

Report form for East Multnomah County Historical Societies' Annual Report to the OHS Levy Oversight Committee

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

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		
Details for how levy funds have been spent and/or budgeted for:	Balance FWD 7/1/2016		\$26,129.31
	Levy Funds 7/22/2016		\$20,000.00
	Levy Funds 1/27/2017		\$20,000.00
	Payroll & Payroll Services		(\$53,906.76)
	Operations		(\$7,870.11)
	Operating Account		(\$12,222.55)
	Ending Balance 6/30/2017		\$4,352.44
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"> • 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. • 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. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff also manages the museum's volunteer program, allowing everyone in Gresham and surrounding communities to participate in the preservation of their own history. • Enhanced publicity of the museum and its events with both an increased presence on social media and at public events. • 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. • Continued both onsite and offsite lectures, free Guided Tours of Downtown Gresham and Pioneer cemeteries, including the Butler Creek 2nd grade tours we've hosted for the last three years, for local schools, retirement centers and programs for the mentally disabled. • Free Colophon Windows Coloring Book that tell the history of our building. • Farmer's Market Booth with a different exhibit every two weeks. • Materials for exhibits that change twice a year to optimize our variety of collection items.
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<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"> • Created "A History of Japanese Americans in Gresham" exhibit, which educates the visitors about Gresham's diverse cultural heritage. • 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.
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Anything else you want the Levy Oversight Committee to know?

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.