

## **Oregon Cultural Trust distributes \$1.45 million in grants**

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The Oregon Cultural Trust distributed \$1.45 million in 92 grants to cultural nonprofits, county and tribal coalitions and statewide cultural agencies in the fiscal year ending June 30.

The Fiscal Year 2010 annual report details the trust's finances, programs and donors. It is available at [www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org); from [cultural.trust@state.or.us](mailto:cultural.trust@state.or.us); or (503) 986-0088.

More than 11,000 donors contributed to the trust for the year; the total dollar amount of donations rose 6 percent from the previous year.

Donors took advantage of a 100 percent tax credit that in essence earmarks up to \$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for couples filing jointly or \$2,500 for corporations of a donor's taxes for cultural funding.

Mid-Valley organizations receiving grants were Lord & Schryver Conservancy, \$5,000; Mission Mill Museum Association, \$5,000; and Santiam Heritage Foundation, \$4,000.

Since Oregon's cultural tax credit took effect in December 2002, 17,000 donors have contributed more than \$22 million to the trust. More than \$9 million has been distributed in grants statewide, and the endowment stands at \$12 million.

— Barbara Curtin