



Grant Application Request

Date: December 22, 2023

1. Name of Grant: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC).
2. Deschutes County contact: Erik Kropp
3. Funding Agency: OR Office of Emergency Management (OEM) from FEMA
4. Grant Amount: \$6.2 million
5. Does the grant require matching funds? Yes No

If yes, how much are the required matching funds and what funds does the department plan to use for matching funds? The required matching funds is 10% of the grant amount or \$620,000 that will be provided by a private party, there will be no fiscal obligation for Deschutes County.

6. Grant duration: Three years, likely to begin in summer of 2025.
7. Grant application deadline: January 26, 2024
8. Grant description: Building fire suppression storage and systems around High Desert and Warm Springs Museum
9. Requested budget (please provide additional line item details under the broad categories listed below):

	Amount Requested
Personnel Services	
Materials and Services	\$6.2 million
Capital	
Total	\$6.2 million

10. If the grant request includes FTEs, please fill out the table below. None

Position Title	Limited duration or regular position?	FTEs	Notes

11. Other information: The BRIC Grant is for \$6.2 million that would build a water storage and fire suppression systems that would surround the entire campuses at the High Desert and Warm Springs Museum to prevent the evacuation from wildland fire of irreplaceable museum articles and over 150 animals, some of which are threatened and endangered. Given the requirements of eminent evacuation, removal of these items would be impossible. There is a match requirement of 10% (\$620,000), which will be provided by a private party with no fiscal impact on Deschutes County. There is a 5% administrative allowance (\$310,000) that would be provided to Deschutes County for grant administration and being the fiduciary of the grant. Grant administration will be provided by Oregon Living With Fire (OLWF) Co-Coordinator. To date OLWF Co-Coordinator have been working with Oregon Office of Emergency Services (OEM) to determine eligibility and that was approved in November of 2023. The process at this point involves sending a preliminary application to OEM by January 26, 2024. At that point, OEM decides which applications from Oregon are offered to FEMA nationally for consideration.

The previous BRIC application for the High Desert Museum was rejected during the review process by FEMA. After consultation with OR OEM, adjustments to verbiage will be made in the proposed grant application. Additionally, during these discussions a suggestion to add Warm Springs Museum was considered and will be added to the BRIC application for 2024. The recommendation to add Warm Springs significantly enhances the chances of selection because of the direct Tribal affiliation and is supported by Warm Springs and the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners. Both Warm Springs and High Desert Museum have capacity to solicit and administer contracts for these services relieving Deschutes County of these duties. Deschutes County would provide grant administration with the Co-Coordinator from OLWF.