

Upgrades to be made to Pride Plaza



Pride Plaza on SW Harvey Milk St.

American Rescue Plan grants \$1.2 Million to Portland Oregon for redevelopment

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo announced that the Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding a \$1.2 million grant to the city of Portland, Oregon, to support the recovery of the tourism sector through recreational structure improvements and beautification. This grant is funded by the American Rescue Plan. Congressman Earl Blumenauer and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici announced that the grant will be used for the redevelopment of Pride Plaza.

"I deeply appreciate the Biden Administration's support for the redevelopment of SW Portland's Pride Plaza. This project is a win for making Portland safer and more livable for people living and working downtown, as well as visitors," said Congressman Blumenauer. "It will also support small businesses which are still recovering from the pandemic. This grant ties the pieces together to accelerate downtown's revitalization."

The funding will support upgrades to a significant anchor for pedestrian travel through downtown and used to support construction of a new, 32,000 square foot park. These improvements, at the junction of SW Harvey Milk Street and West Burnside, between SW 12th Avenue and SW 10th Avenue, are the first stage of the larger plan to redevelop O'Bryant Square and the surrounding area.

"I am grateful that Pride Plaza will receive this significant funding from the Biden-Harris Administration to revitalize a central meeting spot in Portland," said Congresswoman Bonamici. "This investment will help create a more welcoming space for the people of Portland and others who visit the area. I look forward to the project's completion and will continue advocating for the resources our community needs to help our city and its people and businesses thrive."

The area is part of the developing Green Loop which is a 6-mile pedestrian corridor connecting people throughout the heart of the city. The City of Portland and its partners have designed Pride Plaza as an LGBTQ+ friendly neighborhood gathering space with street art, public seating, community activities, and expanded space for businesses into the street.

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