

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

Reporting for FY 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)

Your name and role:	Twila Mysinger, Treasurer		
Historical Society you represent			
Name of organization:	FRW Historical Society, dba an East County Historical Organization (ECHO)		
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Reporting for levy funds			
Total levy funds received:	\$40,000		
Date(s) levy funds were received:	8/22/2018 \$20,000 1/23/2019 \$20,000		
Details for how levy funds have been spent and/or budgeted for:	Archival, Exhibits, and Research	239	
	Garage/Buttery Removal	52	
	Marketing - Web/Facebook/Twitter Posts	960	
	Storage - ZH Artifacts, ECHO materials	1,690	
	Technology - Computer/Network Hub	478	
	Website / Email Maintenance	1,260	
	Total	4,679	

<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting our marketing efforts – via our website, Facebook, and Twitter – were a key use of Levy funds this year. We increased our posts to weekly, and this is done by one volunteer in concert with the company that manages our social media. • The Levy funds were also used for a small storage unit that holds some of the Zimmerman House collection and some business materials. The Zimmerman House items had been stored in the garage on site, but that building has been deteriorating for years. It was then further damaged by a falling tree and has since been demolished. • We had a key computer fail this year and Levy funds were used to purchase a replacement. This computer is used at the Zimmerman House to run the PastPerfect Museum software, so is critical to that operation.
<p>Summary of how levy funds are being spent in a manner reflective of Multnomah County’s diverse cultures.</p>	<p>ECHO's primary focus is the preservation and education of East Multnomah county history, and we recognize and value all cultures that contribute to this history. The levy funds are, and always will be, spent in a manner reflective of Multnomah County’s diverse cultures.</p>

Anything else you want the Levy Oversight Committee to know?

We remain in a rebuilding and transitioning effort since returning to an all-volunteer status in the Fall of 2017. We – restarting lapsed programs, getting caught up on business functions, recruiting new volunteers, finding volunteers to take on new tasks, etc.

Completing the process to demolish the un-usable garage was a big step for this year, and it was one piece of a larger effort.

The brick-faced buttry, adjacent to the garage, has been in bad shape for years. We had a structural engineering company assess it many years ago, and their opinion was we could not repair it. We had them return a few years ago, and they wouldn't even enter the building! Three of the walls fell in on their own accord, and then the tree that damaged the garage brought the last wall of the buttry down.

We have begun the process to have the buttry removed from the description of the Zimmerman House on the National Register of Historic Places. We first need to gain the City of Gresham's approval via their Historical and Cultural Landmark Alteration process as the land owner. We will be using Levy funds to complete this project as the application fee is significant. If approved, the City of Gresham will notify the State Historic Preservation Offices that they concur in the removal of the buttry.

Once we have all the approvals, Archaeological Investigations Northwest, Inc. has generously offered to sift through the bricks and the foundation underneath and see what they can discover at no cost to ECHO. We will be saving the bricks for a future to-be-determined use.