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this treasure called Oregon

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Guidelines for SOLV Projects and SOLV Affiliated Projects

If you have questions about SOLV, such as which programs might be the best fit for your efforts, or what resources are available to you, please do not hesitate to contact SOLV.

SOLV provides a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for Oregonians. While many activities can be completed in as few as three hours through existing projects, **one of the most fulfilling ways to get involved is to coordinate your own project.** SOLV provides training and program support for those who want to take a leadership role in transforming their vision into results through volunteer action.

New in 2005, we offer some of these same resources for volunteer projects not related to SOLV's historic mission of environmental stewardship. Support is now available for a wider range of projects than ever before, through the Affiliated Projects program.

All projects coordinated through or affiliated with SOLV must serve our mission to *build community through volunteer action to preserve this treasure called Oregon.* These guidelines will help you envision projects that are both meaningful to you and aligned with SOLV's mission.

Is My Project a SOLV Project?

SOLV is likely to support projects which meet the following criteria:

1. *Project meets the cleanup, restoration, enhancement and/or beautification needs of a community or natural area (see "Types of SOLV Projects").*
2. *Project takes place on public or qualified private property (see "Projects on Private Property").*
3. *Project engages volunteers to produce an on-the-ground, tangible result.*
4. *Project welcomes Oregonians from all backgrounds, faiths, and political persuasions. We strive to bring together Oregonians from all walks of life and from diverse social and geographic backgrounds. SOLV projects should not be forums for advancing political, religious, or other agendas.*
5. *Project publicly acknowledges SOLV as a partner – including SOLV's logo on flyers and other materials.*

The SOLV Affiliated Project Option

SOLV is likely to support other projects that meet criteria 3-5 above, plus the following:

1. *Coordinating organization agrees to meet training, safety, indemnification and liability standards.*
2. *Project clearly benefits the community through volunteer action.*

Project Support

Most projects are eligible for the following support, depending on the specific program they align with.

- ◆ Free volunteer action training
- ◆ Event planning guidebook
- ◆ Project listing on SOLV website
- ◆ Online volunteer registration
- ◆ Volunteer and event tracking and reporting
- ◆ Free SOLV promotional materials

Funding for Selected Projects

Some SOLV programs, such as SOLV's Project Oregon, offer small grants to assist selected projects. If you are considering applying for a small grant, please review the qualifications listed on the reverse. (Note: SOLV Affiliated Projects are not eligible for SOLV small grants at this time.)

Examples of what small grants **can** be used for:

- Waste disposal fees
- Hauling fees or fuel for volunteer haulers
- Trash and recycling receptacles
- Paint
- Brushes and painting equipment
- Lumber and material supplies
- Barriers (gates, trees)
- Supplies ordered from SOLV that are not free
- Tools to be maintained by public or non-profit agency for future projects
- Tow trucks and/or heavy equipment rental
- Promotional items (posters, signs, flyers)
- Plants
- Mulch and ground covers
- Gloves and safety vests
- Hazmat (sharps) containers

Examples of what small grants cannot be used for:

- Staff or coordinator position funding
- Fundraising activities
- Personal equipment, phone bills
- Food, gifts or parties for volunteers
- Volunteer transportation expenses

Projects on Private Property

A SOLV project may take place on private property if:

- *The project has written approval of the property owner, **and***
- *The project is identified and driven by the community, **or***
- *The property is certified as belonging to someone in need of social services, or*
- *The property is open and accessible to the general public for unrestricted use, is generally used by the community as a public space, and is publicly accessible, **or***
- *Enhancement of the property will improve the watershed for the community at large.*

Types of Projects Supported

Cleanups

- Litter cleanup
- Illegal dumpsite cleanup
- Graffiti removal
- Utility pole cleanups
- Abandoned vehicle removal
- Flood and disaster cleanup

Rehabilitation and Beautification

- Vandalized signs, facilities, and fixtures
- Home exteriors and landscaping - for those in need of social services

- Urban plantings - streets, parks, lots (flowers, shrubs, trees, etc.)

Restoration and Enhancement

- Invasive and non-native plant removal
- Wildlife habitat enhancement (nest boxes, plantings, nest area protection)
- Natural area plantings (riparian zones, erosion control, wildlife habitat)

Prevention

- Gate or barrier placement
- Signage placement

- Receptacle program - placement of trash & recycling containers,
- Bulky household waste acceptance programs – amnesty days, etc.
- Recycling programs
- Storm drain stenciling

Development

- Trail repair and development, disabled access
- New parks, open spaces
- Community signage

Types of SOLV Affiliated Projects Supported

- Projects to encourage community and economic development
- Projects to benefit those in need of social services
- Projects to support the work of public agencies
- Projects to benefit animal welfare agencies