

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

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

Your name and role:	Erin Janssens, President of the Board; Marilee Thompson, THS Treasurer		
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 – August 2018 \$20,000 – January 2019		
Details for how levy funds have been spent and/or budgeted for:	<p>\$2,540 Office Equipment \$ 439 Exhibit Display Cases \$ 343 Water Heater \$1,398 Archival Supplies \$1,407 Museums Alarms \$2,733 Telecommunications \$4,632 Museums Utilities-Heating and Electricity \$ 683 Office Supplies \$1,422 Advertising, Displays, Signage \$2,581 Printing</p> <p>\$21,822 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 26-118)	<p>The Troutdale Historical Society (THS) maintains three museums: Harlow House; the Depot; and the Barn Exhibit Hall – Byway of the People exhibit. During FY 2018 the Levy funded our asset acquisitions and helped cover our operating expenditures of the three museums in funding our alarm systems, heating, electricity, and telecommunications for these three museums.</p> <p>Building Maintenance – Ongoing maintenance is required on the Harlow House, a farmhouse built in 1900. Levy funds helped maintain this Museum.</p> <p>Grant Funds – The Levy helped raise matching funds to secure grants from</p>		

	<p>Metro's and Troutdale's Community Enhancement Project to update our Troutdale Art & History Walking Tour Guide pamphlet.</p> <p>Community Outreach Programs – Because the Levy funds covered some general expenses, it allowed THS to provide monthly programs of speakers on local history. These programs brought awareness of the history of THS and its contributions to Troutdale. These history events included <i>Great in '68</i> (THS saving history for 50 years celebration), <i>Finding the Wire Trail</i> presentation, and <i>Loggers and their Dogs</i> presentation. In addition to the history programs THS provided cemetery history tour – Lone Fir Cemetery and Wilhelm Portland Memorial. THS also provides three summer outdoor Barnyard Concerts featuring local musicians free of charge to the community during the Troutdale First Friday Art Walk and Christmas at the Harlow House with Santa.</p> <p>Volunteers – To show our gratitude for the hours donated by our volunteers, two events per year are offered.</p> <p>In these and many other ways, the levy funds help THS to continue its mission to "...to stimulate interest in the 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. Presentations are given to local schools on the history of Native Americans from this area. 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 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 visit to our museums are rare in their lives. We are visited by senior centers and adult foster care tour groups offering accessibility for ease of navigating our museums and special attention to their needs. THS volunteers vary in age from High School/College students to retired citizens. Male and female volunteers contribute to the success of THS.</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 an Executive Director (36-40 hours/week).