**Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant**

**Independence Downtown Association**

The Independence Downtown Association, with the support of the City of Independence, is soliciting project proposals for the “2022 Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant”.

**Deadline to Apply: Feb 16, 2022**

If Awarded, the project must be completed by April 30, 2025

Full Grant Overview: <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Documents/OMSRGrantGuidelines_2022.pdf>

**The purpose of the program is to:**

* Acquire, rehabilitate, or construct buildings on properties in designated downtown areas statewide; and
* Facilitate community revitalization that will lead to private investment, job creation or retention, establishing or expanding viable businesses, or creating a stronger tax base.

**IDA’s Desired Project Characteristics:**

* Minimum total project cost of $100,000
* Prioritized: Rehabilitation of Existing Structure within the Independence Downtown Overlay
* Projects that will directly lead to new businesses, commercial opportunities, or investments happening downtown. Preference given to projects that have a wider impact throughout the downtown.
* Projects where the grant will represent a significant portion of the project cost and/or the project could not proceed without grant funds.
* Projects that are in a state of readiness or can quickly proceed to construction once the grant is awarded.

**Notable Criteria:**

* Matching funds of at least 30% of the award are required. The match must be in the form of cash.
* The project site must be within the City of Independence’s Downtown Overlay zone.
* If applicant is not the owner, a letter signed by the owner authorizing the application is required. If awarded, the property owner will be required to sign a grant agreement with IDA.

**Types of projects that can be funded:**

* Rehabilitation/Restoration of properties. This can include, but is not limited to:
	+ Façade improvements (front, rear, side)
	+ Interior rehabilitation
	+ Structural repairs/improvements
	+ Code compliance
	+ Energy efficiency (window repair, insulation, awnings, etc.)
	+ Single specific phase of a large rehab. The project must have a specific defined focus and clearly identifiable scope of work including start/end dates and milestones for completion.
* Compatible new construction including building additions and new buildings with first floor commercial space and upper floor(s) commercial or residential space.
* Rehabilitation/Restoration of multiple properties committed to a mutually agreed upon improvement. This may include, but is not limited to:
	+ Improvements to the facades (front or rear) of a highly visible group or block of buildings
	+ Installation of an elevator and common hallway linking several buildings
	+ Handicapped accessibility improvements serving multiple buildings/storefronts like a common ramp or lift
	+ Fire sprinkling of multiple properties with a central master control room
	+ Energy efficiency/sustainability upgrades like green roofs for multiple buildings, geo-thermal well fields, etc.
	+ Upper floor rehabilitation of a number of spaces for residential uses.

**To Apply:**

Please forward the following information to Grant solicitation, IDA, 154 S Main Street, Independence, OR 97351

Project Contact

* Applicant or Organization Name
* Project Contact
* Contact Phone
* Contact Email

Project Details

* Project title – make a clear, short project title
* Brief Project Description – please keep this brief and specific. State what the project is, not why it is important.
* Proposed Project start date
* Proposed Project end date
* Site name – if the building has a name, or enter NA
* Site address

Financial Information/Budget

* Requested amount
* Match amount
* Total project cost
* Project budget with appropriate categories or line items (ie: Labor, Materials, Equipment, or Foundation, Framing, Windows, etc.)

Community Need & Project Value

* Describe the value of this Project for Community Revitalization – Describe how this project will enhance community revitalization. Include projected business, employment, and quality of life improvements both through the project completion and following completion. Describe how grant funding would help the project move forward, or what would happen if the grant is not awarded.