



PARKLET PILOT PROGRAM



OPEN SPACE FOR PEDESTRIANS IN THE FOREST GROVE TOWN CENTER

Parklets are an innovative and cost-effective way to add public gathering space with such amenities as seating, plantings, and public art in a privately-funded and privately-maintained public space. Parklets are also a method for supporting the downtown business community by creating a more attractive commercial corridor, fostering social engagement, and providing enhancements that contribute to livability and attracting pedestrians.

Parklets are a new concept to many small towns, but they have been successful enhancements to larger cities around the country for several years. The first parklet was conceived and installed in San Francisco, CA in 2010. It is now an annual program there, and has also been initiated in Oregon cities such as Milwaukie, Eugene, Astoria, and Newberg. The Forest Grove program will be among the first in small towns, and is modeled after these successful programs.



PARKLET TYPES

Public use – Public use parklets are available for full-time public use and may not be restricted from public access between the hours of 8am and 10pm.

Private use – Parklets that may be used for the sole benefit of the operator and the operator's patrons.



FUNDING

Subject to funding availability and appropriation by the URA Board, this program will not exceed \$10,000 during the two year trial period.

Projects will not be reimbursed above the amount spent on parklet materials.

The URA reserves the right to deny any and all applications and to award no grant funding for parklet construction.

Subject to funding availability, the URA will reimburse up to \$2,500 for a private parklet and up to \$5,000 for a public parklet.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants may develop and submit a written application with the required elements to the Community Development Director, Forest Grove City Hall, 1924 Council Street, Forest Grove, OR 97116-0326, beginning May 24, 2019.

Applications will be reviewed and certified for compliance on a first-come, first-serve basis. The City recommends, but does not require, that you work with an architect, designer, or professional engineer during the design of the parklet. This will assist you in the construction and design details.



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For complete details on the program, funding guidelines, and application materials, please visit us at www.forestgrove-or.gov/urban