

CLASSIFIED/BIDS Black Community Relief

REQUEST FOR BIDS

MWH CONSTRUCTORS PORTLAND WATER BUREAU'S CORROSION CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Bids due 2:00 pm, 9/25/20

MWH Constructors is soliciting subcontractors, **via the price-based selection method**, for the following bid packages: S-10 Tensile Membrane Structure; S-15A Instrumentation and Controls; S-17 Process Piping; S-18 Horizontal Directional Drilling; and S-23 Fire Protection. If interested, please contact Ben McGeachy at ben.mcgeachy@mwhconstructors.com

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SUB BIDS REQUESTED

OJD – Supreme Court Building Interior Modernization Salem, OR Bid Package: #1 All Work

Pre-Bid Meeting: September 3rd, 9:00am
Bids Due: September 22nd, 2:00pm
Bid Documents: www.hoffmancorp.com/trade-partners/



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2020-10 Invitation to Bid for Drive Train Parts

Bid Date: September 21, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. on Monday

Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area (dba C-TRAN) has issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Drive Train Parts. This ITB may be found at <https://www.c-tran.com/about-c-tran/business/procurement/bid-and-proposal-opportunities>. Bids will be accepted until **11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020.**

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and The Black United Fund.

Individuals and families will be eligible for cash grants of \$1,000 to \$3,000 with higher amounts going to for Black businesses and Black-led nonprofits, officials said.

Applicants must demonstrate economic harm caused by the pandemic and prove residency in the state. Due to the expected high volume, it will take a few weeks after submission for applicants to receive funding notifications. The monies will be disbursed in three application periods with the final allocation finished by Dec. 30, official said.

"This is a historic first step to address the disparities facing Black Oregonians in the face of COVID-19," says Rep. Akasha Lawrence Spence (D-Portland) and member of the Council of Trust. "Oregon has underinvested in its Black citizens for far too long. From this moment forward, our state must commit to continued investment in the health and economic well-being of our communities throughout this pandemic, in the recovery efforts, and for as long as it takes to finally close the inequities that have crippled Black Oregonians for generations."

Even before COVID-19, twice

as many Black Oregonians were living in poverty than white Oregonians. The global pandemic has widened and exacerbated the longstanding inequities that existed before the virus, hitting Black Americans harder than whites in terms of job and wage loss, the amount of financial reserves on hand and the ability to pay monthly bills. According to state data, in the past two months approximately four times as many Black Oregonians have contracted COVID-19 than white Oregonians.

"This is a wonderful, deserved, and appropriate step to address the harm caused by COVID-19 on the Black community," says Sharon Gary-Smith, former executive director of the MRG Foundation and member of the Council of Trust. "Black Oregonians have had monumental losses in spirit, hope, community, and resources due to centuries of racial injustice and discrimination."

The Black business community is less likely to have access to loans and traditional capital and has also received proportionally less COVID-19 federal aid.

Nationally, twice as many Black-owned businesses have closed since the start of the pandemic compared to small businesses overall -- 41% compared to 22%,

according to data from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

In one survey of 500 Black and Latinx business owners, done by Color of Change, only 8% of Black small businesses received the full federal assistance they requested.

Despite a traditional lack of investment from banks, Black Oregonians are becoming entrepreneurs in ever-increasing numbers. The number of Black-owned businesses still grew by 25% in Oregon from 2007 to 2012, according to the Small Business Administration.

"Especially right now, Black business leaders face an uphill battle. But we know with targeted investment, this community has incredible resiliency and creativity. This relief fund will help Black businesses weather the economic storm caused by the virus," said Stephen Green, entrepreneur and member of the Council of Trust.

Officials said the Oregon Cares Fund highlights the strength of a diverse leadership coalition aligned on behalf of the Black community's interests. This investment was championed in the legislature by Rep. Akasha Lawrence Spence and Rep. Janelle Bynum, Black leaders across the state, and thousands of Oregon constituents.

For more information or to apply, visit theoregoncaresfund.org.

Cases Drop, but Not Enough

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ues to be a significant threat in our communities, and we're not close to keeping the infection rate at a level we'd need to reopen schools across Oregon," Sidelinger said.

In June, Gov. Brown issued an executive order that allowed in-person learning at public and private K-12 schools only if it they met guidance issued by the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education.

One of the guidelines requires

both a statewide and a county-wide testing positivity rate of 5% or less, as well as 10 or fewer new cases for every 100,000 people in the county where the school is located.

At the current case rate, Brown said schools would not be able to return for in-person learning until April.

In order to speed up the return of students to schools, Brown said residents will have to strictly follow current statewide mask mandates and gathering limitations.

If cases do not continue to decrease and "at a rapid rate," Brown said she will have to consider closing bars and restaurants and implementing travel restrictions, which would include people traveling to Oregon from out of state quarantining for two weeks.

Brown said she has been reluctant to order more businesses to close because of the economic impact. More than 500,000 people in Oregon have filed unemployment claims since the start of the pandemic.

Homeschool Month at Oregon Garden

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of Salem, the Oregon Garden announced September as Home-school Month sponsored by the

Oregon Forest Resource Institute.

Students and families who visit the garden during the month will receive a packet of educational activities that they can complete while in the garden or at home. This allows students and families to visit on any day that works with their schedule and stay socially distant from other people in the garden.

Pre-registration is not required. The Oregon Garden is open daily from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit

OregonGarden.org or call 503-874-8100 for more information.



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