



**PORT GRANT FUND
DISCUSSION #1**

AGENDA

- FY 2024-25 Grant Fund
- FY 2024-2029 SBP
Objective F and O
- Currently anticipated
applications for FY
2024-25
- Grant Program Priorities
& Eligibility Criteria
Discussion
- Establish Grants
Committee

FY 2024-25 GRANT FUND

In its FY 2024-25 Budget, the Commission established a Port Funded Grants line item of \$260,000.

\$110,000 of that is already committed to the City of Cascade Locks via an I.G.A to provide local match for the EDA grant funded electrical system upgrade.

\$150,000 remains to be awarded in the next fiscal year.

FY 2024-25 OBJECTIVES F AND O

GOAL 2, OBJECTIVE F

- OBJECTIVE F calls for the continued and expanded collaboration with local businesses and tenants to support business expansion. This objective specifically calls out the need to support the development of a Chamber of Commerce or similar entity and also the completion of a business retention and expansion survey.

GOAL 4, OBJECTIVE O

- OBJECTIVE O calls for implementation of a formal application and project reporting process for the Port-funded grant program.



CURRENTLY ANTICIPATED FY 2024-25 APPLICANTS

- Cascade Locks Historical Museum
- Hood River Energy Council
- NW Trail Alliance
- Cascade Locks Fire & EMS
- Landmass Wines
- Community Events



GRANT PROGRAM PRIORITIES & CRITERIA DISCUSSION



QUESTION #1:

Does the Commission want to set a maximum and minimum grant award amount?



QUESTION #2:

Does the Commission wish to restrict eligibility based on project readiness or life-stage?

- Planning and program development?
- General operating expenses?
- First dollar in? Last dollar in?



QUESTION #3:

Does the Commission wish to limit multi-year funding for the same project? If so, what should be the limit?

- Follow up question - Could the same entity submit for multiple projects over the course of multiple years?



QUESTION #4:

Does the Commission wish to limit eligibility by applicant tax status? (non-profit, for profit, government, etc.?)



QUESTION #5 (AND #7):

Does the Commission wish to put other limits on grant eligibility for this fiscal year?

Such as:

- Location within Port District (this may be a legal requirement).
- Specific focus area or activity type

Are there any types of projects or programs the Commission wishes to make ineligible this year?



QUESTION #6:

The Commission should set grant program priorities and focus areas as part of its annual planning process each year. For this year, which types of projects would the Commission like to favor as high priority?



GRANTS COMMITTEE:

Staff recommends the Commission now discuss the process by which applications will be evaluated and how award recommendations will be made.

One way to address this is the formation of a grants committee. Staff has provided a draft committee charge for Commission review and discussion.



THANK YOU!