

CITY OF TIGARD, OREGON  
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FY 2012-13  
COMMUNITY EVENTS FUNDING REQUEST  
**Due: February 13, 2014**

**Event Name:** City of Tigard Dog Park Community Events  
**Website:** [www.tigard-or.gov/community/parks/](http://www.tigard-or.gov/community/parks/)  
**Address:** 11774 SW 125<sup>th</sup> Ct.  
**City, State, Zip:** Tigard, OR 97223  
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**1. Request (express in whole dollar amounts only)**

Cash	\$ 400
In-Kind Services	\$ -0-
Total Request	\$ 400

**2. Purpose of Funding Request:**

The Tigard Dog Park Committee is a citizens group that works with the Tigard Parks Department to manage off-leash dog parks in the City of Tigard. This request is for funds to support the community events organized by the Committee at the off-leash dog parks and for human/canine educational materials which are available at the dog parks and on our website.

The Dog Park Committee continues to be very grateful to have received previous grant funding. We strive to be good stewards of the funds for the benefit of the human and canine users of the dog parks.

The grant funds will continue to help the Dog Park Committee provide the sense of 'community' at the dog parks in the next fiscal year.

**Virtual Dog Contest:** The Tigard Dog Park Committee sponsored a 'Virtual Dog Contest' as part of the 'Explore Downtown Tigard' community event. Last summer's event was held on August 17, 2013. The public was asked to choose a photo category and submit a digital photo of their canine companion. The top photos were displayed during the 'Explore Downtown Tigard' event. Over 150 people stopped by the dog park photo display at the event and voted for their favorite photo by category. Prizes were awarded based on the public voting.

Attached is a copy of the advertising flyer from that event and The Tigard Times newspaper article about the event.

The materials are also posted throughout the dog parks so the total number of residents who additionally read the information, without taking a copy, would be higher but difficult to measure.

Also, the City of Tigard's web site has information on how citizens can provide feedback on events, register concerns and make suggestions. The Committee works in conjunction with the City of Tigard Parks Department to respond to user's questions and emails.

The Tigard Dog Park blog is another resource that is available to residents.

**5. Please submit the following information with this request:**

- a. Most recent annual budget compared with the prior year's actual revenues and expenditures.

The Budget should identify the period to which it applies, beginning and ending balances, major revenue sources, major expenditure categories, and number of authorized positions. **\*\* SEE ATTACHED**

- b. Audit report or financial statements for the last fiscal year. **\*\* SEE ATTACHED**

- c. Articles of Incorporation.\* The Tigard Dog Park Committee is not incorporated.

- d. 501(c)(3) status.\* The Tigard Dog Park Committee does not have 501©(3) status.

- e. Organization Bylaws.\* See above.

\* Information not required if it has been submitted at least once in the last five years.

\*\* Lack of adequate financial information could result in denial of request.

An electronic version of this application is available by contacting Liz Lutz at [Lizbeth@tigard-or.gov](mailto:Lizbeth@tigard-or.gov).

**Attachments:**

1. Financial statements for dog park accounts provided by the City of Tigard Finance Department.
2. Virtual Dog Contest advertising flyer
3. The Times Newspaper article on the Exploring Downtown Tigard event
4. Halloween Costume Contest 2013 advertising flyer
5. The Times Newspaper article on the Halloween Costume Contest
6. Trust for Public Lands flyer

The date for the 2014 'Explore Downtown Tigard' event has not been finalized at this time. The Tigard Dog Park Committee will plan another fun event for the public to participate in during that event. Grant funds will be used for creating advertising flyers and raffle/game prizes. **\$125**

**Halloween Dog and Owner Costume Contest:** The Annual Halloween Costume Contest at Potso Dog Park was held on October 26, 2013. There were over 20 canines and their human companions that turned out for the event. The distinguished panel of judges included Councilor Gretchen Buehner (who was dressed appropriately in her judicial 'robe'), City Manager Marty Wine and Project Manager Kim McMillan. Everyone enjoyed seeing the dogs in their adorable costumes. Prizes were awarded based on the judges' scoring.

Attached is the flyer for the event. The event was also advertised in the The Times newspaper (see attachments). Grant funds will be used for contest flyers and prizes for the October 2014 scheduled event. **\$200**

**Office Supplies:** Dog park updates and notifications are posted at each park letting users know when closures are scheduled; special events are upcoming and other information as needed. In addition, a special flyer was posted that was specifically requested by the Trust for Public Lands. Grant funds will be used for laminating sheets, print cartridges and paper. **\$75**

**3. How will this event benefit the Tigard Community?**

The dog parks in Tigard bring people together in the community. This happens on a daily basis when users meet with their canine companions at the dog parks. The events sponsored by the Tigard Dog Park Committee, continue to be focused on providing a fun and informative venue for canines and their human companions.

Tigard Dog Parks were recognized nationally in an article on the front page of USA Today dated December 8, 2011. The article noted that Portland has the highest per capita of dog parks. The community support for the dog parks was also highlighted as noted by the Trust for Public Lands, 'There's a tremendous upsurge in demand and love for them [off leash dog areas]'. The 'love' for the off leash areas was the driving force in getting the Parks Bond Measure passed last year. It was truly a 'community effort'.

**4. How many Tigard residents do you anticipate participating in this event (or these events)?**

For the year 2013, participation has been between 40-157 people at each event (Virtual Photo Contest and the Halloween Costume Party).