

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:	David Ripma, Past President of the Board; Bettianne Goetz, President of the Board
Historical Society you represent	
Name of organization:	Troutdale Historical Society
Contact information for organization:	(503) 661-2164 - www.troutdalehistory.org
Reporting for levy funds	
Total levy funds received:	\$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:	<p>\$834 Archival Storage \$165 Brochure Rack \$1069 Archival Supplies \$2035 Museum Alarms \$1576 Telecommunications \$3022 Museums Electricity \$1789 Museums Heating \$889 Office Supplies \$ 82 Displays, Signage, Advertising \$2367 Printing \$957 Postage \$ 55 Reference Material \$1708 Building Repairs/Maintenance</p> <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>
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<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>
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Anything else you want the Levy Oversight Committee to know?

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.