

## Multnomah County History Levy Report Form

Name of organization: Crown Point Country Historical Society

Contact for organization: Sandy Cartisser, Treasurer

Report time period: January 1, 2022-June 30, 2022

Levy funds received in period; \$25,000

Summary of how levy funds were budgeted and/or spent, including how the funds protected the collection of and public access to your organization, and how they are being used in a manner reflective of Multnomah County's diverse culture:

The funds have been budgeted as follows:

Operations: Budgeted 20% or \$10,000.00 (Based on year total of \$50,000.00)

Temp Office Rent:		Due: October 2022*
Liability & D & O Insurance:		Due: July & Dec. 2022*
Fire/Terrorism Insurance:		Due: July 2022*
CPA		Due: August 2022*
Renew Website	\$1,100.00	Paid April 2022
Wifi Router/Remote PC	194.49	Paid June 2022

\*\$9,761.00 due for July, August & October, is overbudget due to Fire Insurance

Restoration/Displays: Budgeted 16% or \$8,000.00

Archival Boxes & Supplies	418.49	Paid April 2022
Storage Space		Due: August 2022

\* \$360.00 due August

Books, Oral Histories, Old House Documentation: Budgeted 4% or \$2,000.00

Book committee is all working from home on editing and updating the reprint of The Pioneer Journals. Progress is slow, but now it appears to be ready to go to Print at the end of the year. Funds have been set aside in an interest-bearing Savings account until needed.

The oral interviews and Old House Documentation committee will start meeting as soon as it safely to gather.

Museum Building Fund/Land Payment: Budgeted %50 or \$25,000.00.

Land Payment: Due: December 2022 \*

Permits/Septic, Heating & Cooling Due: August 2022\*

\*\$23,500.00 due August & December.

Savings: Budgeted 10% or \$5,000.00

The budgeted monies that will be spent for the last half of the year have been placed in savings until needed to meet our obligation when due.

As the road to building a museum has taken CPCHS along many avenues from securing the land, to meeting the county and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic requirements to build, CPCHS was granted a building permit. Construction began in the spring of 2018 and has continued. The outside is near completion and now our focus will be the completion of the inside. CPCHS has made the commitment to have the building completely paid for without going into debt.

This last year, staff members of the Oregon Historical Society visited and gave us advice on lighting, the layout of displays, the documentation of material and grant writing. The five members of the group were very impressed with our museum and commented on how fine a building it is.

As we have grown, the Society has taken on new volunteers to help with archiving the artifacts that are being donated. With the large number of artifacts people have and want to give us, we have adopted new policies that give us clarification for handling these donations. The policies call for meticulous documentation, identifying the provenance of each item and proper storage. Levy money has been spent for the archival storage of the artifacts.

CPCHS is again working with the U.S. Forest Service, documenting the history of logging and lumbering on Larch Mountain. The Forest Service has agreed to work with us in building a steam donkey from parts found on Larch Mountain after the Gorge Fire of 2017. This will be the only machine of its type in the Columbia River Gorge and levy funds will be used to restore the donkey.

We are beginning to work on a traditional Wasco Longhouse. A large donation has been received to help fund most of the cost of this construction. We are starting to clear the land as we speak. It is important to note that we are working with the Wasco Nation documenting the pre-contact history of this region. Their story will be told through our museum exhibits and the Longhouse experience. This will be an authentic building, built by Native Americans and levy funds will be used to help finish the building, if needed. CPCHS is very excited about this project.

Several members of CPCHS along with members of the Eastern Multnomah Pioneer Association are in the process of republishing and updating our community's history, putting it all together in one volume. It is our hope that it will be completed this year. Funds have been set aside for this project.

CPCHS is discussing and contemplating a partnership with Gray Line Waterfall Trolley Service making our museum site a destination point on their schedule. We know, due to high volume of tourism, we could be one of the most visited museums in the state. The levy funds will allow us to tell our regional story from all over the world.

The excitement in our community is still strong and very supportive of this project. We have often been told that the tax levy funding was one that our community readily supported. We at CPCHS are very grateful for the Levy funds and continued support from OHS.

The Society would love to invite the Levy Oversight committee out to see the buildings progress.

## Multnomah County History Levy Report Form

Name of organization: Gresham Historical Society

Contact for organization: Silvie Andrews, Museum Director  
Leslie Radke, Treasurer

Report time period: January 1, 2022-June 30, 2022

Levy funds received in period; \$25,000 received February 11, 2022

Summary of how levy funds were budgeted and/or spent, including how the funds protected the collection of and public access to your organization, and how they are being used in a manner reflective of Multnomah County's diverse culture:

As before, levy funds primarily go towards the salary of one permanent, full-time director who performs or oversees most aspects of the Gresham Historical Society's (GHS) operations, including collections management and interpretation. This position enables GHS to be open to the public five days per week with free admission to all and has made all of the following activities possible.

GHS opened on March 2<sup>nd</sup> after a two-and-a-half-month closure for exhibit preparation in the museum's single gallery space. The unusually long closure was the result of the fire on July 2, 2021, which necessitated the removal of all existing exhibition materials, whereas in normal years, only one half of the gallery is changed at a time. The new featured exhibit is titled *A History of Gresham in 100 Objects* and is intended to showcase items in the collection with interesting local stories attached to them, many of which are on display for the first time since donation. The exhibit comes with three scavenger hunts that have engaged dozens of visitors of all ages. An auxiliary exhibit, *Unclaimed Memories: Lost Photos from Zim's Twelve-Mile Store*, features images recently uncovered in the GHS archives that were left for development at a local grocery store and never claimed by their owners. These photos show everyday scenes from Gresham in the 1950s and 1960s through the eyes and lenses of those who lived here.

GHS applied for and received a City of Gresham Community Assistance Grant to hire a Public Historian, who will join the staff in July 2022. This position will strengthen and build on the oral history collection at GHS, most of which is on compact audio cassettes and has received little to no processing since its creation in the 1980s and 1990s. The Public Historian will identify gaps and weak points in the oral history collection and seek to fill them by interviewing current and former Gresham residents, with an emphasis on those from marginalized communities whose historical contributions have thus far received little billing at GHS and elsewhere. Levy funds in the form of the director's salary have gone towards the writing of the grant and implementation of the project, titled the Gresham Public History Program (GPHP). The director's oversight of GPHP will draw from levy funds until the project's completion, estimated to fall around June 30, 2023.

Improvements to the GHS website have laid the groundwork for making parts of the collection accessible online with mediating text. Collections highlights, upcoming events, and historical snippets are shared online with the public via social media on the museum's Facebook and Instagram pages which, combined, have reached hundreds of thousands of users in the past six months.

The director and a team of cataloging volunteers under the director's supervision have tackled a vast backlog of objects, documents, photos, and texts in the GHS collections, creating records for nearly 1000 of these items that had never yet been documented and providing long-needed cataloging improvements to 3,000 preexisting records, all since January 1, 2022. This is a first step towards public accessibility for these items and has already made a significant difference in internal research for exhibits and web content.

To commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Japanese internment during World War II, GHS hosted a free public lecture by local historian Gwenda McCall, who interviewed many local residents and former residents of Japanese ancestry to capture their experiences before, during, and after internment. Her lecture, "Minidoka: 80 Years of Unspoken Memories," captured these experiences and cast a stark light on the bigotry these people faced in Gresham both before and after their forced removal. The event was extremely popular and well-attended.

An upcoming exhibit set to open in September will further explore Gresham's diverse past and present with a spotlight on the many component towns and communities that have been absorbed into Gresham over the city's history. Some of these areas, such as Orient, Hogan Cedars, and Rockwood, have historically been home to communities of immigrants who contributed to the unique identity of each place. The exhibit will explore the identities of these areas that have gradually become assimilated into Gresham and the greater Portland Metro Area.

Finally, GHS has put on two tours of downtown Gresham's three historic cemeteries. As explored in the tour program, these quiet places of contemplation are an access point to this area's history. They are also a case study of the discrimination that residents of color often faced in the early 1900s. These stories will continue to be fleshed out as we offer this tour again in July, August, and September.

Gresham Historical Society  
Statement of Financial Expense  
January through June 2022

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Expense	
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	-20.00
70200 · Payroll Expense	
70204 · Employee Salary/Wages	20,000.04
70210 · Company Paid PR Taxes	1,721.40
70214 · Staff/Board Development	1,096.53
Total 70200 · Payroll Expense	22,817.97
70300 · Contract Services Expense	
70304 · Accounting Fees	1,689.84
70308 · Payroll Service Fees	371.44
70312 · Contracted Labor	250.00
70314 · Donated Pro. Services (GAAP)	10,036.83
Total 70300 · Contract Services Expense	12,348.11
80100 · Nonpersonnel Expenses	
80102 · Supplies/Equipment	2,628.77
80110 · Phone/Internet/Communications	883.47
80112 · Postage/Shipping/Delivery	342.00
80116 · Printing/Copying	1,224.00
80118 · Dues/Subscriptions/Mimbrshps/Bks	455.93
Total 80100 · Nonpersonnel Expenses	5,534.17
80200 · Facility/Equipment Expenses	
80202 · Occupancy Expenses-Museum	912.00
80204 · Utilities-Museum	3,626.85
80212 · Maintenance-Museum	16,738.17
80220 · Property Insurance-Museum	3,508.25
Total 80200 · Facility/Equipment Expenses	24,785.27
80300 · Travel/Meeting Expenses	
80306 · Business Meetings/Meals	11.50
Total 80300 · Travel/Meeting Expenses	11.50
80400 · Other Nonpersonnel Expenses	
80404 · Insurance Non-Employee-D/O	1,947.00
80406 · Membership Dues (From GHS )	339.00
80414 · Marketing Expense (General)	8.29
Total 80400 · Other Nonpersonnel Expenses	2,294.29

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January through June 2022

80500 · Business Expenses	TOTAL
80514 · Organizational (Corp) Expenses	50.00
80516 · Banking/Penalty Fees	769.96
80518 · Merchant Service Fees	151.98
Total 80500 · Business Expenses	971.94
Total Expense	68,743.25
Net Ordinary Income	-68,743.25
Net Income	-68,743.25

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

## Reporting for Jan 1, 2022 – July 1, 2022

Your name and role:	Helen Wand, President of the Board; Marilee Thompson, Treasurer
Historical Society you represent	
Name of organization:	Troutdale Historical Society
Contact information for organization:	LeAnn Stephan (503) 661-2164 troutdalehistory@gmail.com
Reporting for levy funds	
Total levy funds received:	\$25,000
Date(s) levy funds were received:	\$25,000 – February 10, 2022
Details for how levy funds have been spent and/or budgeted for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$ 488 – Office Equipment</li> <li>\$ 531 – Fixtures</li> <li>\$ 2053 – Archival Supplies</li> <li>\$ 378 – Information Technology</li> <li>\$ 765 – Museums Alarms</li> <li>\$ 1933 – Telecommunications</li> <li>\$ 1693 – Museums Utilities-heating and electricity</li> <li>\$ 704 – Office Supplies</li> <li>\$ 49 – Advertising, Displays, Signage, Marketing</li> <li>\$ 1301 – Printing</li> <li>\$ 417 – Postage</li> <li>\$ 55 – Reference Material</li> <li>\$ 510 – Facility &amp; Equipment</li> <li>\$ 439 – Professional Fees (Accounting)</li> <li>\$ 1659 – Insurance</li> <li>\$ 390 – Volunteer Expense</li> <li>\$ 11635 – Salaries</li> </ul>

The Troutdale Historical Society (THS) maintains three museums: Fred E Harlow House; the Depot Rail Museum and the Barn Exhibit Hall – King of Roads-Byway of the People exhibit. We use the Levy to fund our asset acquisitions and help cover our operating expenditures of the three museums in funding our alarm systems, heating, electricity, and telecommunications for these three museums. The Depot Rail Museum, closed for three years, reopened April 30, 2022. The historic building is shared with the Gateway to the Gorge Visitor Center.

Depot Rail Museum's renovation approach was to improve, paint and repair the space to give it new life and to extend its longevity, but not to erase its history. A wood floor was revealed, lightly sanded, and sealed to protect and highlight its scuffs and scars. The placement of stoves for heating is evident by the markings on the floor. Layers of paint were removed, and the wood shellacked on the ticket counter to reveal its original luster. The windows were given a UV protectant tint and blinds were added to reduce the sun exposure to the museum. There is now an HVAC system to help with temperature control.

Building Maintenance/Upgrades – Ongoing maintenance is required on the Harlow House, a farmhouse built in 1900 and the Barn Exhibit Hall.

Community Outreach Programs --To regain our connection to the community, a THS Committee is implementing the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of our THS History Hunt – a self-guided hunt with clues to some of the history of Troutdale. We are selling tickets online, at Troutdale's Artwalk First Friday events and through our newsletter. People are encouraged to renew their memberships or become a new member.

Protection of Historic Documents – We continue to work on the recommended tasks as outlined by our 2019 Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) report. We now have a prioritized guideline to work on in fulfilling those recommendations to preserve and protect our historic documents/artifacts and properly maintain our historic buildings. We have made progress in curating and digitizing our collection. Inventory of the artifacts in the Harlow House Museum was completed, including photos of each item. We continue to work on the backlog of documents and objects for digitization and data entry. The inventory and photography of the artifact collection has begun in our storage attic. We are working on digitizing board meeting minutes that date back to 1968.

Our online presence includes two websites and social media – Facebook and Instagram, and the Clio app (a local history walking tour app). We have been collaborating with Troutdale's Historic Landmarks Commission to update their inventory list of historic properties/sites.

The old City Hall building has been purchased and is currently being rehabilitated into an English pub and brewery. We are collaborating with the new owners to document the deconstruction and advise on maintaining historical features.

Summary of how levy funds are helping your organization protect the collection of Oregon history documents and artifacts, and public access to those.

THS is active in protecting and researching Native American sites in and around Troutdale. Native American artifacts in the THS Collection will be reviewed following the NAGPRA guidelines.

We continue to research one of Troutdale's few black residents who lived near the Harlow House in a small cabin/shack provided for him. Injured in a logging accident in the days when there was no treatment for such injuries, he could not contain his urine and so lived a life of isolation, making money doing yard and garden work. Research, so far, has not revealed a full name. We have a photo study of his cabin near the Harlow House Museum and have written accounts of those who knew him.

We preserve, through oral histories and artifacts, information about the lives and contributions of Japanese-Americans in our community.

We have a display at the Harlow House Museum of military uniforms of local women nurses of WWII. The Harlow House Museum reopened on April 30, 2022. The uniforms are once again available for viewing.

We encourage visits to our three museums 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. We were visited by senior centers and adult foster care tour groups offering accessibility for ease of navigating our museums and special attention to their needs. We are registered with Museums for All, a website offering free admission to over 900 museums for families on government assistance.

THS volunteers vary in age from High School/College students to retired citizens. Male and female volunteers contribute to the success of THS. A diverse group of people serve on our Board of Directors – male and female of varied age groups, with a diversity of political, religious, sexual orientation, and varied ethnicities – Modoc/Klamath Native American Tribe, and Hispanic.

We are registered with Blue Star Museums offering free admission to military personnel and their families.

The Executive Director met with the President and Director of the Hellenic-American Cultural Center & Museum. They were seeking advice on collection management, memberships, volunteerism, and other management skills as they move forward to improve their Greek cultural center and museum. A relationship was established and opportunities for growth will be available as we visit each other's museums and connect through a shared love of history.

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

Anything else you want the Levy Oversight Committee to know?

The volunteers and staff at THS are very grateful and appreciative to the Multnomah County taxpayers for this levy, and for its renewal in 2021. With funding like this, more volunteer and staff 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 such as producing our newsletter (Bygone Times), communication expenses, maintaining a website, and paying for an Executive Director (36-40 hours/week) and an Administrative Assistant (15 hours/week).

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

**Reporting for Jan 1, 2022 – July 1, 2022**

**East County Historical Organization**

Peggy Olin, President of the Board

Margaret Erikson, Bookkeeper

Total levy funds were received \$25.000 - February 2022

<u>Fees, membership &amp; alarm</u>	<u>258.00</u>
<u>Insurance</u>	<u>3569.00</u>
<u>Membership Costs</u>	<u>40.00</u>
<u>Newsletter</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<u>Postage/post office</u>	<u>25.00</u>
<u>Professional Fees/Taxes</u>	<u>255.00</u>
<u>Restoration</u>	<u>939.00</u>
<u>Supplies</u>	<u>87.00</u>
<u>Storage</u>	<u>878.00</u>
<u>Technology</u>	<u>651.00</u>
<u>Utilities</u>	<u>3590.00</u>

The 1893 Heslin House Museum has had a very interesting life its 129 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 That 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.

**"Bringing the Zimmerman House Museum back to its GLORY"**

Our restoration work on the outside of the Zimmerman house is coming along we were hoping all the painting would be all done by early spring but with all the rain we had that didn't happen, as we said the house was stripped of many years of paint then a coat of primer and finally the house got the final coat painted white with black trim in June 2022.

We are planning to OPEN on Saturday – September 17, 2022  
Mark your calendar and save the date, its going to be a very special day, come celebrate with us!

Both of our houses have nice size gardens, Heslin House is a shared garden with 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 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 \$25,000.00. 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*

