



Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Enhancement Grant Program Committee
c/o Ann Griffin, Economic Development Coordinator
City of Oregon City
625 Center Street
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

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This is a written request from the Clackamas County Historical Society (CCHS) for an extension in funding the Museum of the Oregon Territory's (MOOT) Willamette River Exhibit (formerly the Timeline Hall Exhibit). When CCHS submitted its original application requesting \$25,200, we submitted requests to other funders in hopes of pulling together multiple grants to do more to enhance the visitor experience. At the end of June 2023, we received verbal confirmation of a \$100,000 grant award. We planned to combine funds from both grants when submitting the RFP proposal to exhibit companies since the cost of installing an exhibit with interactives can reach \$550 per square foot and beyond.

The exhibit fabrication and installation of the Willamette River Exhibit is delayed since we have not received the \$100,000 grant. We signed the legal agreement with the grantor in April 2024 and are awaiting the deposit of funds before sending out the RFP to exhibit companies. It can take as long as a year to fabricate and install a high-quality exhibit. For a large-scale exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society, it takes between two to five years to complete. You can view high quality results from two regional exhibit companies that focused on telling impactful stories with professional exhibit design: [Bryan Potter Design](#) and [Alchemy of Design](#). A six-month grant extension through December 2024 will give enough time to spend all the project funds, resulting in a better-quality exhibit that shares compelling stories to engage our visitors.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Stephen M. Greenwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Stephen M. Greenwood, Executive Director

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