

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

Reporting for FY 2026 (January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026)

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:	1/30/2026	
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. Processing milestones during this reporting period include a significant donation of 35mm slides from a local photographer, documenting the Gresham area from the 1950s to the 1980s; a collection of publicity materials from the Olympic Mill, a major local employer from World War II through the 1990s; three paintings by Ray Strong, a well-known 20th century landscape painter with Gresham roots; and 22 other recent donations ranging from one to 38 items. Volunteers continue to make steady progress processing backlogged donations from as early as the 1980s.

GHS shares the objects, documents, and photos in our care through in-person and digital exhibits. The 2026 main exhibit, installed in January, commemorates the Gresham Historical Society's 50th anniversary with an institutional history and a feature on the types of objects GHS has collected since its beginning. Titled *History and Memory: 50 Years of Preservation at the Gresham Historical Society*, the exhibit begins with GHS's roots in the US Bicentennial in 1976, tracing the evolution of collecting priorities through the decades to the present day.

Several volunteers are currently enrolled in or recently graduated from MLIS programs, their volunteer archival work and coursework mutually informing one another. Delilah Abraham graduated from UW in June after completing a capstone project that involved a large collection of news negatives that GHS received in 2024. Because of her work, many of these negatives are digitized, and she also created a guide for other volunteers to follow as they continue to process this important collection. Another volunteer and current MLIS student, Hannah Jensvold, has received a fellowship from Northwest Archivists to process an important collection of photos and documents from the Meadowland Dairy that GHS received in 2025. This collection documents Gresham's agricultural history, including the lives of many migrant and foreign exchange workers that the dairy employed through the 20th century. It will become the cornerstone of GHS's 2027 exhibit, *Dairies, Berries, and Nuts*.

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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Slivie, along with public historians Stephanie Vallance and Melissa Bevency, have secured funding to continue the *Voices of Gresham* podcast, which explores themes in local history through oral history accounts. Stephanie and Melissa have begun work on the second season, which will explore stories of "Coming to Gresham" – showing that the Oregon Trail was only one in a continuing series of arrivals, many of which happened for the same reasons and all of which impact Gresham's identity in the present day.

In June, GHS hosted History Week, a 9-day festival commemorating the America 250 as well as the society's 50th anniversary. An America 250 Oregon grant supported creation of four traveling exhibits featuring stories of Gresham's Black history, Indigenous origins, libraries, and migrations. We prioritized diverse representation in all festival programs throughout the week with the goal of setting the tone for the next 50 years and creating an ethos that reflects the people who live in Gresham now. Programs included the Arts & Culture Fair, a street fair on the museum grounds that brought artisans practicing traditional techniques including Native American beadwork, ikebana, tinsmithing, weaving, origami, hand-carving, and more; a scavenger hunt that had participants exploring historic sites with ties to Gresham's immigrant communities; and a history trivia night at Rockwood Market Hall, a local cultural hub, where participants answered questions about Black history, Japanese-American history, and other local and regional topics.

In the spring, GHS hosted three school field trips and led students on guided tours of Downtown Gresham. Featuring public art and historic buildings, the tour draws on Oregon's social studies standards and guidelines to deliver an accessible narrative of local history that is reflective of the area's true cultural diversity. GHS looks forward to welcoming more school groups in the 2026-27 school year with a volunteer-run school outreach program.

The museum's monthly lecture series continues. In February, Mariah Rocker from Oregon Black Pioneers delivered a lecture titled "Oregon's Black History: 450 Years in 40 Minutes" to a sold-out audience. This talk and others like it prove that local audiences are deeply responsive to diverse histories that represent the community at large. GHS will continue to find, preserve, and share these stories through exhibits, tours, lectures, the podcast, social media, and other public history initiatives as opportunities arise. Because of the levy, these opportunities are all either free or offered at low cost so that everyone in our community can benefit from them.

Anything else you want the Levy Oversight Committee to know?

The staff, board, and volunteers of the Gresham Historical Society once again thank the Multnomah County voters for renewing the OHS levy in May. These funds not only sustain our operations but allow us to grow to meet the needs of the Gresham community. Our thanks also to the Levy Oversight Committee for the support and care they give in reviewing our reports.

Gresham Historical Society

OHS Levy Report

January through June 2026

	Jan - Jun 26
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40100 · Direct Gifted Revenue	
40102 · Gifted Revenue-Ind/Grp/Bsn	10,722.32
Total 40100 · Direct Gifted Revenue	10,722.32
40300 · Non-Government Grant Revenue	
40304 · Foundation/Trust Grants	1,500.00
Total 40300 · Non-Government Grant Re...	1,500.00
40600 · Government Grant Revenue	
40606 · State Grants	3,000.00
40608 · Local Govt - Levy	27,500.00
Total 40600 · Government Grant Revenue	30,500.00
42000 · Earned Revenue	
42002 · Event Sponsorships	19,000.00
42012 · Other Events Revenue	9,379.90
Total 42000 · Earned Revenue	28,379.90
42300 · Dues Revenue	
42302 · Membership - Ind/Family	2,550.00
42306 · Membership - Business	350.00
42308 · Membership - Dual	970.00
42310 · Membership - Patron	1,000.00
Total 42300 · Dues Revenue	4,870.00
42400 · Investment Revenues	
42402 · Interest (Savings Revenue)	2,337.11
42404 · Interest/Dividends	611.76
42406 · 436 N. Main Rent Revenue-Zion	25,653.40
42426 · Realized Gain-Loss	10,822.94
Total 42400 · Investment Revenues	39,425.21
42500 · Other Earned Revenue	
42502 · Inventory Gross Sales	264.00
42506 · Non-Inventory Gross Sales	423.06
Total 42500 · Other Earned Revenue	687.06
Total Income	116,084.49
Cost of Goods Sold	
50500 · 436 N. Main Rental Cost-Zion	
50502 · Property Management Cost-Zion	803.70
50504 · Mortgage Interest Cost-Zion	2,197.65
50508 · Property Insurance Cost-Zion	4,294.53
50510 · Property Maintenance Cost-Zion	195,261.79
50518 · Tax Prep/Accounting Costs-Zion	850.00
Total 50500 · 436 N. Main Rental Cost-Zi...	203,407.67
52512 · Non-Inventory Sales Cost	7,864.89
52618 · Event Advertising Cost	1,830.69
52622 · Event Concession/Catering Cost	1,660.78
52624 · Event Talent/Speaker Cost	1,158.91
52626 · Other Event Cost	5,255.53
Total COGS	221,178.47
Gross Profit	-105,093.98
Expense	

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Cash Basis

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70200 · Payroll Expense	
70204 · Employee Salary/Wages	30,000.00
70208 · Employee Benefits/Bonuses	3,000.00
70210 · Company Paid PR Taxes	2,573.97
70214 · Staff/Board Development	748.43
Total 70200 · Payroll Expense	36,322.40
70300 · Contract Services Expense	
70304 · Accounting Fees	1,699.25
70308 · Payroll Service Fees	385.95
70312 · Contracted Labor	5,268.75
Total 70300 · Contract Services Expense	7,353.95
80100 · Nonpersonnel Expenses	
80102 · Supplies/Equipment-Museum	13,429.12
80104 · Supplies - Exhibit Expense	1,865.97
80110 · Phone/Internet/Communications	2,452.77
80112 · Postage/Shipping/Delivery	551.28
80116 · Printing/Copying	1,041.69
80118 · Dues/Subscriptions/Mmbrshps...	1,387.94
80120 · In-house Publications	500.00
Total 80100 · Nonpersonnel Expenses	21,228.77
80200 · Facility/Equipment Expenses	
80202 · Occupancy Expenses-Museum	806.69
80204 · Utilities-Museum	4,870.78
80212 · Maintenance-Museum	12,987.70
80220 · Property Insurance-Museum	4,294.52
Total 80200 · Facility/Equipment Expenses	22,959.69
80300 · Travel/Meeting Expenses	
80306 · Business Meetings/Meals	11.95
Total 80300 · Travel/Meeting Expenses	11.95
80400 · Other Nonpersonnel Expenses	
80404 · Insurance Non-Employee-D/O	2,047.00
80414 · Marketing Expense (General)	878.37
Total 80400 · Other Nonpersonnel Expe...	2,925.37
80500 · Business Expenses	
80508 · Other Taxes	307.00
80514 · Organizational (Corp) Expenses	50.00
80516 · Banking/Penalty Fees	997.38
80518 · Merchant Service Fees	306.08
Total 80500 · Business Expenses	1,660.46
Total Expense	92,462.59
Net Ordinary Income	-197,556.57
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
85500 · Other Income	
85504 · Returns/Reimbursement Income	123.95
Total 85500 · Other Income	123.95
Total Other Income	123.95
Other Expense	
91000 · Other Expense	

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91008 · Reimbursed Expenses	-1,284.43
Total 91000 · Other Expense	-1,284.43
Total Other Expense	-1,284.43
Net Other Income	1,408.38
Net Income	-196,148.19

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

Reporting for FY 2025 (January 1 - July 1 2026)

Your name and role:	Christopher L. Garza - Executive 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:	01/28/2026	
Details for how levy funds have been spent and/or budgeted for:	For the first half of 2026, Multnomah County Museum Levy funds have been instrumental in supporting a portion of the Executive Director's salary, general operating expenses, computer and technology upgrades, and the continued delivery of free educational programming. These funds enabled us to present community programs such as Columbia Kids Club, THS Presents, and, most notably, helped reintroduce Troutdale's beloved Summerfest after a six-year hiatus. In partnership with the City of Troutdale, the event featured a historical presentation honoring Clarence and Colleen Mershon (local historians), a community yarn bomb celebrating our <i>Threads Through Time</i> exhibit, family activities, and a citywide history scavenger hunt. The event welcomed hundreds of visitors to our three museums while attracting new members, volunteers, and supporters.	

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)	During the first half of 2026, Multnomah County Museum Levy funding has continued to strengthen both the preservation of our collections and public access to them. Levy support has helped sustain daily museum operations, allowing our three museums to remain open while staff continue cataloging, caring for, and interpreting artifacts, photographs, and archival materials that document Troutdale's rich history. Funding has also supported technology upgrades that improve collection management and provide a stronger foundation for future digitization efforts. Through new exhibits, educational programs, guided tours, and community events, thousands of visitors have been able to engage directly with Oregon's history. Levy funding ensures that our collections are not only preserved for future generations but remain meaningful, accessible, and actively used by the public today.
Summary of how levy funds are being spent in a manner reflective of Multnomah County's diverse cultures.	Multnomah County Museum Levy funding has continued to support our efforts to preserve and share the diverse stories that have shaped East Multnomah County. We remain actively engaged in digitizing our collections while continuing to acquire and document newly donated artifacts, photographs, and archival materials representing a broad range of local experiences and cultural perspectives. Levy support has also enabled the development of new interpretive programming, including a guided walking tour of Sharon Nesbit Heritage Park along the Ch'ak Ch'ak Trail. This program presents both the history of the area's Indigenous peoples and the stories of later pioneer settlement, providing visitors with a more complete understanding of the region's past. By expanding access to these stories through exhibits, educational programs, and digital preservation, we continue building a more inclusive and representative historical record for all members of our community.

The first half of 2026 has demonstrated the lasting impact of the Multnomah County Museum Levy on our organization and the community we serve. Levy funding has allowed us to strengthen daily operations, enhance technology, expand educational programming, and create meaningful opportunities for the public to connect with local history. From welcoming hundreds of visitors during the return of Summerfest to continuing the preservation and interpretation of our growing collections, this support has enabled us to fulfill our mission with greater reach and effectiveness. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Multnomah County Commissioners, Kerry Tymchuk, and the Museum Levy Oversight Committee for your continued support of our mission and your steadfast commitment to preserving Oregon's history. Their partnership ensures that local history remains accessible, engaging, and relevant for current and future generations.

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Reporting for FY 2026 (January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026)

Your name and role:	Chuck Rollins, President	Sandy Cartisser, Treasurer
Historical Society you represent		
Name of organization:	Crown Point Country Historical Society	
Contact information for organization:	cartisss@rconnects.com	
Reporting for levy funds		
Total levy funds received:	\$27,500.00	
Date(s) levy funds were received:	January 28, 2026	
Details for how levy funds have been spent and/or budgeted for:	The funds have been budgeted as follows: (Based on year total of \$55,000.00) Operations: 30% or \$16,500.00 Fire/Burglar Alarm 1,189.00 Paid March 2026 yearly Insurance/Liability, Fire & D&O 4,700.00 Due July 2026 D&O 790.00 Due Dec. 2026 CPA 1,450.00 Due Nov. 2026 Website/Maintenance 2,360.00 Paid April 2026 Utilities/PGE 1,724.10. Paid Monthly Jan.-June 2026 Phone/Internet 669.66 Paid April 2026 Water 151.11 Paid Bi-Monthly 2026 Newsletter/Printing 917.75 Paid Feb & May 2026 Sign up Genius 107.89 Paid April 2026 Plus Utilities for balance of year 2,545.00 July – Dec. 2026 Total 16,604.51 Slightly overbudget as still trying to learn what expenses are for a full year.	

Restorations & Displays 34% or \$18,700.00

Supplies/Office/Archival/Displays	2,511.07	Paid March 2026
Anticipated Monument Restoration	12,000.00	When completed
Future Displays	4,000.00	When needed.
Total	18,511.07	

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

Reprint of CPC School Book	3,000.00	Presently working with heirs to receive permission to reprint book, since probate period is complete.
Old House/School/Documentation	300.00	
Copyright License	1,699.60	Paid March 2026
Total	3,300.00	

Overbudget as reprint of books is an estimated cost. Can draw from savings.

Museum Building Fund 20% or \$11,000.00

Potential Building Maintenance	11,000.00	When needed
Total	11,000.00	

Savings 10% or \$5,500.00

Funds are placed in interest-bearing account for unexpected expenses.

Budgeted amounts were high since we did not have previous expenses to compare to. Budgeted amounts will be readjusted in July 2026 to reflect what one year's worth of expenses and what outside displays and landscape will require to complete the grounds.

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)	As of March 21, 2026, the Crown Point Country Museum is officially open. Presently we are open all Saturdays and Sundays, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. with our limited volunteers. The gift shop is now open and operating according to our mission. Purchasing Sign up Genius for the volunteers for both the Museum and Gift shop has made it easy for the volunteers to register and several days before their shift, an email is sent to those as a reminder. Since the opening, we have hosted tours for four schools from Corbett and the greater Portland Area plus two retirement facilities and two more scheduled for later in the summer. It is estimated that we have had close to 500 visitors from the tours so far. The office is now on site and 5 dedicated volunteers continue to accession the newly arriving artifacts that we are receiving. The Archival Room is still in the process of organization and auditing the collection after the move. Special programs are planned for the balance of the year with a guest display case for other items of interest that would pertain to domestic life and of interest. For America's Semi Quincentennial Celebration, an impressive art installation, titled "Speaking to Liberty" by local artist Joe Schnieder was on display. The artwork is made of recycled metal from the Corbett area and features thousands of lights. This artwork was featured on the Oregon Art Beat and will also be on display in September 2026 on the plaza of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC.
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Now that the weather has warmed and the ground has dried out, excavation of the parking and surrounding area will begin, in preparation for the building of the outside displays and anticipated Long House.

Also, as part of the 250th Celebration, the Indigenous Peoples exhibit has added two new aspects featuring "how Native American practices influenced the designing of our U.S. Democracy" or known as the Great Law of Peace. In addition, the identification of the busts featured at the Vista House at Crown Point, by Wasco Elder, Ken Smith.

A photo of the Japanese students, standing by an older pickup truck has been located and has been added to the School Display board. Efforts are being made to contact one of the Japanese families who still live in the community for more information. The school exhibit will be on Display on September 13, 2026 at the East Multnomah Pioneer Picnic Day as a shared exhibit with one of our partners.

Anything else you want the Levy Oversight Committee to know?

CPCHS would like to take this opportunity to thank the County Commissioners, the Oregon Historical Society, and the Oversight Committee for their part in agreeing too and oversight of the Tax Levy. The Multnomah County Voters, who voted to renew the levy each time are the winners two-fold, bringing monies to the communities and access to the rich history of Oregon. CPCHS was able to reach their goal of a new museum in East County giving the opportunity for all to experience this part of beautiful Oregon.

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

Reporting for January 2026 – June 2026

East County Historical Organization

January, 2026 to June 2026

Total levy funds were received \$27.500 – January 2026

Fees, membership & alarm	225.00	
Insurance	463200	
Membership Costs	469.53	
Newsletter	420.00	
Postage/post office	25.00	
Grounds & Gradients	3904.00	
Professional Fees/Taxes	107.00	
Restoration	33513.00	New Roof on Zimmerman
House		
Supplies	0	
Technology	765.00	
Utilities	3279.00	

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 \$35'000. 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

FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED FUNDING AGREEMENT

This First Amended and Restated Funding Agreement ("Agreement") is by and between Multnomah County, a municipal subdivision of the state of Oregon ("County"), and the Oregon Historical Society, a nonprofit corporation organized under Oregon State law ("OHS"), with each referred to as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

Recitals

WHEREAS, OHS acts as the Multnomah County Historical Society by collecting, maintaining, and preserving the vast majority of historical records and artifacts for the City of Portland and the state of Oregon, with about 60% of the its collection relating directly to Multnomah County history.

WHEREAS, approximately 70,000 visitors, including about 8,000 schoolchildren, yearly use these OHS' facility in downtown Portland to research and otherwise learn about Oregon history.

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2026, Multnomah County voters approved Ballot Measure 26-261 ("Measure") which renewed a local option levy of \$0.05 (five cents) per \$1,000 of assessed real property value in Multnomah County ("Levy"). Levy revenue will be collected beginning in fiscal year 2025-2026 for a period of five years, expiring in fiscal year 2030-2031.

WHEREAS, the Levy funds OHS programs and other operations, as well as the operations of four east Multnomah County historical societies.

WHEREAS, the Parties enter into this Agreement to outline the roles and responsibilities of the County and OHS with regard to the Measure and Levy revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby covenant and agree as follows:

Agreement

1. **Effective Date; Term.** The Agreement shall be effective as of May 20, 2026 (the "Effective Date"), and shall run from the Effective Date until June 30, 2032 ("Term"), unless earlier terminated by a Party as provided herein.

2. **Obligations of County.**

a. **Pay Levy Revenues to OHS.** County has developed estimates of the revenue that the Levy will generate through the Term. The Parties understand and agree that the

estimates will vary from year to year and depend upon a number of variables related to the state of Oregon's property tax system. Around October 15 each year, County will assess the Levy and bill taxpayers, with tax payments generally due by November 15 (taxpayers may choose to pay in installments). County will remit Levy collected revenues to OHS based on the property tax distribution schedule set forth in ORS 311.390.

The Parties acknowledge that revenue from the Levy will continue to be collected for several years following expiration of the Term (and Levy). The Parties will agree upon an estimate of the outstanding taxes not later than October 15, 2026. County will transfer the full amount of the agreed upon estimate of prior year taxes by June 30, 2031.

If County determines that OHS is out of compliance with either the terms of the Measure or this Agreement, it reserves the right to suspend distribution of Levy revenue under this Agreement until compliance is achieved to the satisfaction of County.

b. **Support Levy Oversight Committee.** County, acting through its Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, will continue to support the Levy Oversight Committee (LOC) in a manner consistent with the Measure, including as follows:

- i. Members of the LOC shall be appointed by the Chair of the board of commissioners with the approval of the board.
- ii. County will cause the LOC to meet at least semiannually.
- iii. Minutes from LOC meetings will be provided by OHS to the Chair's Office and posted publicly on the County website.
- iv. County will provide an annual briefing to the Board of County Commissioners regarding OHS compliance with the Measure.

3. **Obligations of OHS.**

a. **Allocate Levy Revenues.** OHS agrees to comply with relevant obligations set forth in ORS 358.315 to 358.230 and make payments from levy proceeds to the following east Multnomah County historical societies:

- i. ECHO (East County Historical Organization)
- ii. Gresham Historical Society
- iii. Troutdale Historical Society
- iv. Crown Point Country Historical Society

Annually, OHS will allocate and pay to the above historical societies at least \$220,000 over the Term. Payments will be made in amounts of at least \$27,500 to each organization not later than July 31 and January 31 of each year the Levy is in place. OHS may choose to increase allocations and payments to individual historical societies, pending review and approval from the LOC.

b. **Establish Contracts with Historical Societies.** By September 1, 2026, OHS will establish formal partnership agreements with each organization set forth in **Section 3(a)**. OHS will cause each of these societies to make a report to the LOC at least once annually. These reports shall provide an accounting for the expenditure of the Levy funds received under this Agreement. In the event that any of the organizations set forth in **Section 3(a)** fail to report at least once annually to the LOC, OHS is authorized to withhold distribution of Levy funds under this Agreement until the report is made to the satisfaction of OHS and the LOC. In the event that one of the historical societies stops providing services to the public, or is otherwise dissolved or becomes inactive, the funds shall be distributed equally among the remaining organizations in **Section 3(a)**.

c. **Pay County Administrative Fee.** On June 30, annually during the Term, County will withhold from the revenues paid to OHS under **Section 2(a)** not more than \$35,000 as compensation for administrative duties related to the collection and distribution of Levy revenues and appropriate staff support for the LOC.

d. **Conduct Annual Fiscal Audit.** Consistent with the Measure, OHS will annually conduct and pay for a fiscal audit detailing its use of Levy revenues. Within a reasonable time period after the results of such audit are available, OHS will make the audit results available to the public by publishing the results on its website. County will select and approve the auditor to perform these annual fiscal audits.

e. **Cooperate with LOC Oversight Actions.** OHS understands that the LOC's role is to provide oversight of the expenditure of Levy funds on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and to identify for OHS and the community any perceived or persistent practices that are inconsistent with the Measure. OHS agrees that it will:

i. cooperate with the LOC, including by promptly providing any and all relevant documents, materials, and other information as required by the LOC to fulfill its reporting function; and

ii. reasonably comply with recommendations from the LOC on matters related to their role as stated above.

f. **Conduct Performance Audit.** OHS agrees to have a performance audit performed at its own expense and by an auditor approved by County if:

i. the LOC finds that it has cause to believe that OHS is not in compliance with

the Levy provisions and this Agreement;

ii. the County Chair concurs; and

iii. the Parties have completed the dispute resolution set forth at **Section 6**.

The performance audit provided for under this section would be in addition to, and not in place of, the annual fiscal audit described in **Section 3(d)**. OHS agrees to fully cooperate with respect to all documents, materials, and other information deemed necessary by the auditors to complete the audit in a timely fashion.

4. **Budget Law Compliance.** The Parties will comply with Oregon local budget law, as set forth in Chapter 294 of the Oregon Revised Statutes, with regard to the expenditure of Levy funds.

5. **Termination.** The Agreement may be terminated: (a) at any time by mutual written agreement of the Parties; or (b) at any time after a Party has failed to cure a breach of the Agreement after receiving 30 days written notice from the non-breaching Party. Unless extended by written mutual agreement of the Parties, the Agreement shall terminate at the end of the Term.

6. **Dispute Resolution.** Any dispute regarding the interpretation or application of the terms of this Agreement shall first be brought to the Co-Chairs of the LOC and the Executive Director of OHS for resolution. If they are unable to agree, the matter shall be brought to the attention of the County Chair for final resolution. The Co-Chairs may refer the matter to mediation or alternative dispute resolution for resolution.

Any legal action involving any question arising under this Agreement may be brought only after the conclusion of the dispute resolution outlined in this Agreement and must be brought in the circuit court of Multnomah County, Oregon. If the claim must be brought in a federal forum, then it shall be brought and conducted in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon. In the event of litigation each side agrees to bear the cost of its own legal fees.

7. **Entire Agreement; Governing Law.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties with regard to the matters set forth in it, and any prior negotiations and understandings between the Parties have been merged herein. The Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Oregon and ordinances of Multnomah County, Oregon.

8. **No Assignment; Successors; Third-Party Beneficiaries.** No Party may assign its interest in the Agreement to a third-party without the prior written consent of the other Parties. The Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto jointly and severally and the heirs, executors, representatives, successors, predecessors and

assigns of each. This Agreement shall be enforceable only by each Party in its own right and shall not be enforceable by any person or entity. Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to or shall confer any rights, benefits, remedies, or entitlements upon any person or entity other than the Parties.

9. **Mutual Preparation.** This Agreement, in all respects, shall be deemed and construed to have been prepared mutually and equally by all of the Parties. No uncertainty or ambiguity herein shall be construed against any Party.

10. **General.** The terms of this Agreement are contractual and not a mere recital. Each Party represents and warrants that it has the power and authority to enter into and perform the Agreement. No modifications or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless contained in a writing signed by the Parties and no waiver, promise or representation by a Party shall be binding thereon unless contained in a signed writing. The Agreement may only be amended or supplemented by a writing that: (a) is signed by duly authorized representatives of the Parties; (b) clearly recites the Parties' understanding and intent to amend the Agreement; and (c) clearly and with specificity describes the terms to be amended or supplemented. Any notice given hereunder must be in writing, which shall be deemed effective upon deposit in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid, if addressed to a Party at its address of record. If any part of this Agreement shall be deemed invalid, illegal, or unenforceable to any extent, the provision shall be construed to be enforceable to the fullest extent possible, and the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected and shall be enforceable. Payments under the Agreement shall be made in the legal currency of the United States.

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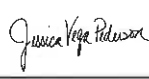
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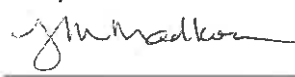
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