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Oregon Historical Society awarded Oregon Cultural Trust grant for fiscal year 2011

Portland, OR – August 9, 2010— The Oregon Cultural Trust has just announced the distribution of \$1.47 million from the Trust to cultural institutions in fiscal year 2011. There were 57 Cultural Development grants awarded, as well as grants to County and Tribal Coalitions and Cultural Partners. As one of the Trust’s five cultural partners, OHS was awarded \$130,585, to be shared between OHS, the Oregon Heritage Commission, and the State Historic Preservation Office.

The Oregon Historical Society’s portion of grant funds supports a diverse assortment of educational activities used by a statewide audience. These programs are focused on providing educational experiences immersed in Oregon’s cultural history. These include guided tours through OHS exhibits, the Traveling Trunk program, Family Days, and teacher resources on the OHS website.

The Cultural Trust is unique, because donors can claim a 100% tax credit on matching donations made to the trust. When you donate to one of over 1,300 cultural institutions in Oregon, then make a matching gift to the Cultural Trust, you can claim a tax credit on the donation, a much greater savings than a tax deduction. If you make your matching gift by December 31, you can claim the cultural tax credit on your Oregon tax returns, which means that your matching gift to the Trust costs you nothing! Cultural Trust donors have made these cultural development grants possible, and are helping to support arts and heritage throughout the state. For more information about claiming your tax credit and making your matching gift to the Trust, visit www.culturaltrust.org.

About the Oregon Historical Society

The Society has served since 1898 as Oregon’s primary research collection and museum about Oregon history. OHS has an extensive collection of historical pieces, including over 85,000 artifacts and 3 million photographs and films. It safeguards and presents Oregon’s history through a museum, research library, traveling exhibits, school programs and website content.

About the Oregon Cultural Trust

The OREGON CULTURAL TRUST is an innovative, statewide private-public program raising significant new funds to support and protect Oregon's arts, humanities and heritage. Donors to the Trust are eligible for a 100% Oregon income tax credit for contributions of up to \$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for couples filing jointly and \$2,500 for corporations. Seventeen thousand (17,000) donors have contributed nearly \$21 million to the Trust since Oregon's cultural tax credit took effect in December 2002. In eight years, the Cultural Trust has distributed \$9.65 million in grants and built its permanent fund to \$12 million.