

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

Reporting for FY 2025 (January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025)

Your name and role:	Christopher L. Garza - Director	
Name of organization:	Troutdale Historical Society	
Contact information for organization:	Director@TroutdaleHistory.org / 503-661-2164	
Total levy funds received:	\$27,500	
Date(s) levy funds were received:	01/22/2025	
<p>Details for how levy funds have been spent and/or budgeted for:</p>	<p>Levy funding has been essential in supporting approximately 51% of Troutdale Historical Society's operating budget for 2025. These vital funds were used for general operational support, including sustaining the salary of our Director—ensuring consistent leadership and strategic growth. Thanks to this investment, we've been able to continue and expand critical services and programming.</p> <p>Levy dollars helped us fund many of our free educational programs, such as our recent community presentation on Margaret Henderson, local author book signings, our monthly Yarn at the Barn fiber arts program, and our outreach booth at Troutdale's First Friday. Without this support, these free and accessible programs simply would not be possible.</p>	

	<p>The levy also supported the successful launch of our newest youth initiative, the Columbia Kids Club, a free monthly educational series designed to engage young learners with fun, hands-on lessons about regional history.</p> <p>In addition, following a serious security breach, levy support allowed us to begin rebuilding and consolidating our digital systems into a new, secure single-server network—an essential investment in protecting our historical data and ensuring future access.</p> <p>Looking ahead, we are allocating funds to reorganize, catalog, and photograph our physical collection in preparation for digitization. We're working toward building a user-friendly online archive accessible to scholars, educators, and the public. This ambitious project will require expanded data storage and support from professional digital archivists—but thanks to levy funds, it's becoming a reality.</p> <p>We are deeply grateful for this support—it's not just helping preserve our past, it's building our future.</p>
<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>Levy support has been transformative in helping us modernize our collections and increase access to Oregon history. The digitization and reorganization of our physical archives will both preserve delicate items and improve the public's ability to engage with them.</p> <p>The upcoming digital archive project will provide open access to thousands of historical artifacts and documents, enhancing research opportunities and academic collaboration statewide. Additionally, educational programs like the “Columbia Kids Club” directly connect young audiences to the collection in an engaging, age-appropriate format.</p>

Summary of how levy funds are being spent in a manner reflective of Multnomah County's diverse cultures.

Our educational programming has increasingly focused on telling broader, more inclusive stories from East County's history. Through both collections planning and exhibit development, we are working to incorporate and highlight the lives and experiences of historically underrepresented communities in our area.

The development of our digital archive will also reflect this commitment by making it easier to identify and access diverse materials. Future programming will include culturally specific events and partnerships as part of our outreach efforts to connect with the region's growing and changing population.

We are sincerely grateful for the levy funding—it is truly foundational to our work. It makes the Director position possible, which in turn allowed for new leadership that has significantly revitalized the organization. Since 2024, we've seen record-setting attendance, up from 2,117 visitors in 2024 to a projected 3,200–3,500 in 2025.

Our average group size has shifted from 1 person on average (2015–2023) to 4 people on average in 2024 and 2025, indicating stronger family and group engagement. Free event attendance has grown from 43 to 121 people on average. Our online presence has expanded dramatically—from 14,000 views in 2023 to over 682,000 views already this year, with projections of over 1.4+ million by year-end.

This growth has also inspired support from the local business community—our sponsor base has grown to 19 businesses in 2025. These successes, made possible through levy support, are helping us build a sustainable and deeply rooted organization for the future.

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Your name and role:	Silvie Andrews, Executive Director	
Historical Society you represent:		
Name of organization:	Gresham Historical Society	
Contact information for organization:	sandrews@greshamhistorical.org ; (503) 661-0347	
Reporting for levy funds		
Total levy funds received:	\$27,500	
Date(s) levy funds were received:	1/29/2025	
Details for how levy funds have been spent and/or budgeted for:	Levy funds have been spent on payroll for the Executive Director, Silvie Andrews.	
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)	Silvie supervises a team of volunteers to address the physical and intellectual care of GHS's historic collections. A collections committee made up of board members and volunteers reviews potential donations for relevance to GHS's mission and collecting goals, which keeps the influx of donations at a manageable level and focuses the efforts of collections volunteers where they are most needed. Silvie provides training and mentorship to collections volunteers, many of whom are seeking careers in museums and archives, ensuring that the team follows best practices in cataloging, digitizing, and housing collection	

materials. A high standard of data collection ensures that these items will be findable to researchers both in-person and on our online archive. Volunteers also continue to make progress on the still-significant backlog of objects, documents, and photos. The team frequently finds treasures that have been in the collection, unprocessed, for 20 or more years. One recent find is a collection of publicity photos from the 1962 opening of Gresham State Bank, located in a midcentury modern building on Gresham's Main Avenue that today houses a popular Italian restaurant. Governor Mark Hatfield flew in by helicopter and presided over the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Volunteers are currently processing a collection of abandoned photos from the developing department of Zim's Twelve-Mile Store, a beloved grocery store in North Gresham that witnessed and contributed to the city's development in the 20th century. The photos capture daily life in Gresham-area families of many backgrounds in the 1950s-70s.

GHS shares the objects, documents, and photos in our care through in-person and digital exhibits. Current exhibits, *Where Have all the Berry Fields Gone: Gresham in the 1960s and 1970s* and *Putting Gresham on the Map* use recently processed collections to illustrate narratives of local history. Next year's main exhibit will coincide with GHS's 50th anniversary and America 250, examining the intersection of history and memory in how we tell our own stories. We also share historic materials via social media and our public portal on Northwest Digital Heritage, hosted by the State Library of Oregon.

Levy funds are crucial to GHS's ability to catalog, digitize, and share these materials. Full-time staff participation and supervision keeps collections projects moving and the organization progressing towards a fully-processed and accessible collection.

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Silvie Andrews along with public historians Stephanie Vallance and Melissa Bevency continue to explore funding possibilities to continue GHS's podcast, *Voices of Gresham*. The podcast is a vehicle for GHS's outstanding oral history collection and an opportunity to tell challenging stories from unheard perspectives. In season 1, the main arc focused on the experiences of Japanese immigrants and their descendants living in Gresham, spanning over a century of history. The second season will look at arrivals and departures – who has come to Gresham and why, and who has had to leave. Gresham is almost fully populated by newcomers since the 1850s, and today it is home to a strikingly diverse population of people from all over the world. Their stories will form the core of the next podcast season, set to release in late 2025. In collaboration with partner organizations Gresham Outdoor Public Art and Portland Indigenous Marketplace, GHS is preparing to host the 2nd annual Indigenous Arts Festival on October 4th-5th. Silvie has applied for and received a \$2,700 grant from Multnomah County Cultural Coalition to sponsor the Indigenous Marketplace and the drumming and dancing group Turquoise Pride. Last year's festival brought Indigenous arts and culture to over 500 guests from all over the region. With increased hours, more vendors and activities, and a slate of impressive guest speakers, this year's event will build on last year's success.

Anything else you want the Levy Oversight Committee to know?

The board, staff, and volunteers of GHS are endlessly grateful to the Multnomah County voters for continuing to entrust us with these levy funds. Every year, we seek new ways to deliver on our promise to serve the community. We thank the LOC for their continuing support.

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Your name and role:	Sandy Cartisser, Treasurer																																		
Historical Society you represent																																			
Name of organization:	Crown Point Country Historical Society																																		
Contact information for organization:	cartisss@rconnects.com																																		
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Details for how levy funds have been spent and/or budgeted for:	<p>The funds have been budgeted as follows: (Based on year total of \$55,000.00)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Operations: 30% or \$16,500.00</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Temp. Office Rent</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">1,200.00</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Paid through Oct. 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance, Liability, Fire & D & O & CPA</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7,200.00</td> <td>Due July & Dec. 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CPA</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,500.00</td> <td>Due Nov. 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website & Maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,585.00</td> <td>Paid April 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Portland General Electric</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,326.00</td> <td>Paid monthly thru June 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phone/Internet</td> <td style="text-align: right;">800.00</td> <td>\$160 per mo. Starting Aug.2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fire Alarm Monitoring</td> <td style="text-align: right;">390.00</td> <td>\$ 65.00 mo. Billed quarterly</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water</td> <td style="text-align: right;">270.00</td> <td>\$45.00 every 2 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newsletter</td> <td style="text-align: right;">844.00</td> <td>Paid Feb & June 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DOJ/Corporation/CT12 fees</td> <td style="text-align: right;">200.00</td> <td>Due Aug & Nov 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">15,315.00</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		Temp. Office Rent	1,200.00	Paid through Oct. 2025	Insurance, Liability, Fire & D & O & CPA	7,200.00	Due July & Dec. 2025	CPA	1,500.00	Due Nov. 2025	Website & Maintenance	1,585.00	Paid April 2025	Portland General Electric	1,326.00	Paid monthly thru June 2025	Phone/Internet	800.00	\$160 per mo. Starting Aug.2025	Fire Alarm Monitoring	390.00	\$ 65.00 mo. Billed quarterly	Water	270.00	\$45.00 every 2 months	Newsletter	844.00	Paid Feb & June 2025	DOJ/Corporation/CT12 fees	200.00	Due Aug & Nov 2025	Total	15,315.00	
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Restorations & Displays 34% or 18,700.00

Archival Supplies	173.00	Paid May 2025
Storage Space Rent	540.00	Paid Jan. 2025
Pioneer Monument & Generator Cement Pads. Dig & Install of Propane Lines & tank for Generator	10,480.00	Paid June 2025
Mezzanine Railing	8,400.00	Pay when billed
Total	19,593.00	*

*Over budget because cost of concrete is up, so pulled funds from savings.

Books, Old House Documentation 6% or \$3,300.00

Reprint of CPC School Book: 3,000.00 Nearing end of probate period to determine if we will be given permission to reprint the book.
 Old House Documentation: 300.00 as needed.
 Total 3,300.00

Museum Building Fund 20% or \$11,000.00

Fire, Electric & Review Fees	1,712.71
Clean & re-stain Wood-Scapes	9,200.00
Total	10,912.71

Savings 10% for \$5,500.00

Funds are placed in an interest-bearing account for future expenses.

<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>Since breaking ground on April 7, 2018, many volunteers planned many fundraising events, relied on private donations and the tax levy funds to achieve our goal of completing the museum. We received occupancy on June 23, 2025 and are preparing for a big Open House on August 23, 2025.</p> <p>CPCHS is proud that we accomplished purchasing the land and building the museum without any debt.</p> <p>Because of the tax levy funds, we now have an Archival room, knowing that our photos and historical documents can be stored safely. Also, a Research Library is planned along with a gift shop for our many visitors.</p> <p>The tax levy funds also allowed us to incorporate railroad track from the mid 1880's that was used in the logging operations on Larch Mountain into a unique railing system in and outside of the museum. A must see!</p> <p>There is still some outside work to be completed and start the planning of the outside displays so we can complete the dream.</p>
<p>Summary of how levy funds are being spent in a manner reflective of Multnomah County's diverse cultures.</p>	<p>We are in the process of assembling several displays. To name a few, a display of the original Wasco migration routes with pre-contact history, facets of the logging and lumbering industry, story of Fishing and the Canneries, that the Japanese worked, Farming, Commerce which will include our very own Corbett Market that was a Red & White store from the late 20's through the mid 50's, new additions to the Charles W. Post art collection, history of the Historic Columbia River Gorge, a tribute to our very own World Champion Cowgirl, the 11 schools that dotted Crown Point Country along with an exhibits of Kate Rockwell and history of Oregon Rocks.</p>

Anything else you want the Levy Oversight Committee to know?

CPCHS is looking forward to the August 23, 2025 visit from the Levy Oversight Committee, County Chair and Commissioners and representatives from the Oregon Historical Society. All have supported our endeavor and have played a vital part in this all coming together.

Thank you and please join us on the 23rd of August to share in our accomplishment.

**Report Multnomah County Historical Organization semi-annual report to
the OHS Levy Oversight Committee**

Reporting for January – June 2025

East County Historical Organization

Total levy funds were received \$27.500 – January 24, 2025

<u>Fees, membership & alarm</u>	<u>435.06</u>
<u>Insurance</u>	<u>4364.00</u>
<u>Membership Costs</u>	<u>120.48</u>
<u>Newsletter</u>	<u>1114.58</u>
<u>Postage/post office</u>	<u>16.45</u>
<u>Grounds & Gardens</u>	<u>353.63</u>
<u>Professional Fees/Taxes</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>Restoration</u>	<u>516.66</u>
<u>Supplies</u>	<u>107.15</u>
<u>Technology</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>Utilities</u>	<u>3328.79</u>
<u>House Maintenance/Trees/Gardens</u>	<u>1611.99</u>

The 1893 Heslin House Museum has had a very interesting life its 132 years. From its initial building as a Boarding House, to a family home, these wall have seen many changes. The Museum artifacts are from the Heslin Family, furniture, piano and donations from Fairview residents, Blue Lake memorabilia Fairview School and a lot if history of the east country.

The 1915 City of Fairview Jail is listed on the National Register the Heslin House Museum are both located in Ne/cha-kee Park/Handy Park. The Museum and Jail are both open the third Saturday of each month.

The 1874 Zimmerman Heritage Farm House Museum, was the home of three Generation of the Zimmerman Family They lived in the house from 1874 to 1992 the artifacts in the collection in the house all belonged to the Zimmerman family, range from furniture, clothes,

shoes, hats, dishes, children's toys, dolls, doll furniture and clothes, glassware, pictures, books and lots of history of east County.

Both of our houses have nice size gardens, Heslin House is a shared garden with family friendly Handy Park. Lots of beautiful flowers, shrubs, and trees.

Zimmerman House Gardens, Grape Arbor with a history of weddings, wisteria grows across the front of the house and in 2014 we planted a butterfly garden, so we have lots beautiful flowers and trees for you to enjoy.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the East County Historical Organization (ECHO) we thank you for the Multnomah County Tax Levy Fund check for \$27,500.00. We are deeply grateful for your contribution, which will make a tremendous difference in our efforts to preserve the treasures, stories, and memories of the early founders of Multnomah County. Your support strengthens our ability to document the lives, culture, and historical record of the Heslin, Zimmerman and other pioneering families so that future generations can learn the rich history of the area.

Thank You

Peggy Olin President

Margaret Erikson Treasurer/Bookkeeper