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Clackamas County Cultural Coalition Announces
Community Participation Grants Available for 2011

The Clackamas County Cultural Coalition seeks proposals for the Community Cultural Participation Project Grant Program. Any Clackamas County-based organization or individual working in the fields of arts, heritage and/or humanities can apply. **Tax-exempt status is not a prerequisite.** Deadline for grant applications is **October 15, 2010**. Grants will be awarded January 2011 for projects to be completed between January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011. The County Cultural Plan, project grant application, and complete guidelines are all available at: www.clackamasculturalcoalition.org.

The Funding Priorities for this grant cycle include:

- **Creative People and Organizations** - Strengthen and support arts, heritage and humanities organizations and individual artists, performers, writers, historians and scholars
- **Heritage and History** - Tell and build upon the stories of Clackamas County
- **Participation in the Arts, Heritage and Humanities** - Develop audiences to sustain culture and community building, as well as economic development
- **Public Art** - Weave public art into the fabric of communities in public and private development
- **Facilities and Sites** - Promote gathering places for people of all ages to celebrate and participate in cultural activities, whether privately or publicly owned
- **K - 12 Education and Lifelong Learning** - Infuse arts, heritage and humanities within the K - 12 education system for all students to experience. Engage every citizen of Clackamas County with opportunities for lifelong learning through a diverse range of cultural activities
- **Natural Sites** - Reconnect communities with their rivers, parklands, forests and natural landscapes through cultural events, activities and development that revitalize and inspire

Cheryl Snow, Executive Director of the Clackamas County Arts Alliance, and staff to the Cultural Coalition, says: "Our Coalition is committed to implementing Cultural Plan Funding Priorities through the imaginative and thoughtful work of Clackamas County's numerous creative people and organizations. We look forward to supporting first-time grant applicants, in addition to those who are the cornerstones of County cultural life."

The Oregon Cultural Trust is a statewide program designed to raise significant new funds to invest in Oregon's arts, humanities and heritage. Oregonians who contribute to the Cultural Trust are eligible for a tax credit. More information about the Oregon Cultural Trust and Oregon's innovative cultural tax credit is available from the Trust, 775 Summer Street NE, Suite 200, Salem, Oregon 97301-1280, (503) 986-0088, or online at www.culturaltrust.org.

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