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News Release

All-America City Finalist

Cottage Grove - 2004 All-America City Finalist!!!!

The City of Cottage Grove was selected as a finalist for the 2004 All-America City Award competition. As one of the 30 finalists, Cottage Grove will go on to compete in the All-America City competition June 10-12, 2004 in Atlanta, Georgia. On June 12th ten of the finalists will be selected as All-America Cities. The All-America City Award is sponsored by the National Civic League to recognize communities for significant accomplishments. See the attached News Release from the National Civic League for more information about the All-America City Award and program.

The City of Cottage Grove received the prestigious All-America City Award previously in 1968. The award was presented to the City as a result in changing leadership and innovations in wastewater treatment. This year s application highlighted the community s involvement in the successful development of the Cottage Grove Community Hospital, the construction of the new High School, the creation of the E/BID and the wealth of volunteer hours within other projects ranging from the celebrations, (BMD, Toga party and Book Brigade) to community service organizations (Family Relief Nursery, Community Sharing, Parent Partnership, etc). Copies of the complete application are available in the City Manager s Office if anyone is interested in reading it.

If Cottage Grove receives the All-America City Award they will join the City of Salem as the only cities in Oregon to have won the award more than once. (Salem received the All-America City Award in 1960 and in 1982-83.) A list of the Oregon All-America Cities and Finalists is attached. A complete list of all the All-America City awards is on the National Civic League's webpage at: www.ncl.org.

The City Manager will be organizing a team of delegates to represent the community before the jury in Atlanta.

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