

# Spring Parks Clean-Up seeks volunteers

Volunteers are welcomed to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather while also helping the community.

On May 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council (CFWWC), in partnership

with the City of Cottage Grove, is hosting a Spring Parks Clean-Up Event at all of the parks throughout Cottage Grove.

CFWWC will provide garbage bags, gloves, and take care of disposing the

garbage.

To ensure work is done at all the parks and the planning can be done to properly social distance, volunteers should register for the event by emailing Amanda Gilbert, CFWWC

Executive Director, at coordinator@coastfork.org or by calling 541-767-9717.

Additional details can be found at www.coastfork.org or on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/coastfork.

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at \$1,000, meaning applications requesting less will not be accepted.

Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023.

Eligible uses include expenses such as business payroll costs, rent payments, utility payments, maintenance and construction of outdoor seating, among others.

According to the SBA guidelines, eligible businesses include:

- Restaurants
- Food stands, food trucks, food carts
- Caterers
- Bars, saloons, lounges, taverns
- Snack and nonalcoholic beverage bars
- Bakeries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Brewpubs, tasting rooms, taprooms (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Breweries and/or microbreweries (onsite sales

to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)

• Wineries and distilleries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)

• Inns (onsite sales of food and beverage to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)

• Licensed facilities or premises of a beverage alcohol producer where the public may taste, sample, or purchase products

Burris, who is also the director of the educational nonprofit Oregon Institute for A Better Way, recently founded her organization called Community System Navigators in order to help businesses work through this process.

Burris' background is in grant writing and business strategy in the agriculture sector, but she said she felt compelled to become involved in the RRF program following her experience with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act last year.

"Oregon was an excellent example during the pandemic," she said.

"When food security was a struggle and a problem, there was barely a hiccup from farm to consumer."

Burris hopes to similarly grease the skids in the current program and has noticed that restaurant owners' hesitancy to engage a complicated process might be one hindrance.

"My goal is to get ... every one of them to register and attempt to apply," she said.

The SBA states that there are currently three ways to apply for the RRF: through a recognized SBA Restaurant Partner; through SBA directly at restaurants.sba.gov; or by phone at 844-279-8898.

More information can be found at www.sba.gov/restaurants or www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options/restaurant-revitalization-fund.



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