



Oregon City
Preservation
Grant Program

Community Support

Thank you for allowing us to participate in the wonderful Oregon City Historical Grant Program.

Repairing our old growth wood windows rather than using replacements will keep them as originals for decades to come.

Using our local craftsmen will help keep skills and jobs in our historical community, where they are needed and will be needed in the future.

Lovely program, someone is thinking of the future.

Sincerely,

Mrs W. Hutton- Oregon City

I know we would not have been able to preserve the swing-out bedroom windows without the grant. This grant money not only helped us preserve the windows but it also allowed us to restore the integrity of our house. We were able to remove a sliding glass door that was not energy efficient nor was it from the time period of the house. Both of these constructions also has helped with conserving much energy - the house is warmer in the winter, cooler in the summer and much more quiet - all windows now have double panes.

Without the grant we would not have been able to get the changes needed to keep the integrity and save energy as well.

The most important part of this process was finding our very a reliable local contractor - he is an expert in historical homes and works very hard at keeping the integrity of the home. He is a real true artistic craftsman - this is a dying art in today's contractors - it is difficult to find craftsman who work with historical homes.

Without the grant we would not have been able to get the work done on this beautiful home - we are currently having 2 more windows restored because they are dry-rotted and the weights are broken. We could not wait to reapply for another grant - these had to be done before they fell out of their sill.

Thank you.

Kathleen McKenzie- Oregon City

Oregon City has demonstrated outstanding leadership recently in efforts to protect the fabric of their community, its heritage, environment, and livability. Their initiative to restore wood windows protects the historic character of the city's buildings (since windows are an integral part of a building's architecture), results in improved energy efficiency (often equaling that of new windows), and supports high quality, living wage jobs. It's a Win-Win-Win proposition!

Peggy Moretti

Executive Director- Historic Preservation League of Oregon

I am a former grant recipient and was so happy to receive it. I used the money to repair the windows on my circa 1888 home. The sash cords had broken in most of the windows and I had to use boards to prop them up. The grant money enabled me to repair the wooden windows rather than replacing them, one or two at a time, with vinyl. While my home is not a nationally historic home, it is in the local historic district and keeping the original windows helps retain the authenticity (my word), attractiveness, and thus the market value, as well as the atmosphere of the local historic district. There was little (just the old cords) to recycle, helping to keep old windows out of the landfill, and I was able to hire a local company to make the repairs which also contributed to the local economy.

We have many old homes in this area that are historically and culturally important. I feel we really need to keep them historically accurate. I sincerely hope you make the grant money available to Oregon City again this year.

Sincerely,
Mary Stivers

People come to Oregon City because of its purity in historic neighborhoods. This has been accomplished by having guidelines that are consistent throughout the designated neighborhoods. As citizens try to meet the standards, i.e. windows, it is most beneficial to have incentives so they can see that, yes we have imposed some criteria, but we also have given you access to funds or research to expedite the process.

Brian Shaw- Oregon City

The foundation of Oregon City's Preservation program is its historic resources. The remaining resources within our city tell the story of how we were, who we are now and what we will be in the future. The grant funding to support to the stewards of these resources helps in the following ways:

- ❖ Gives property owners the ability to rehabilitate their home in a historically accurate manner;
- ❖ Helps retain the historic significance of these resources;
- ❖ Add value to the home, the neighborhood and the city;
- ❖ Increases employment opportunities for local craftspeople and builders;
- ❖ Rehab dollars stay within the community;
- ❖ Promotes recycling and the reduction of solid waste- the greenest building is the one that is already here;
- ❖ Enhances the value of our historic cultural resources; and
- ❖ Provides a needed incentive to property/homeowners of historic resources.

The preservation grant was instrumental in allowing me to correct a non-histpic and incompatible alternation that had occurred to my house in the 1970's. Without the assistance of the matching grant, I would not have been able to undertaken the rehabilitation project. The program provided me with an incentive to get the work done. I used a local Oregon City crafts person to complete the work. My 99 year old house will be around for another 99 years due in part to the matching grant. I feel very strongly about being a good steward to my historic landmark. Thank you in advance for supporting this very important preservation incentive. It makes a difference.

Denyse McGriff- Oregon City