youth Conservation Corps Program, and the Oregon State Marine Board to facilitate timely, safe and effective improvements to state, county parks, and launch sites operated by the Marine Board. Bureau of Land Management sites along the Molalla River are being targeted for campsite and trail building that will involve Rivers of Life Center efforts.

13. List anticipated project milestones and dates (e.g. groundbreakings, significant facility improvements, large gatherings of volunteers, public meetings, conferences, special activities and events).

July 15th, 2017: Site walkthrough with City Staff, Biologists and others to initiate work.

September - November: Debris cleanup, invasive removals, ivy and brush removal over the 7 acre site.

December-January : Trail reestablishment where deemed necessary

February - March, 2018: Mulching of all site areas; reestablish trail graveling, initial planting installations

April-May, 2018: Open house and walkthrough by all partners, city staff and Urban Renewal Commission members.

14. An exit report will be required once the project is complete, per a signed Enhancement agreement. Describe the measurements you will use to assess the program/project effectiveness. In other words, how will the effectiveness of the program/project be tracked and evaluated (i.e. number of people served; improvements and/or beautification; number of volunteers attracted; amount of area cleaned or rehabilitated, etc.)? Be sure to describe project goals, changes and noticeable benefits that will come about as a result.

Professionals such as John Runyon have agreed to walk the site with city staff to assure compliance of work with planned improvements. Oregon Youth Conservation Corps staff who assist in training our youth, have agreed to on site meetings and review with youth regarding learned skills, competencies and safety practices. Quarterly reports to the Metro Enhancement staff will document volunteer hours, youth involvement and produce a photographic record of achievements in the project.

15. List sources of support for in-kind matching support (e.g. volunteer hours and donations). In order to estimate the value of donated volunteer time refer to the Enhancement Grant Program Information sheet for current value.

Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
Professional Consulting	John Runyon and Associates	\$4500
Mulches - Soil amend	Clackamas Landscape Supply	\$1500
Disposal units - Trucking	Oregon City Parks and Rec	\$4500
Education for Youth	Oregon Youth Conservation Corp.	\$1500
Brushing Equipment	OC Pioneer Rental	\$1000
Total In Kind		\$13000

16. List all grants applied for in support of this project and commitments confirmed to date.

\$5,500 State of Oregon Youth Service Grant (Committed)

\$2,500 Oregon Community Foundation Grant (Received)

17. What is the percentage of Enhancement will be used for personnel services or administrative costs? 9 %

18. Will the administrator be a paid position? Yes ☐ No ☒

19. Proposed Budget—on the following page please complete the proposed budget. Modify line items as needed to reflect proposed expenses.

- Column A: Show grant monies needed for the program/project.
- Column B: Show cash matching funds.
- Column C: Show donations or in-kind volunteer labor (from question 15).
- Column D: Totals for each category.

***These figures will be transferred to the table on the first page of this application.

Proposed Budget

Suggested List (not inclusive)	(A) Grant Dollars Requested	(B) Matching Funds (Cash)	(C) In-Kind Matching Support	(D) Total
Personnel Services (salaries, administration)		2500	4500	7000
Project Administration costs (clerical, advertising, graphics, printing, postage)	2115			2115
Materials	6500		2500	9000
Equipment/Supplies	4000	2000	1500	7500
Construction Costs				
Event Costs				
Transportation Costs		1800		1800
Insurance Costs (if needed)	1885			1885
Additional Costs (List)				
Youth Stipends and Support	9000 (10 youth)	5500 (state fund)		14,500
Disposal of debris and invasives			4500 (City of OC)	4,500
Totals	23,500	11,800	13,000	48,300

Testimonials



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Community Services Department

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May 5, 2017

City of Oregon City Metro Enhancement Grants
Review Committee Members
Oregon City, OR 97045

Board Members:

Oregon City Parks and Recreation quite often assists in maintaining properties or reducing impacts to properties that are not directly part of the park's inventory. One such area is the Southwest side of Clackamette Cove from Main Street to the Clackamas River encompassing some 7 acres. This area directly adjoins our very important Clackamette Park and is terribly affected by illegal campsites, debris and general public misuse.

Capable Youth from Rivers of Life Center's Youth Training program know this area, due to the past presence of what was called the River Resource Museum. The tasks to be undertaken on City of Oregon City properties will include the major removal of invasive plants including blackberry, some weedy plants and in general, the hiding places that often provide for public misuse. We will be providing drop boxes for removed debris and oversight of the work as it progresses. This is a highly needed project in a very important corridor adjoining Clackamette Park and Clackamette Cove. We hope you can support this request.

Warmest Regards,

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Grants Review Committee

I am a principal and watershed ecologist for Cascade Environmental Group, a Portland-based environmental consulting firm. Our firm is working with the City of Oregon City to establish major environmental restoration and mitigation strategies and improvements on public lands within the City. As a professional environmental consultant, I see many benefits to fish and wildlife habitat and the general public as improvements are made to the City's properties. Public agencies with whom we work also believe that there is an opportunity to create high-value fish and wildlife habitats on Oregon City properties adjacent to the Clackamas River and Clackamette Cove.

I am familiar with Jerry Herrmann and his Rivers of Life Center Youth Training Organization. I support their efforts in engaging youth to implement important environmental improvements.

As a professional ecologist, I can see many opportunities to interface with the organization as they do their work. I also welcome the opportunity to provide educational opportunities as I interact with the youth. In addition to assisting with environmental restoration, this work provides an avenue for youth to learn about natural resource careers.

Please consider their grant request in this important enhancement project for fish and wildlife habitat and people. If you have any questions, please contact me at 971-400-6334.

Sincerely,

John Runyon

Principal

Cascade and Environmental Group, LLC



Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)

PIONEER BATTALION

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Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Committee,

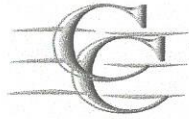
I am the Senior Instructor for the Oregon City JROTC Program. I am excited about the opportunity to again partner with the Earth Crusaders. We are always looking for opportunities to provide our Cadets with enriching activities that support our mission of motivating young people to be better citizens.

Our Cadets have worked with Mr. Jerry Herrmann and his Earth Crusader's Project on river side clean-ups and downtown city revitalization projects. These projects give our cadets opportunities to serve their community, develop valuable skills and to implement their leadership skills while working in crews or teams. We forward to again serving the Oregon City community.

Mr. Herrmann approached us again recently with an idea to partner on a project that connects our Cadets with knowledgeable mentors that will teach and coach them on how to be tour guides on vessels and trolleys that connect with this history of the Willamette River. Several of our core learning objectives incorporates personal assertion and self-advocacy skills. Having the opportunity to develop and deliver historic presentations as a tour guide could be a tremendous opportunity for growth in these areas.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email douglas.thomas@orecity.k12.or.us or by phone (503)785-8995.

DOUGLAS D. THOMAS
Major (Retired)
Senior Army Instructor



Clackamette Cove, LLC

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Dear Grant Review Committee:

Clackamette Cove is a major redevelopment of a former gravel quarry in Oregon City that, when completed, will beautify and enhance an important natural resource, along the Clackamas River, in Oregon City.

The project totals nearly 100 acres and was very adversely affected by previous commercial operations and yet demonstrates tremendous fish and wildlife attributes. We have engaged all the stakeholders and key consultants and have arrived at a consensus that will create a new landmark with the goal of presenting a new resource for the general population to enjoy while preserving and enhancing the flora and fauna.

We have implemented projects on the Oregon Coast, the Columbia River, in urbanized areas of Northern Washington and in other nearly "brown field" circumstances. We always seek to involve the community in our decision making to arrive at a joint "Stewardship" of the natural assets with which we are entrusted.

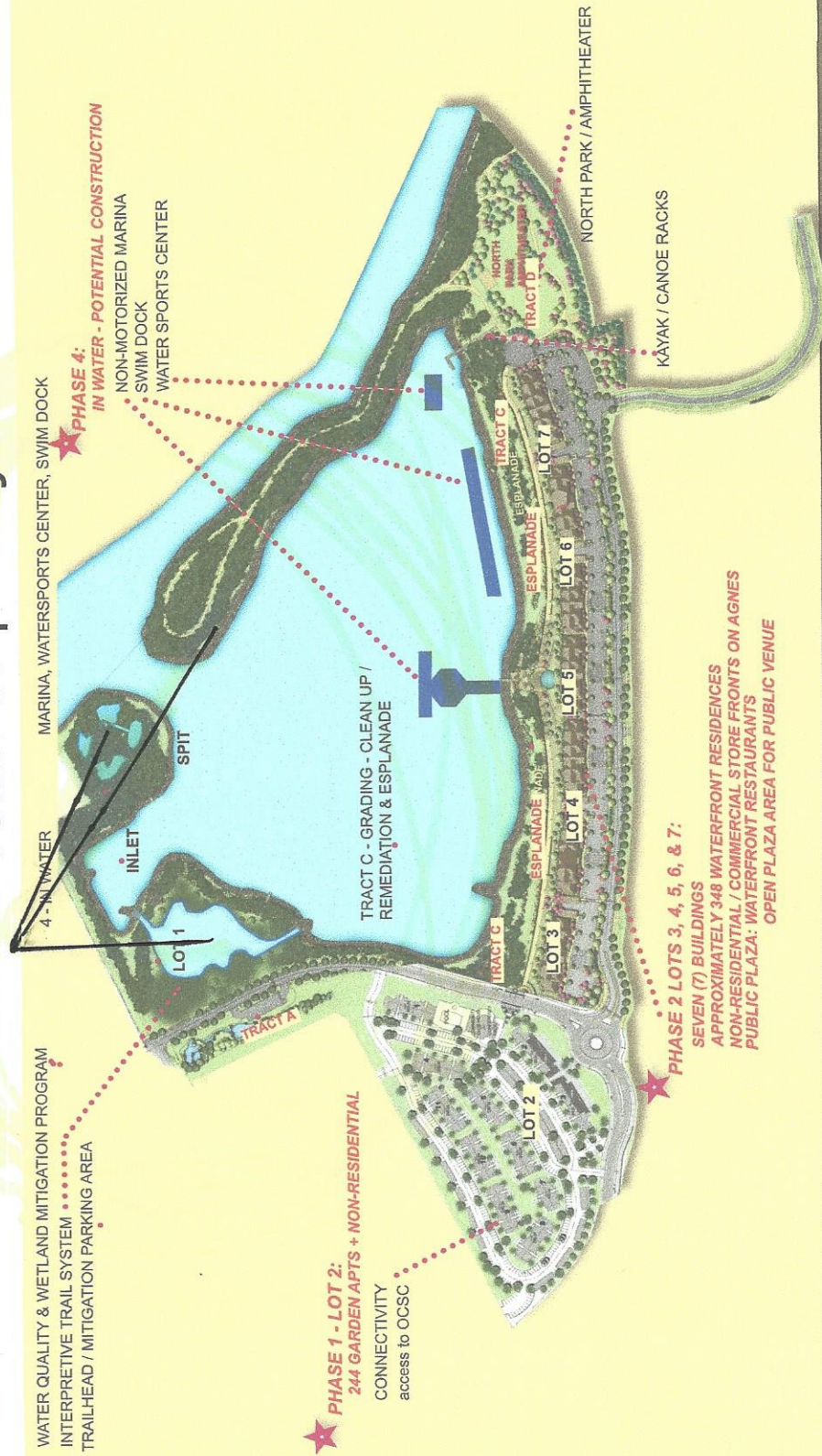
Our organization has worked with Rivers of Life Center and we have witnessed their youth training programs and see a wonderful "fit" in this project. Their youth being involved with the site clearance and enhancement activities will help us advance the rehabilitation of well over a dozen acres. Youth will learn from us as professional designers and project implementers how pursuing careers in architecture, fish and wildlife habitat enhancement and natural resources can be blended with economic development. We look forward to them being involved in these initial stages and hope you can support their request.

Sincerely,

Ed Darrow
Clackamette Cove, LLC
Owner / Manager of The Cove

Improvement Areas

Youth Corps Project



2017 MASTER PLAN

**Two Rivers Neighborhood
Association
*An Official Sanctioned
Body of Oregon City***

Letter of Support from Two Rivers Neighborhood Association

Re: Metro Enhancement Grant for Rivers of Life Center April 22nd, 2015

The staff of Rivers of Life Center have presented to us an overview of their grant request which is current with you.

Their combined project, titled 'Historic Oregon City Gateway and Wetlands Enhancement Project'. Is at several locations either within our Association boundaries or immediately adjacent to it along Clackamas River Drive or Holcomb Road. It appears they are focusing on natural 'gateways' that introduce travelers into some of our distinct neighborhoods. One portion of this project includes improvements to the South Metro Transfer Station and adjacent degraded City-owned lands.

Our association believes that appearances do matter and that this combined project focused on 'gateways' will do much to improve both the attractiveness and livability of our Neighborhood. The removal of invasives and other enhancements at Metro South Wetlands and nearby public property will also be of great benefit.

We are pleased to support this project.

We encourage your support of their request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Bryon D. Boyce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bryon" and last name "Boyce" clearly legible, and "D." as a middle initial.

Bryon Boyce, Chair, Two Rivers Neighborhood Association