

**Brief Grant Proposal for New Projects  
Library Services and Technology Act FFY2013**

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**General Information**

Project Title: Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers

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**PLEASE INDICATE THE ANTICIPATED LENGTH OF YOUR GRANT PROJECT:**

(Check applicable boxes)

THIS IS THE  1<sup>st</sup> YEAR OF A

ONE YEAR GRANT PROJECT.

TWO YEAR

THREE YEAR

For projects that are anticipated to be multi-year projects be sure to include an estimate of the funds anticipated to be needed for future years in the Section 4 budget discussion and Section 5 grid.

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**Project Proposal (insert your text after each section)**

Section 1. Provide the exact text of the single most relevant *Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)* purpose that will be addressed by the grant project. See Appendix A.

Purpose 1: Expanding services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages in order to support such individuals' needs for education, lifelong learning, workforce development, and digital literacy skills.

Section 2. Describe the problem that will be addressed by the proposed grant project.

Of the eight historic Oregon City newspapers, only the *Oregon City Spectator* and the *Oregon Free Press* have been digitized and made keyword searchable. Of the remaining six titles, only one year's issues of one title are digitally available, through a fee database. The remaining six historic newspapers of Oregon City are available only on microfilm, thus limiting access to the rich source of early Oregon history and genealogy provided by these newspapers. Oregon City was the first territorial capital of Oregon, the first incorporated city west of the Rocky Mountains, and the end of the Oregon Trail. This project proposes to digitize the content of six of the historic newspapers of Oregon City, to place them online for free public access and keyword searching on the Historic Oregon Newspapers website in partnership with the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program (ODNP) at the University of Oregon, and to promote the digitized content.

Section 3. Describe the proposed solution that the project will implement. Indicate the project goal, and the quantified objectives that will be used to measure whether the goal is accomplished. Describe briefly the activities that will be undertaken to meet each objective.

The first goal of this project is to digitize 26,436 pages of the remaining six historic Oregon City newspapers from their first issue through 1922, and to make their full content available through free online browsing and keyword searching on the Internet. The second goal is to promote the resulting product to community users.

The six Oregon City newspapers and their dates are: the *Oregon Argus* 1855-1863, the *Oregon City Enterprise (Weekly)* 1866-1922, the *Oregon City Courier* 1883-1919, the *Clackamas County Record* 1903, the *Oregon City Press* 1898-1899 and the *Oregon City Morning Enterprise* 1911-1922. Digitization would provide access to historians, genealogists, researchers, government officials and others seeking information about early Oregon and its people and activities.

The digitization will be accomplished by partnering with the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program (ODNP) at the University of Oregon. Their expertise will provide project management; microfilm analysis, collation, and duplication; vendor coordination for digitization, OCR, and article coordinates; quality control of data and images and digital preservation on digital image files and metadata. In addition, the Oregon City newspapers will be integrated into the content of the Historic Oregon Newspapers website of the University of Oregon. This website allows for full-text searches with retrieval of individual page images and highlighting of search words on the images.

After digitization is complete, the website and Oregon City content will be promoted to Oregon City Public Library patrons, genealogical and historical groups, and Oregon City residents so that parties interested in the material would have the opportunity to learn about the content of the project.

We estimate 26,436 pages of newspaper content of the six target historic Oregon City newspapers would be digitized and made freely available online, which would accomplish the first part of our project goal. We estimate that five presentations will be made and accompanying promotional materials produced, thus completing the second part of our goal.

Section 4. Provide specifics about the project budget.

The total project budget is \$28,601.

- The Oregon City Public Library will provide local in-kind support of 71 hours, or approximately .038 % of the salary and benefits of the Reference Librarian to manage the project and promote the digital content. (\$2117 salary + \$1370 benefits for a total of \$3487)
- In addition, we will provide \$2,000 in local cash support for contractual services.
- For the LSTA portion, we are seeking \$23,114 in funds for contractual services with the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program (ODNP) at the University of Oregon to provide digitization of the historic newspapers plus other services including project management; microfilm analysis, collation, and duplication; vendor coordination for digitization, OCR, and article coordinates; quality control of data and images and digital preservation on digital image files and metadata. In addition, the six historic newspapers would be integrated into the content of the Historic Oregon Newspapers website of the University of Oregon. Cost determined for 26,436 pages at 95 cents per page is \$25,114.

Section 5. Proposed project budget summary (Use this format – do not alter it):  
*(Double click on the table to enter data. Before closing the table, be sure to scroll to the top of it)*

Item	Local Cash	Local In-kind	LSTA	Total
Personnel		\$2,117		\$2,117
Benefits		1370		\$1,370
Travel				\$0
Equipment				\$0
Supplies				\$0
Contractual	\$2,000		\$23,114	\$25,114
Library Materials				\$0
<b>Total Direct Charges</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$3,487</b>	<b>\$23,114</b>	<b>\$28,601</b>
<i>Indirect Charges</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$3,487</b>	<b>\$23,114</b>	<b>\$28,601</b>

Proposed second year LSTA amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed third year LSTA amount: \_\_\_\_\_