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OREGON LEGISLATURE APPROVES MILLIONS IN ARTS & CULTURE FUNDING

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[The Cultural Advocacy Coalition](#) announces that Oregon policymakers approved **\$50 million in funds** to support cultural and community venues and nonprofits, plus **\$9.1 million in capital construction projects** that further Oregon’s cultural growth.

The Oregon legislature is poised to approve a substantial package of financial support for arts and culture in its closing days—building on support previously provided in federal recovery funds. In the coming days, the Coalition will be working to learn how funds will be distributed and will work with its members to answer questions.

“We are grateful to our policymakers for supporting the recovery of this important sector and helping bring creative expression to every corner of Oregon,” said Sue Hildick, Coalition Senior Advisor. “Our board of directors have worked hard to ensure policymakers see Oregon’s art and cultural

organizations as the 2nd responders in the pandemic, socially and economically.”

Highlights from the funding approvals, include:

— \$50 million in funds for music, cultural, and community venues and organizations that were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds were allocated to Business Oregon Department to distribute.

— \$10 million in Main Street grants

— \$9.5 million in capital construction grants to the following projects/organizations endorsed by the Cultural Advocacy Coalition:

[Read more about these capital projects on our website.](#)

[Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center \(MHIC\), Preservation of Maxville Townsite](#)
[Artists Repertory Theatre \(ART\), ARTsHub](#)
[Joseph Center for Arts and Culture \(JCAC\), Facility Expansion and Renovation](#)
[Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education \(OJMCHE\), Expansion into the Charles Hartman Gallery](#)
[Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre \(EORT\), Baker Orpheum Theatre Renovation](#)
[Chehalem Cultural Center \(CCC\), Performing Arts Wing](#)
[Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society \(STAHS\), Cultural Heritage Center](#)
[Shedd Institute for the Arts, North Entrance Remodel](#)
[Little Theatre on the Bay LTOB\), Liberty Theatre Expansion/Enhancement](#)
[Columbia River Maritime Museum \(CRMM\), Preservation of the Lightship Columbia](#)
[Portland Art Museum \(PAM\), Mark Rothko Pavilion](#)

— An additional \$900,000 for [Lincoln City Cultural Center Plaza](#) and \$1.5 million in funds for the [Patricia Reser Center for the Arts](#) (restoration of 2019 funding loss)

About the Cultural Advocacy Coalition

The Cultural Advocacy Coalition (CAC or the Coalition) is a 501(c)4 non-partisan advocacy group formed to lobby policymakers in Salem to ensure that all Oregonians have the opportunity to access arts and culture in their communities. The mission is to increase ongoing public investment in arts, heritage and the humanities. Volunteers serve on the Board of Directors and include representatives from a broad number of interests to best represent the diverse mix of Oregon’s cultural community. *Learn more at OregonCulture.org*