



Oregon's Cultural Trust at work

The Oregon Cultural Trust has made 973 grants, totaling over \$12 million in ten years. These grants have been used to improve student learning, provide seed money for innovative programs, improve access to the arts in schools, reach underserved populations, help build libraries, preserve our heritage and enrich the lives of Oregonians in every corner of our state through its support of the arts, heritage and the humanities.

Oregonians have built the Trust, one gift at a time

Since its inception, 21,000 donors have contributed over \$28,000,000 to the Oregon Cultural Trust. Oregon's Cultural tax credit is unique—it requires donors give first to a cultural nonprofit before a gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust is eligible for the Cultural Trust tax credit. Because of this, we know that these same Oregonians gave at least \$28,000,000 to local nonprofits before giving to the Trust. The innovative policies that underpin the Cultural Trust strengthen nonprofits in Oregon, with a minimum of \$56 million in charitable giving over the last 10 years tied to the existence of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

Arts and culture means business

According to a recent study by ECONorthwest, every \$1 million in sales generated by a cultural nonprofit generates another \$1.1 million in sales for other Oregon businesses.

Culture is connected throughout our economy

That same study found that every 10 jobs at eligible cultural nonprofits are linked to 7 jobs in other sectors of Oregon's economy—and every \$1 million in state and local taxes paid by a cultural nonprofit is associated with another \$1.9 million in taxes and fees generated in other sectors.



OCT in the Gorge

Hood River, Sherman and Wasco Counties:

Cultural Trust grants to nonprofits: **\$55,864**

Cultural Trust grants made through County Coalitions: **\$171,032**

Total investment in the Gorge: **\$226,896**

For more information on grants made through a County Coalition, a Statewide Partner or the Oregon Cultural Trust, visit www.culturaltrust.org

Examples of Cultural Trust investments in the Gorge:

Columbia Arts, Hood River

Funding support for "Children's Summer Art Experiences" and after-school program "School's Out/Art's In" as well as the Pre-College Portfolio Development program that helps juniors and seniors develop their college portfolios and introduces them to the college admissions process. Additional funding provided to expand the Center's hands-on art experience for elementary, middle, and high school students, professional and emerging artists.

Confluence Project, The Dalles

Funding to support development of Celilo Park Project- namely the development and execution of the Celilo Falls interpretive website and the arts education program "Gifts from Our Ancestors."

Columbia Gorge Arts in Education, Hood River

Support for Hood River Middle School students, who identified, photographed, mapped and recorded public art within a one mile radius of downtown Hood River. Additional funding for 5-8 day student residencies to explore and create around "Welcome Back Old Friend," an interdisciplinary art project. The completion of their work was exhibited, presented and performed at the Hood River Library.

The Fruit Foundation Historical Society, Hood River

Funding in support of a Fruit Heritage Museum in the old Diamond Fruit Cold Storage building in Hood River with initial architectural and engineering evaluations of the proposed building.

The Dalles Art Association

Funding to support the development of a tour of Gorge artist studios. The tour featured 30 artists and was modeled on the successful Portland Open Studios Tour, managed by a coordinating committee. The project included an arts business skill workshop for artists, development of a studio tour website and a directory of participating artists that will be marketed in Portland and Gorge communities. Additional funding for the purchase of a performance-quality grand piano for the renovation of Civic Auditorium.

