

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

Reporting for FY 2013 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)

Your name and role:	David Ripma, 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:	\$37,500
Date(s) levy funds were received:	\$18,750 – July 2013 \$18,750 – January 2014
Details for how levy funds have been spent and/or budgeted for:	<p>\$500 archival supplies \$700 programs \$700 building maintenance and repairs \$1,400 computer and shredder for office \$1,700 museums alarms \$3,700 museums electricity \$2,100 museums natural gas \$10,800 Total levy funds allocated in FY2013</p> <p>\$26,700 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. The levy funds have materially assisted the Society in digitizing our photo collection, which is an irreplaceable repository of local historical images. Since July 2013 we have added more than 3000 images to our computer system, which both protects these artifacts and makes them more easily available to the public. The levy funds help maintain the museums, pay for the alarms and utilities at the museums, and help with the costs of preserving and archiving artifacts. Those funds allow us to continue our monthly programs of speakers and local treks each year, from October to May, on diverse topics of local interest.</p> <p>THS endeavors to reserve a substantial portion of the levy funds to cover future</p>

	operating expenses. The levy funds are helping THS to continue its mission to " . . stimulate interest in and knowledge of, the locality's past."
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Summary of how levy funds are being spent in a manner reflective of Multnomah County's diverse cultures.	THS is active in protecting and researching Native American sites in and around Troutdale, including a newly-discovered Native American trail. We preserve, through oral histories and artifacts, information about the lives and contributions of Japanese-Americans in our community. Nell Simien, THS's African-American Executive Director, has been particularly successful this year in recruiting new members to our Society from diverse cultures, including new African-American and Hispanic museum guides for the Harlow House Museum.
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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. 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 the newsletter (Bygone Times), communication expenses, maintaining a website, and paying for a part time director.