

**Oregon Historical Society (OHS) compliance with promises made in voter-approved Measure 26-118 as assessed by the Oregon Historical Society
Levy Oversight Committee (LOC)**

Ballot language from voter-approved Measure 26-118	LOC assessment of OHS compliance in FY <u>2012</u>	LOC assessment of OHS compliance in FY <u>2013</u>	LOC assessment of OHS compliance in FY <u>2014</u>
<p>This Multnomah County local option levy will keep the Oregon History Museum open 40 hours a week</p>	<p>Museum Hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-levy hours, the Oregon Historical Society was open 40 hours per week: Tuesdays – Saturdays 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sundays 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, closed Mondays. Post-levy hours: Same hours as pre-levy during Winter and Spring. In Summer of 2012 will be open 47 hours per week, 7 days a week: Mondays – Saturdays 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sundays 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm 	<p>Museum Hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The hours have remained the same since the summer of 2012: open 47 hours per week, 7 days a week: Mondays – Saturdays 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sundays 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm 	<p>No change from 2013.</p>
<p>and the Library open to the public 32+ hours a week</p>	<p>Library Hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-levy hours, open 12 hours per week: Thursday – Saturday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm, closed Sundays - Wednesdays. Post-levy hours, open 32 hours per week: Tuesdays 1:00 – 5:00 pm and Wednesdays - Saturdays 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, closed Sundays and Mondays 	<p>Library Hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Library continues to be open 32 hours per week: Tuesdays 1:00 – 5:00 pm and Wednesdays - Saturdays 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, closed Sundays and Mondays 	<p>The Library continues to be open 32 hours per week: Tuesdays 1:00-5:00 pm and Wednesday-Saturday 10:00-5:00. In addition, the library is presenting a series of workshops on genealogy and house history throughout the year. Additionally, the Library elevator is now operational.</p>
<p>Avoiding closure and restoring cuts to service.</p>	<p>The Oregon Historical Society is open and has restored some cuts. Restored Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oregon Historical Society has restored services to the library by hiring two (2) full-time Library Technicians. This not only increased the Library hours from 12 hours 	<p>Restored Services Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aside from the two (2) full-time Library Technicians added last year, OHS has currently hired a full-time Photo & Film Archivist (who starts May 7) which will enable OHS to preserve and make accessible more of the fragile materials. 	<p>In 2014 we have enhanced the job descriptions of two library staff members. One Reference Assistant has been promoted to Reference Librarian in acknowledgement of her increased responsibilities and expertise; and the position of Archivist has been upgraded to Library Technical Services Manager, with supervision of all archival and cataloging operations.</p>

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	<p>per week to 32 hours per week, but also has increased the level of service Library attendees receive due to the additional help at the reference desk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHS is better able to work in collaboration with affiliates with the hiring of a full-time Registrar. Records and artifacts are kept in better condition; hence making it easier to locate the artifact(s) and information needed by sister historical organizations. • A part-time Assistant Editor was hired to free up the Editor's time to develop additional public programs with the Executive Director. • OHS has expanded public programs offered to its members and the general public. In the first 5 months of 2011, OHS offered 13 public events. In the same period for 2012, OHS offered 42 public events. One of the favorite monthly programs offered, due to the hiring of the Library Technicians, is the Genealogy Workshop. • OHS will also be able to increase the museum hours during the summer months from 40 hours per week (closed on Mondays) to 47 hours per week, open 7 days a week. • The levy funds have also made it possible for OHS to not make any further cuts to its services, and have given OHS the opportunity to look at ways to increase and improve its services to the public. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the addition of the full-time Registrar added last year, there has been substantial progress in assessing, maintaining, and keeping proper records of our priceless artifacts. • Last year's addition of the part-time Assistant Editor position has worked out well and the Editor & Programs Manager has been able to increase the number of public programs offered to the public by 29% for the first four months of 2013 vs. same period in 2012. <p>Levy funds continue to make it possible for OHS to look at opportunities to increase and improve its services to the public and its affiliates.</p>	<p>This has taken a great deal of burden off the Library Director and has allowed him to focus on fundraising and administration.</p> <p>In addition, the Research Library has been given responsibility over all reference services and his title is now Reference Services Coordinator. All of these staff enhancements were needed in order to begin the restoration of library services that were cut in 2009.</p>
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<p>It supports curation for the museum so that exhibits can be rotated and the collection and protection of Oregon's historical artifacts and documents can continue</p>	<p>Curation and Collection/Protection of Artifacts and Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Levy funds have allowed OHS to improve its collection and protection of Oregon's historical artifacts and documents with the hiring of a full-time Registrar. With this position in place, artifact record keeping and preservation process has been streamlined for efficiency and protection. OHS is better able to work in collaboration with affiliates with the hiring of a full-time Registrar. More records and artifacts are able to be recorded and preserved; hence making it easier to locate the artifact(s) and information needed by sister historical organizations. With the hiring of the two (2) Library Technicians, this has freed up our Interim Library Director to focus more on document accessions and de-accessions, film preservation, and online cataloguing of incoming collections. 	<p>Curation and Collection/Protection of Artifacts and Documents Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Levy funds are enabling OHS to continue to move forward in improving its collection and protection of Oregon's historical artifacts and documents by hiring a full-time Curator. OHS expects this position to be filled by June and will help OHS to evaluate and reshape its curatorial/collecting priorities to better engage and reflect the multiple and diverse voices of the entire state. Film preservation, and online cataloguing of incoming collections has been a primary concern and the Library has hired a Photo & Film Archivist to preserve, catalog and provide public access to the photographs and moving images collections. OHS continues the work to protect and preserve our collections mentioned in 2012. 	<p>The new Archivist for Photography and Moving Images has focused on preservation and access concerns regarding the photography, film, and video collections. He has obtained major grants to fund film restoration projects. Cataloging and preservation of incoming collections has improved substantially thanks to the addition of this staff position. Some of the products of these preservation projects were presented at a screening at the Hollywood Theatre in April 2014.</p> <p>OHS will be able to have more photos digitized thanks to these improvements.</p> <p>Projects surrounding oral history could be on the horizon following the maintenance of what is currently in the collection.</p>
<p>Levy funds will also protect the collection of Oregon history documents and artifacts, and public access to those, at four East Multnomah County Historical Societies which together will receive \$150,000 of the levy each of the five</p>	<p>The four east Multnomah County historical societies are planning for and taking steps to protect and grow their collections while also expanding access. See attached reports from the four east Multnomah County historical societies.</p>	<p>The four east Multnomah County historical societies have taken steps to protect and grow their collections while also expanding access. See attached reports from the four east Multnomah County historical societies. They each receive \$18,750 in January and again in June.</p>	<p>The Library Director has provided consultation to the Gresham History Museum in regard to preservation and access to collections.</p> <p>OHS has also provided consultation surrounding capacity building through an April meeting – and are looking to schedule another in the winter. There will be further opportunities for collaboration as the centennial anniversary of the Columbia River Highway is almost upon us.</p>

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<p>OHS levy funds shall be allocated in a manner that represents Multnomah County's diverse cultures.</p>	<p>The issue is of the utmost importance to the LOC, and is central to many discussions that have taken place over the last year. The committee is proud of the working relationship formed with OHS on this topic, and is committed to being partners in growing OHS's capacity in this way.</p> <p>Representation of Diverse Cultures: Diversity is a focus for OHS in every aspect of its operations; from Board selection, employee hiring process, to exhibit displays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHS' rotating exhibits have embraced all aspects of the Multnomah County population, and will continue to focus on diversity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ September 15, 2011 – February 5, 2012: Salvation Army 100th Anniversary ○ February 10 – 15, 2012: Freedom Fighters, an exhibit by the Roosevelt High School students ○ February 18 – April 1, 2012: Bracero's Bittersweet Harvest Exhibit ○ February 28 – June 12, 2012: Portland Community College 50th Anniversary ○ May 13 – July 31, 2012: IBEW ○ July – December 2012: Emanuel Hospital ○ January – March 2013: Oregon Black Pioneers 	<p>Representation of Diverse Cultures Update: Diversity continues to be a focus for OHS in every aspect of its operations; from Board selection, employee hiring process, to exhibit displays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHS' rotating exhibits have embraced all aspects of the Multnomah County population, and will continue to focus on diversity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 1 – December 31: Black History Series, which throughout 2013 will feature a number of exhibits and programs focusing on black history in Oregon. ○ January 15 – April 21: Oregon Black Pioneers' All Aboard ○ February 1 – March 31: Lynda Lankers' Tough by Nature ○ February 14 – February 18: Freedom Fighters, an exhibit by the Roosevelt High School students ○ March 14 – June 2: OHSU ○ March 25 – March 28: Oregon is Indian Country ○ May 13 – July 31: IBEW ○ June 15 – January 5, 2014: Windows on America: Challenges of Presidential Leadership ○ June 16 – Aug 11: Civil Rights, For All the World to See ○ Sept. 5 – January 5, 2014: Red Cross ○ August 24 - Sept 29 – Congressional Gold Medal • OHS' public programs have also embraced all 	<p>In 2014 OHS acquired the photograph archive of the Skanner newspaper, the largest African-American newspaper in the Pacific Northwest. The collection consists of around 20,000 images documenting the African-American community from the mid-1970s to the present. To process and catalog the collection, OHS applied for and received a grant from the Gladys Kribble Delmas Foundation, which has paid for a professional Project Archivist to carry out the work according to national standards. The project will be completed in the fall of 2014, and further funds will be sought for digitization of the images. An exhibit on the Skanner collection is scheduled for early 2015.</p> <p>OHS continues to work the LGBT community to collect and preserve its documentation. During 2014 OHS received and cataloged a collection of LGBT oral histories created by students in a PSU capstone class. The Library Director provided three lecture tours highlighting LGBT collections at OHS.</p> <p>The board has also grown more diverse with its second ever woman president – Janet Taylor. Additionally, Brigitte Smith of Warm Springs has joined the board.</p> <p>Moving forward the LOC would like to see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More focus on the SE Asian community • More opportunities for events in collaboration with specific communities (with the communities actually owning the event). <p>Finally, the LOC would like to see the discussion surrounding engagement with communities of color mo</p>

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<p>The levy supports continuation of educational programs including free admission for every schoolchild to visit the museum and for all county residents - providing access to those previously unable to visit due to cost.</p>	<p>Free Admission: The Levy specified free admission to Multnomah County residents and to all Oregon school groups, effective July 1, 2011. <u>Multnomah County Residents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From July 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011 admission numbers for Multnomah County Residents were 7,868. For the same time period in 2010, it was 4,689 	<p>Free Admission Update: The Levy specified free admission to Multnomah County residents and to all Oregon school groups, effective July 1, 2011. <u>Multnomah County Residents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From January 1, 2013 – March 31, 2013, OHS had an increase of 58% in Multnomah County residents' attendance from 2012 to 2013. • Multnomah County residence attendance in 	<p>Free Admission Update: The Levy specified free admission to Multnomah County residents and to all Oregon school groups, effective July 1, 2011. <u>Multnomah County Residents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/1/2014 – 4/30/2014 increase of 21% from same time last year

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<p>Free admission to Multnomah County residents</p>	<p>for an increase of 68%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From January 1, 2012 – April 30, 2012 admission numbers for Multnomah County Residents for the four months were 5,650. For the same time period in 2011, it was 4,637 for an increase of 22%. <p><u>School and Other Group Tours:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From July 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012 OHS had 6,105 K-12 school students with chaperones come from all corners of Oregon. They received not only free admission but also free bus shuttle service from OHS, thanks to a grant from the Weston Foundation. For the same time period, college group tours numbered 500 students and adult/senior group tours numbered 437 people. <p><u>Library Admissions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From July 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011 admission numbers to the Library were 854. For the same time period in 2010, it was 587 for an increase of 45%. From January 1, 2012 – April 30, 2012 admission numbers for the Library for the four months were 846. For the same time period in 2011, it was 447 for an increase of 89%. <p>Promotion of Free Admission to Multnomah County Residents: Advertising and promotion to Multnomah County</p>	<p>2010 was 10,606; in 2011 was 14,471; and 2012 was 19,136</p> <p><u>School and Other Group Tours:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From January 1, 2013 – March 31, 2013, K-12 student attendance increased 3% from 2012. Free bus shuttle service continues to be provided to schools thanks to a grant from the Weston Foundation. School group attendance in 2010 was 7,207; in 2011 was 9,675, and 2012 was 10,016. For the same time period, college group tours increased 26% and adult/senior group tours remained the same. Adult/senior group attendance in 2010 was 625; in 2011 was 538 and in 2012 was 539. <p><u>Library Admissions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From January 1, 2013 – March 31, 2013, admissions to the Library increased 5% from 2012 to 2013. Library admissions in 2010 was 1,391; in 2011 was 1,516; and in 2012 was 2,067 <p>Promotion of Free Admission to Multnomah County Residents Update: Advertising and promotion to Multnomah County residents were done through various mediums.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The visitor services department educates every visitor regarding the free admission for Multnomah County residents and thanks those visitors who are from Multnomah County. The membership brochure continues to advertise the additional benefits to Multnomah County residents. This is also publicized on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2010 total was 10,606; 2011 was 14,471; 2012 was 19,136 and 2013 was 21,334 <p><u>Groups:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-12 for 1/1/2014 – 4/30/2014 had an increase of 9% from same time last year K-12 for 2010 was 7,207; 2011 was 9,675; 2012 was 10,016; and 2013 was 10,641 College and adult tours is having a slow start in 2014 but expect the numbers to grow for the remainder of the year. (just between you and me, no one is paying attention in promoting to this category and Denise's focus is on K-12) College/Adult attendance in 2010 was 625; 2011 was 538; 2012 was 539; and 2013 was 2,086 <p>Promotion of Free Admission to Multnomah County Residents remains the same.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The visitor services department educates every visitor regarding the free admission for Multnomah County residents and thanks those visitors who are from Multnomah County. The membership brochure continues to advertise the additional benefits to Multnomah County residents. This is also publicized on the OHS website under Membership. OHS website publicizes free admission to Multnomah County residents under Admissions. The OHS quarterly newsletter has and will continue to publicize free admission to Multnomah County residents.
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	<p>residents were done through various mediums.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most recent advertising are the billboards in four (4) locations throughout Multnomah County. The billboard ads specifically promoting free admission for Multnomah County residents will be up for four (4) months, during which time the nine (9) billboard ads will be rotated to keep the freshness and interest level high. • OHS has put together a new Multnomah County membership brochure, which offers an additional \$10 discount to Multnomah County residents from normal membership prices. This will also be publicized on the OHS website under Membership. • Free Admission to Multnomah County residents is listed on the OHS website under Admissions. • The OHS quarterly newsletter has and will continue to publicize free Admission to Multnomah County residents. • Social media have and will be utilized to publicize the free admission on a periodic basis. 	<p>the OHS website under Membership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHS website publicizes free admission to Multnomah County residents under Admissions. • The OHS quarterly newsletter has and will continue to publicize free admission to Multnomah County residents. • Social media have and will be utilized to publicize the free admission on a periodic basis. • OHS Executive Director, Kerry Tymchuk, makes frequent public speaking appearances at Portland area civic groups and with local media, always promoting free admission for Multnomah County residents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media have and will be utilized to publicize the free admission on a periodic basis. • OHS Executive Director, Kerry Tymchuk, makes frequent public speaking appearances at Portland area civic groups and with local media, always promoting free admission for Multnomah County residents.
<p>The Multnomah County Chair will appoint an independent citizens oversight committee – representative of Multnomah County's diverse communities - to review all levy</p>	<p>Resolution 2011-048 appointed the Levy Oversight Committee on April 28, 2011.</p>	<p>The Levy Oversight Committee has met regularly.</p>	<p>The Levy Oversight Committee has met regularly.</p>

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<p>expenditures and ensure dollars are spent as promised.</p>			
<p>In addition, Multnomah County will select an auditor for which OHS will pay to conduct annual audits of levy funds that will be made available to the public.</p>	<p>OHS has an annual audit that clearly represents levy funds and is made public.</p>	<p>OHS has an annual audit that clearly represents levy funds and is made public. OHS's 2012 Audited Financial Statements will be available on OHS's website as well as the Multnomah County website.</p>	<p>OHS has an annual audit that clearly represents levy funds and is made public. OHS's 2013 Audited Financial Statements will be available on OHS's website as well as the Multnomah County website.</p>
<p>This levy will fund nearly one-half of operations at OHS facilities.</p>	<p>Levy Funds as Percentage of Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In OHS' calendar year 2011, the one levy payment received in July 2011 was 27% of unrestricted operations revenue. In OHS' calendar year 2012, the two payments of levy funds are 43% of the unrestricted operations revenue budget. 	<p>Levy Funds as Percentage of Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In OHS' calendar year 2013, the two payments of levy funds are expected to be 37% of the unrestricted operations revenue budget. 	<p>Levy Funds as Percentage of Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Levy payments account for approximately 35% of the unrestricted operations revenue budget.
<p>Other funds come from admissions, grants and private donations.</p>	<p>Fundraising Efforts: The Oregon Historical Society continues to look at every avenue for funds. From July 1, 2011 to now, the following fundraising programs have raised approximately \$2.1M:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring and Fall annual funds appeal and follow up. Annual History Makers Dinner. Exhibit campaigns for Oregon Voices, Oregon Rocks! and the Modern Exhibit Series. Planned Giving program. Grant requests to private and public 	<p>Fundraising Efforts Update: The Oregon Historical Society continues to look at every avenue for funds. From July 1, 2012 to now, the following fundraising programs have raised approximately \$3.630M (\$332,000 is a one-time donation to Windows on America and \$290,000 is a one-time deferred maintenance grants):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring and Fall annual funds appeal and follow up. Annual History Makers Dinner. Exhibit campaigns for Oregon Voices, Modern Exhibit Series and Windows on America. Planned Giving program. 	<p>Library Grants received in 2014 include funding for the Oregon History Project and Oregon Encyclopedia, fund for processing the <i>Skanner</i> archive; funds for film preservation; and recently a \$35,000 grant from the Jackson Foundation to preserve and catalog the photograph archive of the <i>Oregon Journal</i>.</p>

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	<p>organizations such as: Multnomah County Cultural Coalition, Reser’s Fine Foods, Wells Fargo, Oregon Cultural Trust, Regional Arts & Culture Council, Ritz Family Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust, The Ford Family Foundation, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Samuel S. Johnson Foundation to name a few.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant requests to private and public organizations such as: Meyer Memorial Trust, Collins Foundations, Henry L. Hillman Jr. Foundation, Multnomah County Cultural Coalition, Reser’s Fine Foods, Wells Fargo, Oregon Cultural Trust, Regional Arts & Culture Council, Ritz Family Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust, The Ford Family Foundation, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Samuel S. Johnson Foundation to name a few. 	
<p>To consistently provide the services promised to the voters, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will consider termination or reduction of the levy if the State of Oregon restores funding to OHS.</p>	<p>While OHS has received one-time support from the state of Oregon, sustainable funding has not been restored.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OHS received \$2.5M from the State of Oregon for this biennium to pay off the mortgage on the Gresham warehouse. This frees up approximately \$200,000 per year from mortgage payments, which will be added to operations to continue to provide quality programs and services to the public. Request from the State was not to come back in this biennium. However, we are working on continuing our relationship with the legislators and keeping them informed of how OHS preserves and protects Oregon’s history. 	<p>While OHS has received one-time support from the state of Oregon, sustainable funding has not been restored.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request from the State was not to come back in this biennium. However, we are asking to have \$1M be included in the Governor’s budget for the next biennium. OHS continues to work on our relationship with the legislators and keeping them informed of how OHS preserves and protects Oregon’s history. On March 16, 2013, a tour of our vault was given to Secretary of State Kate Brown and 20 legislators and legislative staff. 	<p>In regards to State funding, for the 2013-2015 – OHS was originally awarded \$750k, then it was adjusted to \$735k. They received \$201,000 in 2013, and will receive the balance in 6 quarterly installments of \$88,900.</p>

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