

CITY OF LA GRANDE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING and PUBLIC NOTICE
2020 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon

The City of La Grande is eligible to apply for a 2020 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Approximately \$12 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2020. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive for Emergency Small Business and Micro-Enterprise Assistance is \$150,000. The maximum award for Microenterprise Assistance and Training is \$100,000.

The City of La Grande may prepare an application for a 2020 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon for Microenterprise Assistance and Training in Union, Wallowa and Baker counties which would consist of classroom training for micro entrepreneurs. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least forty persons, of whom 51% will be low or moderate income.

The City of La Grande is also preparing an application for a 2020 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon for Emergency Small Business and Micro-Enterprise Assistance Grant Program in Union, County which would consist of grant to qualifying microentrepreneurs and small businesses who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 15 persons, of whom 100% will be low or moderate income.

The City Council of the City of La Grande will hold two Special Sessions on Monday, May 18, 2020, and Tuesday, May 19, 2020, both Special Sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m., via electronic communications due to Executive Order 20-16. The purpose of the Special Session on May 18 is to conduct a Public Hearing for the City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project. The Public Hearing will be available for viewing via the City's scheduled Charter Communications channel 180 beginning at 6:00 p.m. on May 18, 2020, on the La Grande Alive website at <https://lagrandealive.tv/city-events/> or on the Eastern Oregon Alive.TV Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/EasternOregonAliveTV>.

The only purpose of the second Special Session on May 19 is for the City Council to approve the minutes of the May 18 Special Session and will be available for viewing on the City of La Grande City Manager's Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/CityofLaGrande beginning at 6:00 p.m. on May 19, 2020.

Written comments are welcome and must be received by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020. The written comments will be read during the public comment section of the Public Hearing on Monday, May 18, 2020,. Written comments will be considered by the City Council in deciding whether to apply. Please email public comments to rstrope@cityoflagrande.org, or mail them to PO Box 670, Attention City Manager, La Grande, OR 97850

Persons with disabilities can contact the Assistant to the City Manager at 541-962-1309 if you need any special accommodations to provide comments.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the City's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available by contacting the City Manager's Office at 541-962-1309.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing which is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.