

# Report form for east Multnomah County historical societies' annual report to the OHS Levy Oversight Committee

Reporting for FY 2016 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017)

Your name and role: Charles A Rollins, President

Name of organization: Crown Point County Historical Society

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Bridal Veil, Oregon 97010

Contact information for organization: caritss@crconnects.com

Historical Society you represent

Total levy funds received:

\$40,000.00

Date(s) levy funds were received:

July 2016 \$ 20,000.00  
January 2017 \$ 20,000.00

Reporting for levy funds

Operations:	Budgeted 10% or \$4,000.00
Rent \$1,200.00	
Insurance 1,291.00	
Website 600.00	
Postage 576.00	
Printing 347.39	
Total \$4,014.39	

Restorations/Displays	Budgeted 20% or \$8,000.00
Artifacts/Displays 480.00	
Storage/Archival 2,316.33	
Total \$2,796.33	

Details for how levy funds have been spent and/or budgeted for:

Books, Oral Histories Budgeted 0% or \$ 0.00  
Reprint in process, editing, typing histories with Partner East Multnomah Pioneer Association which will be contributing to part of the costs. Reallocated Funds to other budget items.

Museum Building Fund/Land	Budgeted 50% or \$20,000.00
Axis Design Group \$ 39,433.50	
(Structural Engineering)	
Archaeological Study 2,595.40	
Mult. Co. Fencing permit 254.00	
Total \$42,282.90	

(Through careful and prudent spending over the past 1 ½ years we have been able to save funds as well as having fundraisers to meet the structural engineering portion of the Building requirements.

Savings: \$8,000.00 Budgeted 20% or \$8,000.00

<p>Summary of how levy funds are helping your organization "protect the collection of Oregon history documents and artifacts, and public access to those." (taken from ballot language for Measure 26-118</p>	<p>For the last six years the Crown Point Country Historical Society has worked to build a museum where the story of our area's unique and rich history from pre-contact time to the present can be told. We started by purchasing a Historic Auto Camp property located on the Historic Columbia River Hwy. Working through the permit process which included an archaeological study, we are now having the building designed and structurally engineered, which is almost complete. The next step is to present the plans to Multnomah County for review. Once we receive approval, we will start Phase 1. Building foundation and basement. Since the Society is close to starting the building, people have come forward to donate thousands of artifacts pertinent to our area. Our volunteers are busy documenting and archiving those items.</p> <p>It is important to note our museum site will give us direct access to many tourists from around the world who travel to points and beyond in the Columbia River Gorge, giving us an opportunity to tell this region's history. With the help of the tax levy funds we can preserve, display and share our past with the world.</p> <p>We are working with our local partners in this endeavor which includes the local schools. We sponsored a poster contest for the second year with the Grade, Middle and High school featuring the theme "Our River, Our History". Many students participated and with the many submissions we received, the theme was illustrated in a very positive way. The Society was impressed with all of the posters. Signed permission from the parents on the artwork grants CPCHS permission to draw up on the artwork to use in the museum and for future promotions.</p> <p>East Multnomah County was very diversified from the Indigenous Peoples (Wasco Nation), the early European settlers, the Chinese Laborers who worked on the railroads and in the fish canneries at McGowan Cannery at Rooster Rock and the Nikkei farmers.</p> <p>For the annual picnic in the summer of 2016 we held a Traditional Salmon Bake, prepared by the native people cooking the salmon the way it was done for thousands of years. The event was well attended and everyone said that was the "best salmon they had eaten".</p> <p>With that in mind, we plan to have another Traditional Salmon Bake this year to continue this tradition.</p>
<p>Summary of how levy funds are being spent in a manner reflective of Multnomah County's diverse cultures.</p>	
<p>Anything else you want the Levy Oversight Committee to know?</p>	

We will continue to work with the Oregon Historical Society, the new Levy Oversight Committee, the Multnomah County Commissioners and the Tax Supervising Conservation Commission. The levy had broad support in the community and we have partnered with eleven community organizations. With everyone's hard work we will be able to preserve and share the cultural resources of this area for future generations.



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Your name and role: David Baumann (President)															
Historical Society you represent															
Name of organization: Gresham Historical Society	Contact information for organization: greshamhistorical@gmail.com														
Reporting for levy funds															
Total levy funds received:	\$40,000														
Date(s) levy funds were received:	7/22/2016 1/27/2017														
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Summary of how levy funds are helping your organization "protect the collection of Oregon history documents and artifacts, and public access to those." (taken from ballot language for Measure 26-118)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintained a policy of free admission to the museum for the public, while increasing museum open hours. An additional twelve hours was added to the museum's availability to the public. Also longer Research Room hours.</li> <li>Continuous staffing of qualified preservationists and museum experts, who work to improve the Gresham Historical Society's artifact, document, and photograph collections and general museum operations.</li> </ul>														

<p>Summary of how levy funds are being spent in a manner reflective of Multnomah County's diverse cultures.</p>	<p>Anything else you want the Levy Oversight Committee to know?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff also manages the museum's volunteer program, allowing everyone in Gresham and surrounding communities to participate in the preservation of their own history.</li> <li>• Enhanced publicity of the museum and its events with both an increased presence on social media and at public events.</li> <li>• Created and started deaccession program, which improves both the quality of the Gresham Historical Society's collections and also increases storage space; ensuring the security and proper care of artifacts for generations to come.</li> <li>• Continued both onsite and offsite lectures, free Guided Tours of Downtown Gresham and Pioneer cemeteries, including the Butler Creek 2<sup>nd</sup> grade tours we've hosted for the last three years, for local schools, retirement centers and programs for the mentally disabled.</li> <li>• Free Colophon Windows Coloring Book that tell the history of our building.</li> <li>• Farmer's Market Booth with a different exhibit every two weeks.</li> <li>• Materials for exhibits that change twice a year to optimize our variety of collection items.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created "A History of Japanese Americans in Gresham" exhibit, which educates the visitors about Gresham's diverse cultural heritage.</li> <li>• Continued annual exhibit rotation, thus providing fresh topics in Gresham's history on a regular basis. Four large exhibits and several smaller showcases are also done.</li> </ul>

We cannot express the importance of this Levy Funding to our Society and our community. The Levy Funds enable us to present worthwhile educational programs in our community and at local schools, retirement homes, etc. Also exhibits, events and the staffing to provide our museum and services to all age groups. Thank you.



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OHS Levy Oversight Committee**

**Reporting for FY 2016-17 (June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017)**

<b>Your name and role:</b> Danielle Utter, Executive Director	
<b>Historical Society you represent</b>	
Name of organization: FRW Historical Society, dba an East County Historical Organization (ECHO)	
Contact information for organization:	<a href="mailto:duitter@echohistory.org">duitter@echohistory.org</a> 503-806-2868
<b>Reporting for levy funds</b>	
Total levy funds received: \$40,000	
Date(s) levy funds were received:	1/17/17 \$20,000 7/26/16 \$20,000
Details for how levy funds have been spent and/or budgeted for:	
Archival	\$101
Outreach/Education	\$321
Repairs & Maintenance	\$1326
Staff	\$37,729
Storage	\$336
Website	\$120
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

<p>This includes ECHO taking steps to reimagine our exhibits to tell the stories of everyone who lived and worked on the Zimmerman farm, plus highlight the founding women of our area, e.g. Fairview is one of the few cities in Oregon that was founded by a woman.</p> <p>ECHO's primary focus is the preservation and education of East Multnomah County history, and we recognize and value all cultures that contribute to this history. The levy funds are, and always will be, spent in a manner reflective of Multnomah County's diverse communities.</p>	<p>Summary of how levy funds are being spent in a manner reflective of Multnomah County's diverse cultures.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECHO's is in the process of renewed strategic planning, which incorporates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ infrastructure improvements to our garden and outbuildings to bring ADA access and community event space to the Zimmerman Gardens</li> <li>◦ increases to outreach/marketing efforts by heightening the awareness of the society, it's historic homes, and its community education assets</li> <li>◦ mobile education units to bring history to area schools, as our current facilities are unable to accommodate large learning groups</li> <li>◦ and much more.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We are in the process of hiring part-time staff to increase public access to the Zimmerman House. Starting in late September/early October, our 1874 home will be open every Saturday and daily during most of the holiday season.</li> <li>• We are working with our current website developer to overhaul our current site and create a more user-friendly donations portal, plus more interactive member, volunteer, and educational pages.</li> <li>• We are also collaborating with City partners and the other historical societies in East Metro on projects such as the City of Gresham's Heritage Summit, School Celebration Committee (preserving the history of soon to be demolished elementary schools), Fairview's Festival on the Green and other City of Fairview events, plus we joined the Gresham Chamber of Commerce to connect with their local business community.</li> <li>• We also plan on joining the West Gorge Chamber this year to increase our tourism opportunities.</li> </ul>	<p>Summary of how levy funds are helping your organization "protect the collection of Oregon history documents and artifacts, and public access to those;" (taken from ballot language for Measure 26-118)</p>



## Anything else you want the Levy Oversight Committee to know?

ECHO and its stakeholders are incredibly grateful to the Oversight Committee for their guidance in renewing the Levy in May 2016. We also cannot thank the residents of Multnomah County enough for passing the measure. They recognized the value of preserving local history by such a wide margin, it is nothing short of astounding. We want everyone to know that we are striving to be good stewards of not only the funding, but of that good will.

We are focusing on becoming Oregon storytellers with a local lens. We hope to show how our area connects with the larger themes of our state/region. Our stories include, but are not limited to, the Oregon Trail, the Vanport Flood, women's rights, and the changing socio-economic climate of the Metro area. We have interesting history to tell, and we are excited to share them with your support.

So far, this year, ECHO has attained several key achievements we would like the committee to know:

- We invested in our full-time staff person to ensure ECHO's future of becoming more community relevant.
- This commitment to relevancy allowed us to grow our board from 3 to 7 people within six months.
- We strengthened and grew relationships with community stakeholders, most notably with our city partners (Fairview and Gresham) and business communities (Gresham Chamber of Commerce and Friends of Fairview) creating new opportunities for outreach, marketing, donors/donations, volunteers, members, and project funding.
- Access to offsite storage, which we plan on increasing to better protect our society's collection and create meeting/work space to begin crafting our new exhibits.
- Protecting our collections is paramount and we enhanced our security system at the Heslin House.
- ECHO is embracing more technology to engage a wider audience. This will hopefully create a pipeline of future volunteers, members, and visitors to our historic structures.
- In addition, our new board is beginning to overhaul our bylaws, policies, planning, and processes to solidify our foundation and create our amazing future.

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Your name and role:	David Ripma, Past President of the Board; Bettianne Goetz, President of the Board
Name of organization:	Historical Society you represent
Contact information for organization:	Troutdale Historical Society (503) 661-2164 - <a href="http://www.troutdalehistory.org">www.troutdalehistory.org</a>
Total levy funds received:	Reporting for levy funds \$40,000
Date(s) levy funds were received:	\$20,000 – July 2016 \$20,000 – January 2017
Details for how levy funds have been spent and/or budgeted for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$834 Archival Storage</li> <li>\$165 Brochure Rack</li> <li>\$1069 Archival Supplies</li> <li>\$2035 Museum Alarms</li> <li>\$1576 Telecommunications</li> <li>\$3022 Museums Electricity</li> <li>\$1789 Museums Heating</li> <li>\$889 Office Supplies</li> <li>\$ 82 Displays, Signage, Advertising</li> <li>\$2367 Printing</li> <li>\$957 Postage</li> <li>\$ 55 Reference Material</li> <li>\$1708 Building Repairs/Maintenance</li> </ul> <p>\$16,548 Total levy funds allocated in FY2015</p> <p>\$23,452 reserved for sustainability</p>
Summary of how levy funds are helping your organization "protect the collection of Oregon history documents and artifacts, and public access to those." (taken from ballot language for Measure 26-174)	<p>The Troutdale Historical Society (THS) maintains three museums: Harlow House; the Depot; and the Barn Exhibit Hall. During FY 2016, THS improved our gift store located in the Barn Exhibit Hall, where we are continuing with our most ambitious exhibit ever commemorating the centennial of the building of the Columbia River Highway. The exhibit is entitled <i>King of Roads – Byway of the People</i> and our improved gift store includes items relevant to the historic highway, which enhances the visitors experience when visiting the exhibit. Like</p>



	<p>our other museums, admission to the <i>King of Roads</i> exhibit is free to all Multnomah County residents, and will continue to be thanks to the renewal of the levy for another 5 years.</p> <p>Levy funds continue to support the Society's ongoing effort to digitize our photo collection and library. The THS photo collection is an irreplaceable repository of local historical images. Our photo archive now exceeds 5,000 pictures. Both the photo library and artifacts were moved during FY2016 to a central location, improving accessibility and reducing our electricity/heating bills. The public now has easier access to our collections, including photos available through computer prints.</p> <p>The levy funds allowed THS to help raise matching funds to secure a grant from Metro's and Troutdale's Community Enhancement Project to repaint and refurbish our largest artifact, a Union Pacific Caboose.</p> <p>The levy funds also help fund our monthly programs of speakers on local history. During FY2016 THS sponsored a reunion for the former employees of the Reynolds/Alcoa aluminum plant, which was a major Troutdale employer. THS also hosts free summer Barnyard Concerts featuring local musicians. In these and many other ways, the levy funds help THS to continue its mission to "... stimulate interest in and knowledge of the locality's past."</p>
<p>Summary of how levy funds are being spent in a manner reflective of Multnomah County's diverse cultures.</p>	<p>THS is active in protecting and researching Native American sites in and around Troutdale. We preserve, through oral histories and artifacts, information about the lives and contributions of Japanese-Americans in our community. We encourage visits to our three museum by local school groups, entertaining and educating hundreds of students each year. Such tours are offered without charge. Many groups are predominantly low income, representing a multitude of cultures, and opportunities such as visits to our museums are rare in their lives.</p>
<p><b>Anything else you want the Levy Oversight Committee to know?</b></p> <p>The volunteers at THS are very grateful and appreciative to the Multnomah County taxpayers for this levy, and for its renewal in 2016. With funding like this, more volunteer hours and energy can be spent on educational programs and projects. In addition to the items listed above, THS raises funds, including dues and donations, which cover other expenses including producing our newsletter (Bygone Times), communication expenses, maintaining a website, and paying for a part time director.</p>	