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## *Mosier LGGP Grant Application*

### Project Information

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**Project Name:** Jacob's Skatepark

**Brief Project Description (225 char.):** Jacob's Skatepark project will construct a 7,000 square-foot skatepark in the City of Mosier, along Columbia River Highway 30. The project is a collaborative effort with the city and Main Street Mosier.

**Project Start Date:** Fall 2025 (Construction Start)

**Project End Date:** December 2026

**Site Name:** Mosier/UPRR Hwy 30 Acquisition Property

**Site City:** Mosier

**Site County:** Wasco

**Site Description:** The site is on property donated by Union Pacific Railroad to the City of Mosier. The location is on the north side of the historic Highway 30, in downtown Mosier. The site is west of the Mosier Creek bridge and northeast of Idaho Street. The location is east of a parcel planned for construction of new city facilities.

**Site Acreage:** 10,000 sq. ft.

**Latitude:** (Site Identified and Latitude automatically calculated on the application form.)

**Longitude:** (Site Identified and Longitude automatically calculated on the application form.)

## Financial Information

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**Requested Amount: \$552,000**

**Match Amount: \$144,000**

**Total Project Cost: \$696,000**

## Contact Information

**Applicant:** City of Mosier

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## Supplemental Information

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### **A. PROJECT NARRATIVE (Please limit each answer to 400 words or less.)**

- 1. Describe all elements of the project. What will this project do? What property will be acquired? What new facilities will be constructed? What existing facilities will be renovated or removed? Describe present development on the site and how the proposed project fits in with current and future development.**

Jacob's Skatepark provides vibrant outdoor activity within Mosier city limits, by constructing a recreation area that is easily accessed and shared by youth and families of all diversities. The skatepark meets both economic and social needs of the city. This park is also a memorial to Jacob Rogers, the son of Mosier's former mayor, Adrea Rogers (Jacob was a skater.)

The project constructs a 7,000 square-foot skatepark on a 10,000 square-foot site in downtown Mosier. The property is on the north side of the historic Columbia River Highway 30 in downtown Mosier. The site has views of Mosier Creek, the Mosier Syncline and the Columbia River. There is currently no development on the site, except for temporary city parking (unpaved.) The site is bordered on the north by Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). The site is bordered on the east by Mosier Creek. A buffer between the skatepark and the creek

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provides creek protection. Existing temporary parking is relocated along other parcels of the donated UPRR property. ADA parking and access to the park will be provided.

Jacob's Skatepark enhances the vitality of new planned city facilities, west of the skatepark site. The skatepark provides access to the natural amenities on the east side of the site. The property was donated to the City of Mosier by Union Pacific Railroad so no additional property will be acquired by the city. There are no built facilities to be "renovated or removed". Some dead non-native trees will be removed from the "brownfield" (previously a railroad yard) and replaced with new native trees. The site is conveniently located close to the newly constructed public Americans with Disabilities (ADA) restrooms which were constructed for the Bike Hub project, funded by a previous Oregon Parks and Recreation Local Government Grant.

The site identified for Jacob's Skatepark is well suited to recreational development. The skatepark site has long been vacant. The City has achieved a 20-year vision to acquire the UPRR property, identified by the City of Mosier in their strategic plan, downtown development plan, and other planning efforts. Now that the site is owned by the City, this project is the fulfillment of a long-awaited central recreation and community core. It is the city's priority to create a future home for recreational facilities to accommodate tourists and grow Mosier-centered participation in outdoor passive and active recreation.

## **2. Why is this project a priority? What needs will be met by this project?**

The City of Mosier currently lacks recreation opportunities within the city limits. The city also lacks gathering space for families. Regional recreation includes wind sports and mountain sports but both require expensive equipment or prohibitive transportation challenges for those who live in town. Additionally, Mosier has a large influx of visitors and migrant agricultural workers in the summer months. The Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area ranks among many of the nation's most visited public lands. This increases the need for outside space for families within town. Businesses in Mosier are dependent on the influx of outside populations in the summer, in order to financially survive the winter months.

### **Priorities / Needs:**

- Provide affordable recreation opportunities for all residents and visitors to Mosier, including students from the Mosier Community School.
- Provide outside gathering places for residents, visitors and students.
- Support local businesses in Mosier, by providing a gathering place that is close (walking distance) to the market, the coffee shop, the food carts, and the restaurant.

### **The skatepark will meet these priorities and needs in the following ways:**

- The skatepark site is open and free to all residents and visitors.
- The skatepark promotes an active recreational / athletic environment.

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- The skatepark promotes positive mental health by serving as a space for youth to relieve stress, build confidence and make social connections in a community setting.
- The skatepark provides the benefits of active outdoor recreation, not only for skaters, but for all “wheel-sports,” including rollerblades, scooters and wheelchairs.
- The skatepark is within walking distance to the Mosier Community School.
- The site is within walking distance of Randonee, The Wagon Social Club, La Vaquita, Brenna’s Mosier Market, and Mosier Company. Outside gathering space for families helps sustain these downtown businesses.

### **3. Who will do the project work? Who will provide project supervision?**

Dreamland Skateparks, LLC was selected as a design /construction contractor through a competitive process and with significant input from the community. Dreamland has completed a conceptual design (working with the community) and are currently working on design development and construction documents.

Main Street Mosier (MSM) volunteers are managing the design / construction process for the City of Mosier. The city has limited staff and MSM has experienced project managers. MSM staff are providing contract review/management and will provide construction management. MSM staff will be involved in managing the grant, in conjunction with City of Mosier staff.

### **4. Who and how many people will benefit from this project?**

The following people will benefit from this project:

- The City of Mosier's residents
- The greater Mosier area's rural community
- Local businesses - within walking distance of the site
- Students at the Mosier Community School
- The seasonal agricultural workers - (primarily part of the Hispanic community)
- Thousands of visitors to the region

Visitors to the Columbia River Gorge often stop at the towns with skateparks, on both sides of the river, as they travel. Jacob's Skatepark will become part of this circuit. This not only benefits skaters, but benefits the businesses in towns throughout the Gorge.

### **5. What is the population of the applicant City, County or Service Provider:**

City of Mosier: 450

The greater Mosier rural community: 2,500

Hispanic Seasonal Residents: Hundreds

Mosier Community School: 167

#### **B. CONSISTENCY with STATEWIDE PRIORITIES - SCORP Criteria (0-20 points)**

1. Will the project meet needs identified in the Oregon Public Provider Survey, and if so, which needs are addressed? (See Table 11.1, page 152 of the 2025-29 SCORP) If the project does not address any of these needs, enter N/A.

The 2025-2029 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) addresses three general priorities facing outdoor recreation:

- The importance and benefits of recreation to Oregonians and the local economy.
- Balancing conservation with outdoor recreation.
- Engaging with underserved communities in outdoor recreation efforts.

Jacobs Skatepark addresses all of the general SCORP priorities:

- Jacob's Skatepark provides active outdoor recreation within walking distance of city businesses. It also provides a place for resident families (of all ages) to gather with children, within walking distance to the Mosier Community School.
  - The skatepark provides the benefits of recreation, not only for skaters, but for all "wheel-sports," including rollerblades, scooters and wheelchairs.
  - The skatepark promotes positive mental health by serving as a space for youth to relieve stress, build confidence and make social connections in a community setting.
- Jacob's Skatepark is adjacent to Mosier Creek and provides a buffer to protect this natural area.
- Underserved communities are engaged in outdoor recreation:
  - Mosier's seasonal agricultural community (primarily Hispanic /Latinx) are provided with a free recreation area for all members of the family to enjoy.
  - Mosier's low-income community have access to a free space to recreate and socialize.

Jacob's Skatepark provides the following amenities to address priorities (per Table 11.1 Statewide Priorities - Oregon Provider Survey pg. 152):

- Accessibility and opportunities for people with disabilities: ADA parking is provided, with access to the skatepark.
- Children's playgrounds and family-friendly areas:

One of Mosier's most important priorities is to embrace the SCORP goal of providing the outdoor recreation needs of families with children. Jacob's Skatepark meets this goal by

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providing outdoor recreation that is not only close to the school and neighborhoods, but also the library, church, post office, market, and four food-service providers.

This project fills a need in our community to bring families together in a place that facilitates healthy physical activity and multi-generational learning. The skatepark allows parents, grandparents and children to play, observe nature and wildlife, and visit with family on a daily basis.

Agricultural workers are employed near Mosier (cherry and apple orchards, and vineyards) and come to Mosier daily to eat and shop for groceries. Jacob's Skatepark project will provide the Hispanic/Latinx population of the Mosier Valley with priorities outlined in the SCORP.

- Outdoor sports courts: The skatepark provides 7,000 sq. ft. of paved recreation space on a 10,000 sq. ft. site.

Will the project meet needs identified in the Oregon Resident Survey, and if so, which needs are addressed? (See Table 11.2, page 152 of the 2025-29 SCORP) If the project does not address any of these needs, enter N/A.

Jacobs Skatepark provides the following amenities to address priorities (Table 11.2 Statewide Priorities -Oregon Resident Outdoor Survey, pg. 152):

- Free-of-charge recreation opportunities - open to all!
- Nature and wildlife viewing areas - views of Mosier Creek, the Mosier Syncline and the Columbia River.
- Accessibility and opportunities for people with disabilities - ADA parking is provided, with access to the skatepark.

The following priorities already exist in the vicinity of the project:

- Restrooms - recently constructed for the Mosier Bike Hub, within walking distance.
- Directional signs about trails - Mosier Plateau Trail.
- Natural /dirt or other soft surface walking trails - Mosier Plateau Trail

### C. DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION PRIORITIES - SCORP Criteria (0-10 points)

The 2025–2029 SCORP report builds on previous Oregon SCORP reports by evaluating specific differences in recreation behaviors, priorities, motivations, and constraints for underserved populations. The report has highlighted that key differences in recreation behaviors for underserved groups are likely explained by differences in constraints to recreation rather than different motivations or activity preferences. Therefore, the intent of this criteria is to award points to applicants who demonstrate a strong commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion by lowering barriers to outdoor recreation. This commitment can be shown by addressing AT LEAST ONE of the following categories (1-4). To what extent does the project address ONE or MORE of the following four Statewide Issues identified in the 2025-2029 SCORP?

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**1. Outdoor Recreation Needs of The Low- Income Population - Will the project satisfy the outdoor recreation needs of low-income residents, and if so, what needs are addressed? (See Table 11.3, page 153 of the 2025-29 SCORP) If the project does not address any of these needs, enter N/A.**

Mosier has over 80 low-income families and is central to a large agricultural valley, where farm laborers live and work. Additionally, Mosier Community School (MCS) has low-income students who use the skatepark:

- MCS is a Title I school - it receives Federal funds to help students from low-income families.
  - 39% of MCS students are identified as "experiencing poverty" under the State of Oregon.
- 46% of MCS students qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch program under that State of Oregon (income based)

The skatepark's central location addresses these SCORP priorities (Table 11.3, page 153):

- Free-of-charge recreation opportunities
- Children's playgrounds and family-friendly areas (see narrative in section B.1)
- Nature and wildlife viewing with views of the Columbia River, Mosier Creek, and the Mosier Syncline.
- Outdoor sports (youth and adults) - 7,000 square feet of recreation area.
- Accessibility and opportunities for people with disabilities - ADA parking with access to the skatepark.

Directional signage to the Mosier Plateau trail is near the new skatepark. Also near the new skatepark are recently constructed ADA restrooms.

**2. Outdoor Recreation Needs of Underserved Racial/Ethnic Communities - Will the project satisfy one or more of the outdoor recreation needs of underserved racial/ethnic communities, and if so, what needs are addressed? (See Tables 11.4 -11.7, pages 153-155 of the 2025-29 SCORP) If the project does not address any of these needs, enter N/A.**

Many agricultural workers are employed near Mosier (cherry and apple orchards, and vineyards) and come to the City of Mosier daily to eat lunch, during harvest, and shop for their lunch and groceries at Brenna's Mosier Market. Most of the agricultural workers are Hispanic/Latinx. Some agricultural workers are migrants and some live locally. Currently, farm workers use the small park facilities available to them at Totem Plaza. But, this area does not provide a recreational opportunity.

Additionally, the Mosier Community School (MCS) students, who use the skatepark, have a diverse population. 49% of the MCS population are students of color (39% identify as Hispanic/Latino).

Jacob's Skatepark provides the Hispanic/Latinx population of the Mosier Valley with priorities listed in Table 11.7 (page 155):

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- Free-of-charge recreation opportunities
- Children's playgrounds and family-friendly areas (See narrative in section B.1)
- Nature and wildlife viewing with views of the Columbia River, Mosier Creek, and the Mosier Syncline.
- Outdoor sports (youth and adults)
- Accessibility and opportunities for people with disabilities - ADA parking with access to the skatepark.

Directional signage to the Mosier Plateau trail is near the new skatepark. Also near the new skatepark are recently constructed ADA restrooms.

**3.a) Will the project satisfy one or more of the needs identified for residents over 60 and those living in rural areas? (See Tables 11.8 and 11.9 , pages 155-156 of the 2025-29 SCORP) If the project does not address any of these needs, enter N/A.**

Wasco County has significant populations of both young and old residents. In addition to the description of family-friendly areas (in Section B.1), Jacob's Skatepark addresses issues that are most relevant to an older population. There is a community of retirees in Mosier who spend time with their grandchildren during weekend visits over the school year and longer visits in the summer. These multi-generational families have consistently asked for a central gathering place to picnic, play and convene with young children and extended family. Jacob's Skatepark fills a need in our community to bring families together in a place that facilitates healthy physical activity and multi-generational learning. The skatepark allows parents, grandparents and children to play, observe nature and wildlife, and visit with family on a daily basis.

The project addresses these SCORP identified priorities:

- Free-of-charge recreation opportunities
- Children's playgrounds and family-friendly areas
- Nature and wildlife viewing with views of the Columbia River, Mosier Creek and the Mosier Syncline.
- Outdoor sports (youth and adults)
- Accessibility and opportunities for people with disabilities - ADA parking with access to the skatepark.

Directional signage to the Mosier Plateau trail is near the new skatepark. Also near the skatepark are recently constructed ADA restrooms.



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3.b) Will the project satisfy outdoor recreation needs identified through citizen involvement, such as public workshops, public meetings, or surveys? If the project does not address any of these needs, enter N/A.

There has been significant community involvement during the conceptual design process for the project:

- A public design workshop was held with Dreamland Skateparks at the Mosier Community School on May 17, 2023. This was attended by many students and families.
- A public design workshop was held with Dreamland Skateparks at the Mosier Senior Center on April 6, 2024. This was attended by many skaters from The Dalles and Mosier.
- A presentation was made to the Main Street Mosier (5013C) annual meeting on January 22, 2025. The proposed skatepark conceptual plan was presented to all members of Main Street Mosier.
- A presentation of the conceptual design was made to the Mosier City Council on January 22, 2025. Public comment was invited, received and considered.

**4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategy - Diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies direct organizations to address inequality in the communities they serve; ensure diverse representation in the planning and decision-making process, and promote welcoming environments for all visitors, employees, and volunteers. If your organization has an inclusion strategy or is working towards an inclusion strategy, describe that here. If applicable, describe your organization's diversity, equity, and inclusion strategy as it relates to this proposed project. Upload supporting documentation if applicable.**

Main Street Mosier (5013C) is integral to the initiation and management of Jacob's Skatepark. MSM represents everyone in the community and encourages volunteer involvement by all. MSM has taken the following steps to encourage diversity, equity and inclusion, during conceptual design of the skatepark:

- Public conceptual design workshops made special efforts to inform / invite Hispanic / Latinx families. Bi-lingual flyers were distributed in town. (Attached in the "Other" category)
- Public conceptual design workshops had translators available for any of the Hispanic / Latinx people that were in attendance, so their input could be shared with all.

#### D. ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS - SCORP Criteria (0-5 points)

The SCORP Oregon resident survey found that 25% of respondents had a household member with a disability. These households are underserved in outdoor recreation, participating less frequently and in fewer activities compared to households without disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ensures equal access to parks and recreation facilities, setting design standards for accessibility. Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) encourages efforts to provide accommodations beyond ADA requirements to improve access for people with disabilities.

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1. Priority needs are demonstrated at the statewide level for households with disabilities. Will the project satisfy one or more of the needs identified in Table 11.10? If the project does not address any of these needs, enter N/A.

Jacob's Skatepark meets the following SCORP funding priorities for households with disabilities (Table, 11.10, page 156):

- Free-of-charge recreation opportunities
- Accessibility and opportunities for people with disabilities- the skatepark provides ADA parking and access to the skatepark.
- Nature and wildlife viewing with views of the Columbia River, Mosier Creek, and the Mosier Syncline. There is access to seating areas from the new ADA parking.

Recently constructed ADA public restrooms are nearby.

## E. ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE

1. Does your agency have a board or city council adopted/approved ADA Transition Plan?

No

2. If the answers to question 1. is no, has the applicant conducted an ADA Site Self-Evaluation for the project?

Consultation on relevant aspects of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) includes a review of design development drawings by engineers and architects with experience in ADA rules. These consultants are subcontracted by Dreamland Skateparks, LLC.

3. How will your proposed project meet current ADA accessibility standards? To what extent will this project involve consultation with building officials, contractors or companies required to know and apply ADA requirements?

An ADA Site Evaluation of the Mosier Skatepark will be completed by design consultants during final design of the project. The following issues are addressed:

- The existing undeveloped site does not provide any accessible routes or surfaces within the site.
- There is currently no accessible access to the site for a disabled user, traveling on foot or by vehicle. Limited separation is currently provided from vehicular traffic. There isn't clear marking or delineation between vehicle and pedestrian zones.

Comprehensive accessibility improvements will be designed and constructed to eliminate accessibility problems, as well as providing ADA parking, which does not currently exist on the site.

### F. BALANCING CONSERVATION and RECREATION - SCORP (0-5 points)

Many places in the Oregon outdoors have seen record visitation in recent years. Outdoor recreation should continue to be promoted for its health and economic benefits, but increased usage can lead to overcrowding and environmental degradation, potentially reducing participation. The 2023 Oregon Resident Outdoor Recreation Survey <https://bit.ly/scorp24a1> highlights these challenges in Oregon. To address this, outdoor recreation providers must balance conservation and recreation to enhance visitor experiences and protect resources for future generations. The survey shows strong support for strategies like acquiring new areas and expanding existing ones to reduce resource impacts and crowding. Applicants may also refer to the 2025–2029 SCORP report titled “Balancing Conservation and Recreation” for additional examples of how outdoor recreation providers can help protect natural resources and visitor experiences.

1. Describe how this project expands opportunities in existing recreation areas. If applicable, explain how this project will address crowding while also decreasing the burden on current natural resources.

The 2025-2029 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (pages 43-57) outlines resident support for management actions and management issues for balancing conservation and recreation.

Jacob's Skatepark addresses the following issues:

- Secure new areas for outdoor recreation
  - The site for the proposed Mosier Skatepark is currently a brownfield and used as a temporary dirt parking lot. The skatepark transforms this area into an active recreational area, without impact to the nearby Mosier Creek.
  - Development of the site alleviates seasonal overcrowding of Totem Plaza, which does not provide recreational opportunities.
- ADA and other accessibility issues -
  - Jacob's Skatepark provides ADA parking on the site, where none currently exists.
  - The parking area is adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad easement, and does not impact existing natural areas.

### G. LOCAL NEEDS AND BENEFITS - SCORP Criteria (0-25 points)

Is your project in a CLOSE-TO-HOME area located within an urban growth boundary (UGB), unincorporated community boundary, or in a DISPERSED AREA located outside of these boundaries? Select from DROP-DOWN menu. A map clearly identifying the project location and UGB, or unincorporated community boundary drawn on it, must be uploaded in the attachments section of this application. If the project is located within a UGB or unincorporated community boundary use the CLOSE-TO-HOME area priorities. Projects outside of these areas will use the DISPERSED AREA priorities.

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**Project applicants are strongly encouraged to develop project applications that meet high priority needs of their jurisdiction. Need can be demonstrated through results of 1) the SCORP needs assessments, 2) a coordinated, long-range plan with a minimum 5-year planning horizon, or 3) a substantive public involvement process.**

**Please identify how the project satisfies local, State or county level needs by using AT LEAST ONE of the following THREE priority local public planning processes (1-3).**

1.a. Public Recreation Provider Identified Need - Will the project address county-level needs identified by the Public Recreation Provider Survey beginning on page 156 in the SCORP? (See Tables 11.11–11.46) If so, enter which priority or priorities are identified for the project county. Use either the CLOSE-TO-HOME Priorities or DISPERSED AREA Priorities, NOT BOTH

Jacob's Skatepark is a Close-to-Home priority, within the Urban Growth Boundary of the City of Mosier.

Table 11.43, of the 2025-2029 SCORP, indicates that Wasco County Funding Priorities should include sports fields (soccer, baseball, football.) Whereas a skatepark is not formally defined as a sports "field," it serves similar objectives of providing outdoor athletic recreation that is free to the community. The skatepark also, similarly, promotes a sense of community with skaters throughout Wasco County and other counties in the Gorge.

1.b. Oregon Resident Identified Need - Will the project address State-wide level needs identified by the Oregon Resident Survey beginning on page 162 in the SCORP? If so, enter which priority or priorities are identified. (See Tables 11.47–11.50)

Jacob's Skatepark satisfies State-wide priorities that are above-and-beyond what is identified as a resident priority for Wasco County:

#### **Family-Friendly Areas:**

Jacob's Skatepark project meets SCORP goals of providing the outdoor recreation needs of families with children in our community. This is one of Mosier's most important priorities. The Mosier Community School is within walking distance of the project site. Often, parents with young children gather in downtown Mosier to wait for their older children to be dismissed from school. Jacob's Skatepark also provides outdoor recreation close to the school, the library, the church, the post office, Brenna's Mosier Market, La Vaquita (food cart), Randonnee (coffee), The Wagon Social Club (food) and Mosier Company (restaurant.)

There is a community of retirees in Mosier who spend time with their grandchildren during weekend visits over the school year and longer visits in summer. These multi-generational families have consistently asked for a central gathering place to picnic, play and convene with young children and extended family. This project fills a need in our community to bring families together in a place that facilitates healthy physical activity and multi-generational learning. The

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skatepark allows parents, grandparents and children to play, observe nature and wildlife, and visit with family on a daily basis.

Additionally, many cherry orchard, apple orchard and vineyard agricultural workers are employed in Mosier and come to the City of Mosier daily, during harvest, to eat lunch, and shop for their groceries at Brenna's Mosier Market. Some farm workers are migrants and some live locally. Currently, farm workers use the small park facilities available to them. Jacob's Skatepark project provides the agricultural workers (Hispanic/Latinx communities) of the Mosier Valley with priorities outlined in the SCORP.

Jacob's Skatepark also satisfies these state-wide-level priorities within the City of Mosier (close-to-home):

- Nature and wildlife viewing with views of the Columbia River, the Mosier Syncline and Mosier Creek.
- Outdoor sports (youth and adults) - Skateparks afford a recreational / athletic opportunity for all ages, abilities and cultural diversities. Skateboarding is an athletic activity that has recently been acknowledged as an Olympic sport.
- Accessibility and opportunities for people with disabilities - ADA parking is provided, with access to the skatepark.

Directional signage to the Mosier Plateau trail is near the new skatepark. Also, near the new skatepark, are recently constructed ADA restrooms.

1.c. For CLOSE-TO-HOME projects, priority needs are identified at the URBAN, SUBURBAN, and RURAL AREAS. Please select one of these three community types that best describes your service area. Select from DROP-DOWN menu.

#### URBAN

1.d. For DISPERSED AREA projects, priority needs are identified at the STATEWIDE level. (See Table 11.50)

#### NA

2. Coordinated, Long-range Planning - To what extent will the project satisfy priority needs, as identified in a current local planning document (park and recreation master plan, city or county comprehensive plan, trails master plan, transportation system plan or a bicycle and pedestrian plan)?

Jacob's Skatepark satisfies needs that have been identified in the City of Mosier local planning documents for nearly 20 years. Mosier originally engaged in a Main Street revitalization program and subsequently worked with Oregon Solutions to develop a long-term plan and vision. This project is the result of a lengthy public involvement effort.

The recent donation of the Union Pacific Railroad property, to Mosier, makes it possible to realize an outdoor recreation area within city limits. The settlement for the land donation also meets a Wasco County funding priority: Land acquisition for access to public waterways (Mosier Creek.)

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3. **Public Involvement Process** - If the project is not included in a current local planning document, describe the public involvement effort that led to the selection of the project including citizen involvement through public workshops, public meetings, surveys, and local citizen advisory committees during the project's planning process.

Main Street Mosier (MSM) is part of a large national volunteer organization that supports the well-being of the City of Mosier. The local Mosier chapter, of Main Street America, has been involved in the Mosier Skatepark project since 2022. The idea was conceived in an MSM Design Committee meeting. MSM has dedicated hundreds of volunteer hours towards making this project a reality and communicating with the Mosier community about the project. MSM is committed to managing the project for the City of Mosier (so the project can be realized without burdening the small Mosier city staff.)

Jacob's Skatepark obtained significant community input through two well-advertised public conceptual design workshops, public input at three City Council meetings, and at the MSM 2025 Annual Meeting:

- A public design workshop was held with Dreamland Skateparks at the Mosier Community School on May 17, 2023. This was attended by many students and families.
- A public design workshop was held with Dreamland Skateparks at the Mosier Senior Center on April 6, 2024. This was attended by many skaters from The Dalles and Mosier.
- A presentation was made to the Main Street Mosier (5013C) annual meeting on January 22, 2025. The proposed skatepark conceptual plan was presented to all of the other Main Street Mosier committees.

Additionally, MSM provided project information at public events: Mosier Springfest and Mosier Fest (2023 and 2024).

MSM coordinated fundraising efforts that garnered over \$18,000 from the community. Some of the money was spent on fundraising expenses and conceptual design, but \$14,000 remains to be expended on the project.

Documentation of public events, and the project budget, are included in the "Other" category of attachments.

#### **H. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY BENEFITS - SCORP Criteria (0-5 points):**

**The Oregon Resident Outdoor Recreation Survey and the Oregon SCORP physical activity study highlight that the environment impacts physical activity participation, with parks playing a key role in increasing activity, especially in local settings. Priority needs are identified both statewide and in high-priority areas of the state, based on outdoor recreation infrastructure that supports activities with low participation but high energy expenditure and cost of illness savings.**

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**High-priority locations for physical activity are identified as counties that have disproportionately lower participation rates in numerous activity categories, both inside and outside communities. The highest number of points will be awarded to applicants demonstrating need at both the statewide level and within high-priority areas of the state.**

1. Statewide Physical Activity Needs - Please identify if the project satisfies one of the five physical activity infrastructure priorities included in Table 11.51.

Jacob's Skatepark satisfies these Statewide Physical Infrastructure Priorities identified in Table 11.51 of the 2025-2029 SCORP: ●

Courts for playing sports :

Skateparks afford a recreational / athletic opportunity for all ages, abilities and cultural diversities. Skateboarding is an athletic activity that has recently been acknowledged as an Olympic sport.

- Places for nature immersion and nature observation:

Jacob's Skatepark has views of The Mosier Syncline, The Columbia River, and Mosier Creek. There is an opportunity to view Mosier Creek with seating adjacent to the skatepark site.

- Children's Playgrounds and family-friendly areas:

This is also a close-to-home city priority (see Sections B.1 and G.1b) Parents and grandparents with children need an affordable (free) place to recreate that is close to the Mosier Community School, and local businesses.

2. Physical Activity Priority Counties - Please identify if the project is in one of the physical activity priority counties listed in Table 11.52.

Wasco County is not listed (in SCORP Table 11.52) as a Physical Activity Priority County. However, the skateboard community is strong in small towns on both sides of the Columbia River. There is a skateboard circuit that crosses county lines and benefits all towns within the circuit. Additionally, the City of Mosier is very close to the Hood River County Line. Hood River is listed as a Physical Activity Priority County. Mosier is closer to Hood River than to The Dalles (the closest city in Wasco County.) There is significant resident crossover between Wasco County and Hood River County.



### **I. UNIVERSAL DESIGN / INCLUSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES – SCORP Criteria (0–10 Points)**

Universal design attempts to meet the needs of all people, and includes those of all ages, physical abilities, sensory abilities, and cognitive skills. It includes using integrated and mainstream products, environmental features, and services without needing adaptation or specialized design. The 2025–2029 SCORP recommends that park amenities and features should be planned with universal design principles. This approach can help address barriers related to personal health and accessibility that were found to be especially prominent for low-income residents and households with disabilities.

1. Please describe how your project goes beyond ADA and strives to incorporate Universal Design concepts and design considerations.

Jacob's Skatepark does not segregate or isolate accessibility elements, rather it is designed to provide an experience for all users. The park provides all users with the opportunity to view the Columbia Gorge, a place to rest and relax, recreate, or gather with friends.

Jacob's Skatepark uses the site's topography to maximize the experience and tell the story of the Gorge without requiring changes in grade or other obstacles that would limit access. For example, the Mosier Skatepark creates space by cutting into the hillside. This 'cut' into the hill is a micro experience of the larger natural formations throughout the Gorge. If the Skatepark site is analogous to a syncline, experienced within the fold, the Skatepark provides users the opportunity to experience the distant views of the Gorge, without impacting the views from historic Highway 30.

The skatepark project proposes components inherent to creating the space to recreate and also to tell the story of the Columbia River Gorge. A skate wall can communicate the formation of the Gorge through striations and textures that can be experienced visually or by touch. Picnic tables have wheelchair access and are located near shade trees.

The proposed design is simple, uncluttered and intended to be appreciated by all ages. It doesn't rely on gadgets or mechanics to tell the story of the Gorge. It takes cues from the surrounding landscape to create space, providing the user an environment that maximizes their appreciation of the surroundings.

### **J. REHABILITATION PROJECTS**

Jacob's Skatepark project addresses two Renovation Criteria:

- The existing area does not currently meet access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA.) The skatepark provides ADA parking and access to the park from the parking area.



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- The changing recreation needs of Mosier dictate a change in the type of recreation provided within the city limits. The skatepark is located on what is currently a “brownfield” - an undeveloped site with two public chairs. The skatepark provides the downtown community with an active place to recreate and gather with friends and families of all diversities. The skatepark provides both social and economic opportunities for the city, which do not currently exist.

### **K. COMMUNITY SUPPORT (0-5 points)**

1. To what extent can you demonstrate broad community support for the project by providing information such as letters of support and/or survey analysis? Can you provide results or summary documentation of recent community or neighborhood meetings concerning the project; letters of support from park users, neighbors, and/ or a variety of project stakeholders; community fundraising through grassroots efforts for the project.? If yes, please include supporting documentation with this application.

Jacob's Skatepark project has significant community support.

Main Street Mosier (MSM) is part of a large national volunteer organization. The local Mosier chapter has been involved in the Skatepark project since 2022, when the idea was conceived in an MSM Design Committee meeting. MSM has dedicated hundreds of volunteer hours to making this project a reality and is committed to managing the project for the City of Mosier (so the project can be realized without burdening the small Mosier city staff.)

Additionally, Jacob's Skatepark obtained significant community input through two well-advertised public conceptual design workshops, public input at three City Council meetings, and at the MSM 2025 Annual Meeting:

- A public design workshop was held with Dreamland Skateparks at the Mosier Community School on May 17, 2023. This was attended by many students and families.
  - A public design workshop was held with Dreamland Skateparks at the Mosier Senior Center on April 6, 2024. This was attended by many skaters from The Dalles and Mosier.
  - A presentation was made to the Main Street Mosier (5013C) annual meeting on January 22, 2025. The proposed skatepark conceptual plan was presented to all of the other Main Street Mosier committees.
  - Main Street Mosier (MSM) organized two public fundraising events for the Mosier Skatepark:
    - Thunder Island Brewing (Cascade Locks) provided a venue for a fundraising event.
    - The Red Carpet (Hood River) provided a venue for a fundraising event. •
- MSM developed an on-line auction / donation page for the skatepark.

Letters of support for Jacob's Skatepark, from the community, are attached to this application.

### **L. FINANCIAL COMMITMENT (0-10 points)**

**Project applicants should demonstrate that funds are available for the project by showing agency budget information or other documents demonstrating financial commitment to the project.**

1. What is the source of local matching funds for the project? A Resolution to Apply must be submitted with this application to indicate a commitment of local match funding for the project.

#### **Property:**

The City recently acquired ~4.56 acres along the historic Columbia Gorge Highway in downtown Mosier. The property is zoned commercial and has been appraised. Of that parcel, 10,000 sq. ft. is designated for the skatepark with 7,000 sq. ft. as the portion that is developed as skating area. An appraisal of the entire 4.56 acres was used to establish the value of the skatepark parcel. The donated property, to be developed as a skatepark, is valued as \$ 65,000. An existing appraisal of the property, conforming to uniform standards, is attached to this application. The property is now owned by the City of Mosier. The property deed and proof of ownership is attached to this application.

#### **Main Street Mosier (5013C):**

Volunteers of Main Street Mosier raised funds specifically for the skatepark project. These funds have already paid for pre-construction expenses. Additionally, project management and administration hours are donated from this organization to the project. Donated hours for management do not exceed the requested limit of 15% of the total project cost.

#### **Dreamland Skateparks:**

The project design/build contractor has pledged in-kind donations for both design and construction.

#### **Project Budget:**

The project budget shows the dollar amounts of each source of the committed matching funds. A detailed copy of the budget and pledged donations is attached to this Application in the "Other" category.

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2. Project applicants are encouraged to develop applications involving partnerships between the applicant, other agencies, or non-profit organizations. Project applicants are also encouraged to demonstrate solid financial commitment to providing necessary project maintenance and upkeep. To what extent does the project involve partnerships with other agencies or groups? Is the funding from other agencies or groups guaranteed?

**Main Street Mosier (5013C)** is part of a large national volunteer organization. The local Mosier chapter has been involved in Jacob's Skatepark since 2022 when the idea was conceived. Main Street Mosier (MSM) has already provided many hours of project management and administration. There is commitment from the MSM Skatepark Committee to continue support for the project, through administration of the grant and design/construction management.

Through the pre-construction phase of Jacob's Skatepark, MSM raised \$18,000 through public fundraising events. Some of these funds were expended to pay for Dreamland Skatepark's conceptual design and fundraising expenses. These funds also offset the expense of completing construction documents. Remaining funds are applied to Jacob's Skatepark. All Main Street Mosier skatepark funds are held in a designated MSM account.

3. To what extent are local matching funds available?

**City of Mosier Owned Property Value: \$65,000 (per attached appraisal)**

The property asset has already offset the cost of property for the project.

**Main Street Mosier 501C3: \$14,000 (currently in a designated project account)**

Additional funds have already paid for conceptual design, a site survey and fundraising events.

**Main Street Mosier 5013C: \$ 15,000 (volunteer hours/project management)**

Many volunteer hours are already expended in support of the project conceptual design. Many more volunteer hours are committed to manage the project through completion. Volunteer hours are currently being tracked and documented per the Local Government Grant (LGG) regulations and on the LGG forms provided in the Grant Application Manual.

**Dreamland Skateparks LLC: \$15,000 (design in-kind donation); \$ 35,000 (committed construction in-kind donation)**

\$ 10,000 has already been realized as an in-kind donation for conceptual design.

\$ 5,000 is committed for design development and preparation of construction documents. Amendment 1, to the contract with Dreamland Skateparks, documents the in-kind commitment.

\$ 35,000 is committed by Dreamland Skateparks as an in-kind donation for construction. These funds are not available until construction commences.

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Donated hours and materials are currently being tracked and documented per the Local Government Grant (LGG) regulations and on the LGG forms provided in the Grant Application Manual.

1. What is the local commitment to the project from the local community through donations?

- Main Street Mosier (MSM) organized two local fundraising events for Jacob's Skatepark:
  - Thunder Island Brewing (Cascade Locks) provided a venue for a fundraising event.
  - The Red Carpet (Hood River) provided a venue for a fundraising event.
- MSM developed an on-line auction / donation page for the skatepark.
- MSM provided a project information booth at two public City of Mosier events: Spring Fest / Mosier Fest.
- MSM established a separate bank account for all funds raised for the Mosier Skatepark.
- To-date, local community donations total approximately \$18,000 (and more is coming in). These funds were used to pay Dreamland Skateparks for the conceptual design and are committed to for construction documents.

2. To what extent has enough money been budgeted to successfully complete the work?

A working budget has been developed to cover all Mosier Skatepark expenses. The budget spreadsheet is attached to this application, in the "Other" category.

The project budget includes these categories:

- Pre-Construction
  - Conceptual Design
  - Design Development / Construction Documents
  - Site Survey ●

Non-Construction

- Project Management / Administration
- Property Value

- Construction
  - Skatepark
  - Landscaping
  - ADA Parking
  - Site Amenities
- Construction Contingency @ 15%

Dreamland Skateparks provided input for design /construction expenses.

### M. SUSTAINABILITY (0-5 points)

Sustainability means using, developing, protecting, and managing resources in a manner that enables people to meet current and future needs from the multiple perspectives of environmental, economic, and community objectives. Examples may include but are not limited to sustainable design methods, projects that will have a minimal impact on the surrounding ecosystem, and projects that will result in user protection of natural resources such as water quality/conservation, plant conservation, wildlife conservation, energy conservation, pollution control, and environmental protection and restoration.

**1. Describe how sustainability was considered in the intent, strategies, and long-term management plans for the proposed project.**

Jacob's Skatepark design respects the natural resources adjacent to the site:

- A buffer between the skatepark and Mosier Creek prevents disturbance of the creek ecosystems, providing environmental protection (water quality, native plant conservation and wildlife conservation within the banks adjacent to the creek.)
- Run-off from the skatepark does not drain to the creek.
- The skatepark is designed to utilize the existing slope to minimize the need for major fill with non-native soil.
- Two significant native trees on the site are preserved and protected during construction.
- The project removes some non-native trees that are dead, and replaces them with new native trees.
- The skatepark project hopes to install raptor bird perches in the adjacent undeveloped natural area, but within eyesight of the park. Review of this design option is pending.

Skatepark Management:

- The skatepark does not require significant maintenance. Skaters typically keep debris from a skatepark, because the skate area is not usable for recreation if debris and trash are on the skating surface. Additionally, the surrounding area is not hard-scaped but remains vegetated. The project site amenities include trash receptacles that require servicing by the city.
- The City of Mosier has a legal and fiscal commitment to its taxpayers to maintain all public assets such as streets, parks, cemeteries, public property and utilities. Mosier's City parks budget is resourced through its General Fund (maintenance) and Parks SDCs (new facilities). The general fund is fed by property taxes and shared state resources. The economy over the last 10 years, due to the construction of new homes

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with values each nearing a half million dollars, has allowed the City to increase allocations to its Parks Administration budget. Taxes from these homes, as well as long established neighborhood homes in the City, are slated to accommodate operations and maintenance for new facilities and improve park services over the next 25 years.

#### **N. READINESS To PROCEED (0-5 Points)**

**OPRD intends to ensure that available grant funds are used in a timely manner and that appropriate local land use and consistent zoning are applied to the property once funding is awarded to a project applicant.**

**1. Have you submitted a signed Land Use Compatibility Statement with this application? Only an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant program specific form will be accepted.**

Jacob's Skatepark Land Use Compatibility Statement is attached to this grant application.

**2. Have you submitted construction or concept plans with this application? If not, please explain why. If plans are in progress, when are they expected to be complete?**

Conceptual Design drawings for Jacob's Skatepark, prepared by Dreamland Skateparks LLC, are attached to this grant application.

Dreamland Skateparks LLC was selected as a design / construction contractor, due to the specialized nature of skatepark design/construction. Dreamland was selected, with community involvement, through a competitive proposal process. A contract, and amendment, are signed (with Dreamland) for Conceptual Design, Design Development and Construction Documents. Conceptual design is complete (attached). Final design work is underway and will be complete this summer (2025.)

After the construction budget is confirmed, at the completion of construction documents, a final contract amendment will be signed with Dreamland (with a guaranteed maximum price.) Final permits will be obtained (if necessary.) Final approval from Mosier City Council, to proceed with construction, will be obtained, when construction work is fully funded. Pre-construction work will be complete by Fall 2025

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3. List required permits and status of permit applications for the project (i.e. Corps of Engineers, Division of State Land, Building Permits, etc.). Describe any possible delays or challenges that could occur in receiving permits. If you need a Corp of Engineers permit, when do you expect to receive it?

- **Conditional Use Permit (CUP):** A CUP is required by the City of Mosier for projects located in the City's commercial zone.
  - Notice of the proposed Jacob's Skatepark has been submitted to all property owners within 300 feet of the skatepark site.
  - The CU hearing is scheduled to occur in April 2025.

The City does not anticipate difficulty acquiring the CUP as this project has been thoroughly vetted by multiple public workshops and City Council meetings.
  - There are a few resident concerns about removal of the dead non-native trees that will be mitigated in the final design documents.
  - The City will complete the CUP this spring and a delay is not anticipated as this is concurrent with on-going final design work. However, the CUP decision can be appealed to LUBA – as provided in the City of Mosier Code. Any appeal could delay completion of construction documents.
- **Building Permit:** Application for a Wasco County Building permit will be made, if required. Any required permit is straightforward as this project does not include structures. This is not anticipated to create a delay as construction is site-work only.
- **ODOT Driveway Permit:** The site has an existing gravel driveway to Highway 30. Only minor modifications are required. A driveway permit should not be required.
- There are no wetlands or streams on the subject property. There are no landslide hazards or other complications on the subject property.

4. To what extent is the project ready to proceed? If this project is selected for funding, what will be the next step in the process? E.g. pursue construction drawings, apply for permits, solicit bids, etc. Describe any potential issues that may prevent the project from proceeding in a timely manner. If available, attach an estimated project timeline in the "Other" attachments category.

Conceptual design of the project is complete (drawings attached) and Dreamland Skateparks LLC is under contract for design development, construction documents and construction (after establishing a Guaranteed Maximum Price.) Design work is already funded (see the working budget attached in the "Other" category).

Dreamland Skateparks estimated construction costs, based on the completed conceptual design. When design is finalized, the Guaranteed Maximum Price is established. If construction costs are higher than currently estimated, value engineering may be required, or other funding obtained. However, this should not significantly impact the schedule as it occurs concurrently with the Local Government Grant (LGG) grant approval process.

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LGG Grant - If additional funding sources need to be identified, this impacts the project schedule.

Construction Documents will be complete and permits obtained by the end of 2025. Construction can proceed after complete funding for the project is obtained.

#### Estimated Project Timeline:

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| • Design Development / Construction Documents:  | April - July 2025          |
| • Grant Review:                                 | April - November 2025      |
| • Dreamland Contract Amendment for Construction | November 2025              |
| • Site Preparation                              | November - December 2025   |
| • Construction                                  | December - June 2026 (tbd) |

## O. ACTIVE AND PAST GRANTS PERFORMANCE

**The successful completion of projects in a timely and efficient manner is an important goal of the grant program. A project applicant's past performance in effectively meeting the administrative guidelines of the program is also an important factor in evaluating performance and compliance. Past projects are available to review in your organization's OPRDgrants.org account in the projects panel.**

### 1. Is your organization on schedule with all active OPRD-administered grant projects?

The City of Mosier has one active OPRD grant for the Bike Hub and Plaza project. The Bike Hub was completed in 2024 and is currently operational. The Plaza part of this two-phase project is on hold until the entire Mosier Center project is funded.

### 2. Is your organization in compliance with applicable guidelines at previously assisted sites? (e.g., no unresolved conversions, maintenance issues, or public access restrictions).

The City of Mosier is in compliance with guidelines at previously assisted sites.

### 3. Do you have any additional comments or information about your organization's performance and compliance with active and past OPRD grant awards?

The active Plaza project is a small part of the overall Mosier Center project - a Joint Use City Hall, Community Center and Fire station. The City anticipates receiving gap funding this year



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from the State or Oregon via a direct appropriation. This funding, if awarded, will allow the Mosier Center project to proceed to construction - along with the proposed Plaza element. The Mosier Center project is an extremely ambitious and complex project that has been delayed due to insufficient funding. The project design and construction documents (including the Plaza element) is complete.

## P. WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

**1. Have you or someone on your staff attended a Local Government Grant webinar prior to applying to this program? If so, when?**

John Grim watched the webinar on 2/28/25. Lee Campbell attended a multi-day grant writing class (presented by Mid-Columbia Development District and Wasco County.)

## ATTACHMENTS:

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- Construction Drawings/Design Plan or Restoration Work Plan
  - Environmental Checklist - Completed
  - Land Use Compatibility Statement (LUCS) - Completed
  - Letters of Support
  - Map - Location / Vicinity
  - Map - Park Boundary
  - Map - Project Area
  - Map - Site Map / Site Plan
  - Map - Urban Growth Boundary
  - Other
    - Budget
    - Public Event Documentation
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- **Photos**
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- **Property Deed or Easement or Lease Agreement**
  - **Resolution to Apply for a Grant - Completed**
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- **SHPO Clearance Form - Completed**
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- **SHPO Map: 7.5 min. USGS Topo Map or 1 Sq. Mile Map**
  - **SHPO Submittal Form - Completed**
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- **State Agency Review Form - Completed**