

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### **Sutherlin Downtown Development Inc. (SDDI) Receives Grant Funds**

SDDI, Sutherlin's Oregon Main Street Organization, has been awarded grant funds by Oregon Heritage, a division of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Grant funds awarded are in the amount of \$199,835.75 with a \$60,000 match from Urban Renewal District funds, totaling \$259,835.75. The project is for the Sutherlin Historic Bank Building Restoration. Restoration will include the removal and replacement of the old HVAC equipment, removal and reroofing of the building, sprinkler system installation, and interior asbestos abatement, which will bring the building up to code and useable.

Construction is scheduled to begin in July 2022, with an estimated completion date of December 31, 2022.

The grant program was created during the 2015 legislative session and placed with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office. The legislation established a permanent fund for the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant and provided an initial infusion of funds from the sale of lottery bonds. The legislature included the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant in the lottery bond package approved in 2021. An additional grant round will occur in 2023. The funds must be used to award grants to participating Oregon Main Street Network organizations to acquire, rehabilitate or construct buildings to facilitate community revitalization. The program also requires that at least 50 percent of the funds go to rural communities as defined in the bill.

To learn more about the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant or the Oregon Main Street Network, visit [www.oregonheritage.org](http://www.oregonheritage.org) or contact Kuri Gill at [Kuri.gill@opr.d.oregon.gov](mailto:Kuri.gill@opr.d.oregon.gov) or 503-986-0685.