

Columbia River Gorge Commission

RCW 43.97

Request	\$2,244,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$359,199	Increase
Percent change from current biennium	19.1%	Increase

The Columbia River Gorge Commission plans for and manages the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area in partnership with Washington, Oregon, six counties, thirteen communities, the United States Forest Service, and four Native American Treaty Tribes. Created under the National Scenic Area Act and an interstate compact between Washington and Oregon, the bi-state Gorge Commission is mandated to protect and enhance the scenic, natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the Columbia River Gorge and to protect and support the economy of the Columbia River Gorge area by encouraging growth in existing urban areas and by allowing economic development consistent with efforts to protect scenic area resources.

Agency Mission

The mission of the Columbia River Gorge Commission is to establish, implement, and enforce policies and programs that protect and enhance the scenic, natural, recreational, and cultural resources of the Columbia River Gorge and support the economy of the area by encouraging growth to occur in existing urban areas and allowing economic development consistent with resource protection.

Agency Level Summary

Operating Budget: Summary

2015-17 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Estimated	2017-19 Proposed
940,000	1,565	General Fund - Basic Account - State	882,856	938,435	1,122,000
32,000		General Fund - Basic Account - Federal	5,911	32,000	32,000
16,366		General Fund - Basic Account - Federal Unanticipated		16,366	
906,000	8,000	General Fund - Basic Account - Private/Local	840,874	898,000	1,090,000
<u>1,894,366</u>	<u>9,565</u>	Total Appropriated Funds	<u>1,729,641</u>	<u>1,884,801</u>	<u>2,244,000</u>

Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium

	2013-15 Actual		2015-17 Estimated		2017-19 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	98,439	6.0%	155,160	9.0%	359,199	19.1%

Employment Summary

	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Estimated	2016-17 Estimated	2017-18 Proposed	2018-19 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	6.4	5.5	6.5	8.0	7.9