



## Willamette Heritage Center (WHC) Receives \$94,969 in Grants for the First Half of 2010

The WHC is the proud recipient of several grants during the first half of 2010.

Several of these grants are assisting with the Center's three-stage process for "Launching of the New WHC":

- Stage One is a capital investment that will help establish a sustainable and efficient infrastructure;
- Stage Two will be the fulfillment of the programmatic changes as highlighted in the Strategic Plan; and
- Stage Three will be expanding the WHC capacity to increase its interpretation and focus.

Grants awarded by the following organizations will provide support for Stage One:

- **Marion Cultural Development Cooperation** - \$1,750 for work on a new website
- **Oregon Heritage Council Museum Grant** - \$4,784 for the assessment and accessioning of the combined collections
- **The Collins Foundation** - \$22,130 to upgrade WHC's archival capacity, computer infrastructure and research library
- **Oregon Cultural Trust** - \$6,000 to replace interpretative and directional signage to reflect the unification
- **Spirit Mountain Community Fund** - \$23,520 to upgrade the WHC's archival and collection capacity
- **City of Salem TOT Capital Improvement Grant** - \$3,020 to upgrade the carpet in the new WHC Research Library

Supporting organizations also awarded grants that are not directly related to the "Launching of the New WHC", but provide funding for the following:

- **Oregon Council of the Humanities** - \$1,370 to help with the *Bipartisanship and Intolerance in Oregon Politics* Lecture Series in Spring 2010
- **National Endowment of the Humanities** - \$1,000 to help with programming associated with the *Wrapped in Pride* traveling NEH exhibition
- **City of Salem TOT Operation Grant** - **\$16,895** to help defray operational expenses
- **City of Salem TOT Capital Improvement Grant** - \$7,000 for replacement of aging furnaces in the Mill
- **City of Salem TOT Special Events Grant** - \$7,500 for WHC's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual *Magic at the Mill*

"This is an exciting time for the Willamette Heritage Center," said Peter Booth, Executive Director.

"Receiving these grants will enable us to fulfill our new mission, goals, and objectives for the future. We are very grateful for the wonderful support from these organizations, our partners, friends, and the community."

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Mission Mill Museum, part of the Willamette Heritage Center, has been designated an American Treasure by the National Park Service. Mission Mill Museum is a non-profit, five acre, historical museum that preserves and interprets two homes from the 1841 Methodist Mission Station in Salem, the 1847 home of the Oregon Trail traveling John D. Boon Family, the oldest Presbyterian Church in the Pacific Northwest, and the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill established in 1889. The museum's histories are shared with visitors through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit <http://www.missionmill.org>.

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