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Enhancement Grant Program Application

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Title of Project Latourette Park – Phase III Construction

Organization Latourette Park Core Team and Oregon City Park and Recreation

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

Non-Profit Federal tax exempt ID Number not needed (city co-applicant)

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Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable) Karen Buehrig, Chair

Phone 503.709-3412

Signature [Handwritten 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:	\$	50,000
+ Matching Funds (Cash):	\$	115,219
+ In-Kind Matching Funds (See question #15):	\$	1,998
= Total Cost of Project:	\$	167,217

Proposal Information

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

Yes _____ No X _____

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

Yes X _____ No _____

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

2017-18: Phase 1 Latourette Park – Worked with National Park Service to transform vision into Concept Plan. Undertook public outreach with an online survey and meetings with McLoughlin Neighborhood Association (MNA), a community Open House and the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC). Coordinated with Depave, and hosted an event where the asphalt was removed from the upper area of the park. Picnic tables were brought to the site, the basketball standards were moved to the lower portion of the site.

2018-19: Phase 2: Latourette Park Revitalization Project - Worked with Greenworks to create the construction bid documents for the Nature Play Area, the ADA ramp and the lower basketball court area. These documents have create a “bid ready” design for the park. The Latourette Core team was successful in obtaining funding \$2,000 from the National Realtors Association from their Placemaking program, and has been working with the Oregon City High School construction program to build a community kiosk for the site. Organized and hosted an event on May 11th, 2019 to share the park construction plans with the community.

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

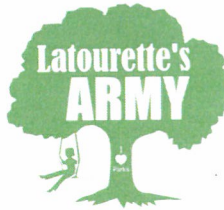
By the end of June, the construction documents will be completed. In April, the Latourette Park Core Team was awarded \$20,000 from the NIKE Community Impact Fund. These funds will need to be used over the next year to improve the basketball court surface.

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

Yes X _____ No X _____

If yes, please explain.

The request will be used complete the construction phase of the **Nature Play elements and natural features of the park**. The full vision for the park includes an improved eating/seating area on the upper shelf which is not included in this phase. While the eating area may, at some time in the future, request Community Enhancement funds, the Latourette Park Core Team does not anticipate requesting funds for additional park improvements in the near term.



May 17, 2019

City of Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant
Committee Members
Oregon City, OR 97045

Committee Members:

The Latourette Park Core Team urges you to fund the 2019-2020 Community Enhancement Grant request for \$50,000 to complete the construction of the improvements at DC Latourette Park. These improvements will allow the City to install quality, low-maintenance nature play elements and reintroduce nature features, revitalizing a neighborhood park that has been an essential community resource in the McLoughlin neighborhood nearly 85 years.

Since it first opened as a public pool in 1935, DC Latourette Park has served as a gathering place for the community. After the pool was removed in 1965, it became tennis courts that were used by many neighbors. Over the years, the City has not been able to invest in maintaining the tennis courts, and the park has become underutilized and maintenance of the play facilities has been long deferred.

Starting in 2015, community members of all ages have come together to develop a clear picture of how the park can become a gathering place once more. Oregon City Community Enhancement funds over the past few years have provided the ability to undertake the following actions:

- 3 day Park Planning Workshop facilitated by City Repair and hosted by **Girl Scout Troop 45064**
- Concept Plan development and community review in partnership with the **National Park Service** "River, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program"
- Removal of pavement on the upper portion of the park with assistance from **Depave** and over 70 community members
- Community outreach events at the park to get input in future park elements
- Construction drawings development with specific cost estimates completed by **Greenworks**
- Successfully awarded \$20,000 NIKE Community Impact Grant and \$2,000 National Realtor Association Placemaking Grant
- Oregon City High School Construction class involvement is building a community kiosk

This grant request is the opportunity for the Community Enhancement Grant committee to provide the "last dollar" needed to complete the installation of the nature play elements and the natural features that complement the City of Oregon City's commitment to the site preparation, construction of the accessible ramp and other park elements necessary so that people of all abilities can enjoy the park.

This project is a role model for supporting strong community-led involvement in long term investments benefiting all city residents. We look forward to 2019-2020 Community Enhancement Fund partnership over the next year and the celebration of DC Latourette Park revitalization in the late spring of 2020.

Sincerely,

Karen Buehrig
Latourette Park Core Team Chair

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

The 2019-20 Community Enhancement funds will provide the “last dollar in” for the construction for a significant investment in the revitalization of Latourette Park. With the completion of the construction bid documents for the park, the total cost of addressing the long deferred maintenance needs of the park exceeds \$600,000.

The requested \$50,000 from the 2019-20 Community Enhancement Fund is specifically to support the installation of the nature play elements and the natural features included in the construction documents. This investment will leverage city deferred maintenance funds and community in-kind support to allow the park to become accessible to all. The Oregon City Budget Committee has recommended inclusion of \$490,000 in the city budget for investment in the park which will support the site preparation, construction of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps to the street as well as an improved ADA ramp within the park and other site construction improvements.

When originally constructed in 1935 as a swimming pool, and then repurposed in the late 1960's as a tennis court and back board, access to the upper portion of the park was limited by a steep ramp and stairs. The ADA ramp from the street to the park has severely deteriorated over the past 50 years. Being able to fully fund these improvement will allow the Oregon City Parks Department to address these maintenance needs and make sure the re-investment in the base infrastructure of the park will support the future neighborhood park needs.

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

The Latourette Park Revitalization project is a community driven effort to bring investment to a neighborhood park located in the historic McLoughlin Neighborhood District. In 2015, when local Girl Scout Troop 45064 asked the City Council what their plans for the park were, they responded that they weren't sure what the neighbors wanted for their park, but they understood that maintenance had been deferred for too long.

There is no direct funding for historic parks. The only city fund available for parks in the historic district are “deferred maintenance funds”. Since the park is located in an established neighborhood where there are few homes being constructed, Systems Development Charges fees are not available for this area.

The Girl Scout Troop hosted two events in 2016 - (the Party in the Park, March 2016 and Planning for the Park-weekend planning workshop- November 2016. The Latourette Park Core Team started meeting after these events to work with the city to finalize the plans and find funding to be able to invest in the park.

In 2017, a community wide survey was conducted to refine the vision. The most desired play elements included a Nature Play area and a basketball court. In addition, an ADA ramp was needed to access the upper area of the park.

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 significant improvement in the cleanliness of the City.**
2. Increase reuse and recycling efforts or provide a reduction in solid waste.
3. ☒ **Increase the attractiveness or market value of residential, commercial or industrial areas.**
4. Result in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code.
5. ☒ **Enhance new or existing wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands or marine areas, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.**
6. ☒ **Preserve or increase recreational areas and programs within the City.**
7. ☒ **Improve safety within the City.**
8. Increase employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
9. ☒ **Provide work, training opportunities, or other benefit to youth, seniors and low-income persons or underserved population.**
10. ☒ **Enhance art and culture within the City.**

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

1. The project will result in the improved appearance of Latourette Park and create a place where children of all ages and abilities will want to come and play.
2. The improvements will add curb appeal and natural elements to a neglected neighborhood park. Research has shown that well maintained parks are a benefit to neighboring property values.
5. Additional landscaping including a pollinator garden will create additional habitat.
6. After years of minimal use, neighbors will have a place to gather and for children to play with more attractive and up-to-date play features and a resurfaced basketball court.
7. Safety will be improved in the area by have more neighbors interface with each other, with more "eyes on the street". In addition, the steep ramp within the park will be removed, as well as some of the interior chain link fencing.
9. Oregon City High School students have been involved in the construction of the community kiosk. Students and other community members will be engaged in the design of the basketball court surface.
10. Within the park is a mural painted by a local resident which reflects the history of the park. Improvements to the park will honor and respect this mural. The intent is to have the basketball court design also build upon the history of the park.

8. Project Period: 12 months
(Number of months in duration)
Beginning Date: July 2019
Ending Date: June 2020

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

DC Latourette Park is located at 902 11 Street (at the corner of Madison and 11th St)

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

We believe the entire community of Oregon City will benefit from this investment in Latourette Park. One aspect of this project is the fact that it is the first Nature Play area in the city. It will also make the park more accessible for children and adults of all ages and abilities.

By funding this project, the vision that was created in 2017 will be able to be realized. Actual construction of the park elements will occur. The Community Enhancement funds will be a key piece of filling the funding gap for the construction of the park.

This park has not had significant funding in nearly 50 years. With the assistance of the Community Enhancement Funds, the park will again be a place that people want to gather and play. It will revitalize the park, bringing play elements valued by families today, and places people of all ages can play.

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)?

This project is an investment in property owned by Oregon City. Oregon City Parks and Recreation will support the project through staff time and financial support. The Oregon City Budget Committee has included \$490,000 in the 2019-21 budget for investments in this park. The \$50,000 from the Community Enhancement Fund will leverage these funds.

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

The OC Park Department will manage the construction of the project. They are responsible for management of all park maintenance and construction of parks in Oregon City. Previous OC Enhancement grant requests have been managed successfully, in partnership with the city.

Some of last year's OC Enhancement funds for Latourette Park will be expended during this budget cycle. The construction drawings for the project will be finalized by June 2019. The award of NIKE funds happened in April 2019. The site preparation, ADA ramp construction, basketball court resurfacing and nature play element purchase and installation will be completed during 2019-2020

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

Fall 2019 –

- Groundbreaking – construction begins
- Basketball court design – community engagement

Fall/Winter 2019-20–

- Park Construction

Spring 2020–

- Basketball court design implemented
- Community involvement in Pollinator garden
- Construction complete
- Community event to celebrate park revitalization

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.

Success will be measured by the installation of the nature play features, natural elements (pollinator garden) and the basketball court. Increased usage of the park and the creation of a place where neighbors will gather on a regular basis.

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 (\$)
Latourette Core Team fundraising	Community fundraising	\$500
Nature Play elements	Meet me at the Park Grant	\$30,000
Community Kiosk	National Realtors Association Placemaking Grant	\$2,000
Volunteer Labor for pollinator garden install & site cleanup	Latourette Core Team	\$1,448

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

Awards supports past Community Enhancement Applications

\$20,000 – NIKE Community Impact (Awarded)

\$1,000 – Providence Health (Awarded)

\$1,000 – Portland Garden Club (Awarded)

Awards supporting current grant application

\$2,000 – National Realtors Association – Placemaking grant (Awarded)

\$33,000 – Meet me at the Park (Pending)

\$490,000 – Oregon City Parks and Recreation Maintenance budget (Pending OC Commission approval in June)

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

18. Will the administrator be a paid position? Yes _____ No X

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)				
Project Administration costs (clerical, advertising, graphics, printing, postage)			\$250	\$250
Materials	\$50,000 – nature play equipment & landscape materials	\$90,719		\$140,719
Equipment/Supplies				
Construction Costs		\$24,500	\$1,448	\$25,948
Event Costs			\$300	\$300
Transportation Costs				
Insurance Costs (if needed)				
Additional Costs (List)				
Totals				\$167,217 ✓



OREGON CITY

Community Services Department

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May 15, 2019

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

Board Members:

I am delighted to offer the City of Oregon City Community Services Department's strong commitment to the Latourette Park Core Team in the Community Enhancement Grant application. The Latourette Park project is the epitome of building community through collaboration and partnerships. Members of the community formed the Latourette Park Core Team when local Girl Scout Troop 45064 noticed a void for recreational opportunities in the neighborhood at the dilapidated park. Latourette Park has seen minimal investment for decades and does not meet the current needs of our community.

The Latourette Park Core Team has built an impressive coalition of partners to complete the much needed work at Latourette Park. Project partners include Oregon City Parks, National Parks Service, Depave, Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences and McLoughlin Neighborhood Association. The benefit of this grant will be to turn an asphalt slab into a natural play area and turn an underutilized park into a revitalized community asset.

We are excited for future opportunities at Latourette Park and are amazed by the continued energy and commitment of the Core Team to achieve our goals of creating an engaging community space for all citizens.

Warmest Regards,

Phil Lewis, CPRP | Director
City of Oregon City Community Services



Come see the designs for
the Latourette Park
improvements during the
Native Plant sale at
Latourette Park

May 11th (11 AM- 3 PM)



Nature play area and fun basketball court !!!!



