

**Full Grant Proposal
Library Services and Technology Act FFY 2013**

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<http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/LD/grantmainalt.shtml>. Use 12 point Times New Roman, with one inch margins. Do not alter the format of this form. The deadline for receipt of the Project Proposal is **5:00 pm on Friday August 10, 2012.**

Part I: General Information

1. Project title: Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers
2. Applicant: Oregon City Public Library
3. Address: 606 John Adams, Oregon City, Oregon 97045-2348
4. Contact person: Sue Adams Phone: (503) 657-8269 x1017
Email: sueada@lincc.org
5. Fiscal agent (if different than applicant): Wyatt Parno, Finance Director, City of Oregon City
6. Project URL (if any): <http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu>
7. U.S. Congressional District: 5
8. DUNS number: 002461366
9. List geographic target area to be served by the project: Anyone interested in the history of Oregon living anywhere in the world with access to an Internet connection. Will be of special interest to Oregon residents.
10. Estimated number of persons benefiting from the project: 500,000
11. Description of persons benefiting from the project: This project will be useful for students at all academic levels, historians, museum staff, librarians, genealogists, educators, governmental officials and departments, and many other interested parties.
12. List partnering organizations. All partnering organizations must also sign section IV.1. See instructions for guidance on partners versus participants.

None
13. Project abstract (one paragraph):

Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers proposes to digitize the early Oregon newspapers published in Oregon City, Oregon from Territorial Days through 1922. We will contract with the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program (ODNP) at the University of Oregon to microfilm, digitize and otherwise prepare the newspaper content and place it online for free public access and keyword searching on the Historic Oregon Newspapers website, <http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/>.

14. Provide the text of the single most relevant goal from the *Five-Year State Plan 2013-2017* that will be addressed by the grant project.

Goal 2: Use technology to increase capacity to provide library services and expand access.

15. Briefly describe how the LSTA project will continue after the grant ends, especially noting local support.

The digitized newspaper content of the *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers* project will remain on the website Historic Oregon Newspapers of the ODNP, where it will be available for free public access through the Internet from anywhere in the world. This website will be maintained by the ODNP.

We plan to create a web page on the Oregon City Library website explaining the *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers* project and link to the Historic Oregon Newspapers website. In addition, we hope that the Clackamas County library catalog can create links on the catalog records of the Oregon City newspaper titles to the Historic Oregon Newspapers website.

Both the library director and the reference librarian of the Oregon City Public Library will publicize the Historic Oregon Newspapers website on an on-going basis after the grant ends. The Oregon City newspaper content would be of interest to students at all academic levels, historians, museum staff, librarians, genealogists, educators, governmental officials and departments, and many other interested parties. As soon as a significant portion of the digitized newspaper content from the *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers* project has been posted to the Historic Oregon Newspapers website, a series of informative meetings with five target organizations are planned as part of the grant. Publicity activities and presentations will continue after the grant ends.

This digital newspaper collection will become part of our core history offerings and therefore we will promote it in an ongoing and permanent manner.

16. List letters of support for the project (name, affiliation) that are attached to this application. Do not include letters from project partners listed in #11.

Doug Neeley, Mayor, and the City Commission of the City of Oregon City
Judy Chambers, President of the Clackamas County Family History Society

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Preservation Planner, City of Oregon City
 Steven Baldwin, patron and genealogist living in Texas
 Lois Ray, author and historian
 Karin Morey, historic researcher
 Craig Danielson, President, Clackamas County Historical Society, oversees the Museum of the Oregon Territory
 Rocky Smith, Jr., walking tour company owner, teacher, and city commissioner

PLEASE FILL IN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANTICIPATED LENGTH OF YOUR GRANT PROJECT:

(Check applicable boxes)

THIS IS THE 1st YEAR OF A ONE YEAR GRANT PROJECT
 2nd YEAR TWO YEAR
 3rd YEAR THREE YEAR

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

THIS IS PRIORITY 1 OF THIS ORGANIZATION'S PROPOSALS

Part II: Project Budget

Proposed project budget (use this format only – do not alter):

(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		\$1,370		\$1,370
Travel				\$0
Equipment				\$0
Supplies		\$350		\$350
Contractual	\$2,000		\$22,905	\$24,905
Library Materials				\$0
Total Direct Charges	\$2,000	\$3,837	\$22,905	\$28,742
Indirect Charges**				\$0
Total Budget	\$2,000	\$3,837	\$22,905	\$28,742

** If requesting indirect charges, you MUST attach the relevant portion of a current federally-approved indirect cost plan.

Proposed second year LSTA amount: _____ Proposed third year LSTA amount: _____

Part III: Project Narrative

(Attach additional pages. See the criteria for grant proposal evaluation in the Grant Guidelines as well as the Grant Application Instructions for more information on this section.)

A. Background of Applicant (describe the agency's ability to undertake this project)

The Oregon City Public Library is a stable organization with a long history of service. Funding comes from the City of Oregon City and the Clackamas County Library District.

Oregon City has a long connection to early Oregon history. Oregon City was the endpoint for pioneer travelers on the Oregon Trail, was the first territorial capital of Oregon and was the first incorporated city west of the Rocky Mountains. Providing digitized versions of Oregon City newspapers, currently on microfilm, will update the format and expand access to the newspapers, making library research easier and faster. We will use the newly digitized newspaper content to provide the same services which we have offered for over one hundred years, but to an expanded audience.

Adult Reference Librarian Sue Adams is the lead on this project. Sue has 17 years of experience as a librarian, primarily in reference. She has extensive experience providing help to patrons, teaching users to navigate the Internet and databases, and researching those hard-to-answer questions. Sue has been interested in providing better access to Oregon City's historic newspapers for many years, and is enthusiastic about this possible opportunity to do so. In addition, Library Director Maureen Cole is totally supportive of this project and has become engaged in its success. Maureen will actively participate in the publicity presentations and assist in report writing and media contacts. Both Sue and Maureen have networked with the local people and organizations interested in early Oregon history. Their resumes are attached after the letters of support.

The actual newspaper digitization and the advance preparation will be completed by contract with the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program (ODNP) at the University of Oregon. Their technical 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 ODNP will integrate the newly digitized Oregon City newspaper content into the Historic Oregon Newspapers website. This website allows for full-text searches with retrieval of individual page images and highlighting of search words on the images.

B. Detailed statement of problem

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. Many students at all academic levels, historians, museum staff, librarians, and genealogists, in addition to various governmental agencies providing services to the public, are searching for early Oregon information which these newspapers could provide if only there was better access.

Because of our location in time and space, genealogists and historians from all over the world have requested library assistance in locating early Oregon historical and genealogical information since our doors first opened. The Oregon City Public Library gets approximately two requests a week for such information. Staff time spent on answering the questions is generally about an hour per request, but at times could take as long as five hours.

Of the eight historic Oregon City newspapers, only the *Oregon City Spectator* and the *Oregon Free Press* have been digitized and made keyword searchable through the Historic Oregon

Newspapers website. Of the remaining six titles, only one year's issues of one title are digitally available, and only 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. No indexes to these issues are available.

- C. *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 the activities that will be undertaken to meet each objective. (include timeline)*

The goal of this project is to provide access to the early Oregon newspapers of Oregon City by digitizing the content of six of the historic newspapers of Oregon City and placing them online for free public access and keyword searching on the Historic Oregon Newspapers website of the ODNP at the University of Oregon.

The interest and need for broader access to historic Oregon newspapers has been documented by the statistics of usage from the Historic Oregon Newspapers website. According to project staff of the ODNP, the Oregon City Spectator newspaper has so far received well over 10,000 views since it was added to the website. In the year and a half that the Historic Oregon Newspapers website has existed, there have been over 65,722 visits to the site. Adding additional titles to the website will only increase interest in early Oregon history, and provide a richer source of interesting and useful information to users all over the world.

Recently, a discovery of paper copies in excellent condition of the newspapers *the Oregon City Enterprise, the Morning Enterprise, and the Banner-Courier* was made by staff from the Museum of the Oregon Territory. This occurred after submission of our LSTA Brief Proposal. The Museum has been in contact with the ODNP, which advises some preparation of these paper copies including microfilming some of these issues prior to digitization. Prevailing standards recommend digitization from microfilm negatives for the best possible image. The Oregon City titles to be re-filmed were originally filmed over 50 years ago from bound volumes, which creates a gutter shadow and page curve that makes it more difficult to read the text. In addition, the collection of paper copies may contain issues that have not yet been microfilmed. This additional preparation would provide a cleaner, more readable, and therefore more searchable collection of digital images from these titles.

The first objective then is to prepare and film 6,500 pages of three of the six historic Oregon City newspapers. The second objective is to digitize about 32,436 pages of the six historic Oregon City newspapers not yet digitized, but currently in microfilm form, from their first issue through 1922, and to make their full content available through free online browsing and keyword searching on the Internet through the Historic Oregon Newspapers website. The third objective is to promote the resulting product to local groups and community users and to train remote and in-person users to access and search the Historic Oregon Newspapers website.

Objective One: Prepare for quality digitization approximately 6,500 pages of three historic Oregon City newspapers.

- Activity 1: The preparation for quality digitization will be accomplished by contracting with the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program (ODNP) at the University of Oregon. The issues will include the *Oregon City Enterprise* 1905-1906, 1918, 1921-1922, the *Morning Enterprise* Jan. 1912-Dec. 1913, and the *Banner-Courier* 1922. Due to budget constraints created by this preparation, preparation and digitization of the *Morning Enterprise* from 1914-1922 is not included in this proposal. Newspapers published after 1922 are not included due to copyright limits.
- Activity 1 timeline and completion: The preparation for quality digitization will take place concurrently with the digitizing of other titles. Objective one will be completed once all issues listed above are made ready for digitizing in about 8 months.

Objective Two: Digitize approximately 32,436 pages of five historic Oregon City newspapers from their first issue through 1922, and one additional newspaper from its first issue through 1913, and make their full content available through free online browsing and keyword searching on the Internet through the Historic Oregon Newspapers site.

- Activity 1: The digitization will be accomplished by contracting with the ODNP. 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. 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 *Oregon City Press* 1898-1899, the *Clackamas County Record* 1903, and the *Oregon City Morning Enterprise* 1911-1913. Newspapers published after 1922 are not included due to copyright limits. (Due to budget constraints this proposal does not include digitizing the *Morning Enterprise* from 1914 through 1922).
- Activity 1 timeline and completion: This activity is expected to take approximately 8-9 months to complete. We estimate about 32,436 pages of newspaper content of the six target historic Oregon City newspapers will be digitized and made freely available on the Historic Oregon Newspapers website, which will accomplish part of Objective Two. The digitized newspaper content will remain after the end of the *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers* project.
- Activity 2: 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.
- Activity 2 timeline and completion: Digitized content of the Oregon City newspapers will be posted to the website on an ongoing basis. This activity will be complete once all of the newly digitized Oregon City newspaper content has been integrated into the website. Process is expected to be completed in 8 -12 months.

Objective Three: Promotion of the Historic Oregon Newspapers website and the new content of the Oregon City newspapers.

- Activity 1: When a significant portion of the digitized newspaper content is posted to the Historic Oregon Newspapers website, the website and its new digital early Oregon newspaper content will be promoted to local genealogical and historical groups and governmental officials and to interested individuals through presentations by library staff. An initial list of five targeted groups include: the Clackamas County Family History Society, the LDS Family History Center, the Museum of the Oregon Territory, the Library Board of the Oregon City Public Library, and the Mayor and the City Commission of Oregon City.
- Activity 1 Timeline and completion: Target groups will be contacted approximately five months into the project. Presentations will be completed contingent upon the calendar of the groups, however, it is hoped that presentations to the five target groups will be completed in about three months. Other organizations may request informative presentations, which will be provided on an on-going basis.
- Activity 2: An informative publicity brochure will be created for use in presentations and for general handout and as a guide to searching the Historic Oregon Newspapers website.
- Activity 2 Timeline and completion: The brochure will be completed in time to be used with the initial five presentations to targeted groups. It will remain as a library handout, and be periodically revised.
- Activity 3: The project will be publicized through newspaper articles and press releases. *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers* will initially publicize the project through local media such as the *Oregon City Trail News*, the Clackamas County edition of the *Portland Oregonian* newspaper and the *Oregon City News* newspaper.
- Activity 3 Timeline and completion: Media publicity will be initiated once there is substantial Oregon City newspaper content on the Historic Oregon Newspapers website. Publicity will be on-going.
- Activity 4: The Library Director and the Reference Librarian of the Oregon City Public Library will publicize the *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers* project and the emerging content of the Historic Oregon Newspapers website on an on-going basis during meetings and presentations. Examples include presentations to Oregon City neighborhood associations and Oregon City educators, and library programs for the public about the Historic Oregon Newspapers website.
- Activity 4 timeline and completion: The activities, meetings, and presentations will be on-going, in both formal and informal presentations.
- Activity 5: The *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers* project will be publicized online by the Library and by the Oregon Digital Newspaper Project. The Oregon City Public Library will create a web page on its website explaining the *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers* project and the Historic Oregon Newspapers website, list details of the newspaper coverage, link to the Historic Oregon Newspapers website, provide tips for searching the website and provide library contacts for more information. The Oregon Digital Newspaper Project will announce the new digital newspaper content on their blog once this content goes live on

the site, (<http://odnp.wordpress.com/>). And the Historic Oregon Newspapers website will show the new digital newspaper content.

- Activity 5 Timeline and completion: The Oregon City Library web page will be created at the beginning of the *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers* project. It will be updated throughout the project to reflect the progress of digitization and the changing content of the website Historic Oregon Newspapers. This web page will remain on the Oregon City Public Library website after the end of the grant period. The Oregon Digital Newspaper Project website and blog are active and will remain after the end of the grant period.
- Activity 6: Potential users will be contacting the Oregon City Public Library via personal visits, email, telephone and snail mail with inquiries of early Oregon historic or genealogical interest. The reference staff will inform the users of the Historic Oregon Newspapers website and train the users how to search for their requested information. In addition, reference staff will facilitate or conduct the searches for the users if they are not able to search on their own.
- Activity 6 Timeline and completion: Once access to the digitized content of the early Oregon newspapers of Oregon City appears on the Historic Oregon Newspapers website, this will be a useful source to provide information for patrons. This activity will continue on an ongoing basis

Project Timeline

Quarter One

- a. Begin preparing newspapers for quality digitization of approximately 6,100 pages of three historic Oregon City newspapers.
- b. Begin digitizing approximately 32,436 pages of six historic Oregon City newspapers
- c. Begin making the digitized newspaper content of the Oregon City newspapers available through free online browsing and keyword searching on the Historic Oregon Newspapers website.
- d. Develop a project web page on the Library's website. This web page will remain throughout the project and after the project is completed.
- e. Develop an informational publicity brochure

Quarter Two

- a. Continue to prepare newspapers for quality digitization of three historic Oregon City newspapers.
- b. Continue to digitize six historic Oregon City newspapers
- c. Continue adding the digitized newspaper content to the Historic Oregon Newspapers website.
- d. Contact five target organizations and schedule presentations
- e. Begin providing presentations to target organizations if their calendars permit
- f. Presentation about the project and training on the Historic Oregon Newspapers website for Oregon City Public Library staff.
- g. Publicize the project through newspaper articles and press releases

- h. Reference staff will inform patrons with historic queries of the keyword searchable Historic Oregon Newspapers website and train the users how to search for their requested information
- i. Revise project brochure as needed.
- j. Update the project web page on the Library's website.

Quarter Three

- a. Complete preparation for quality digitization of three historic Oregon City newspapers.
- b. Complete digitization of approximately 32,436 pages of six historic Oregon City newspapers
- c. Continue adding the digitized newspaper content to the Historic Oregon Newspapers website.
- d. Continue providing presentations to target organizations
- e. Continue publicizing the project through the media
- f. Provide project information to groups at meetings and presentations and to individuals, in both formal and informal presentations. Will be on-going.
- g. Reference staff will inform patrons with historic queries of the searchable Historic Oregon Newspapers website and train the users how to search for their requested information
- h. Update the project web page on the Library's website.

Quarter Four

- a. Complete adding the digitized newspaper content to the Historic Oregon Newspapers website.
- b. Complete presentations to five target organizations, if not already done.
- c. Provide project information and training to groups at meetings and presentations and to individuals. This will be on-going, and will exist after project completion.
- d. Reference staff will inform patrons with historic queries of the searchable Historic Oregon Newspapers website and train the users how to search for their requested information, services which will continue after project completion.
- e. Update the project web page on the Library's website. The web page will remain on the Library's website after project completion.

D. Budget narrative

The total project budget is \$28,742.

Local cash contributed by the Oregon City Public Library

- The Oregon City Public Library will provide \$2,000 in local cash support for contractual services of microfilming and preparation of newspapers for digitization

Local In-kind contributed by the Oregon City Public Library

- \$3,487 for 71 hours or approximately .038 % of the salary and benefits of the Reference Librarian to manage the project and promote the digital content.
- \$350 for supplies for 2000 informative publicity brochures.

Seeking LSTA funds for:

- \$22,905 in funds for contractual services with the ODNP at the University of Oregon to provide:
 - Re-microfilming of recently discovered issues of the Oregon City Enterprise, Morning Enterprise and Banner-Courier, \$200
 - Digitization of the historic Oregon City 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. About 32,436 pages at 70 cents per page \$22,705.20.
 - Integration of the six historic newspapers into the content of the Historic Oregon Newspapers website of the University of Oregon.

E. Evaluation method

To show the impact of LSTA funding, *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers* will use both outcomes-based evaluation and process evaluation.

First, the project will incorporate outcomes-based evaluation in the following ways:

We will publicize the addition of the Oregon City digitized newspaper content to the Historic Oregon Newspapers website to interested parties, including students at all academic levels, historians, museum staff, librarians, genealogists, educators, governmental officials and departments, and many other interested parties. As another publicity tool, we will provide a web page for the *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers* project on our Library's website.

Our publicity efforts will increase usage of the Historic Oregon Newspapers website. Usage statistics will be gathered from the project web page. Usage statistics from the Historic Oregon Newspapers website are also available. According to the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program, the Oregon City Spectator is one of the most viewed titles in the collection. An increase in usage should result from the added digitized newspaper content of the historic Oregon City newspapers and our publicity efforts.

Another use of the project web page will be to solicit user feedback and comments. Users will be asked to complete a survey which will tell us if they found information that was helpful to them.

Secondly, the project will be evaluated on the completion of our three project objectives as stated in Section C of this proposal:

- 1. Prepare for quality digitization approximately 6,500 pages of three historic Oregon City newspapers
- 2. Digitize about 32,436 pages of six historic Oregon City newspapers and make their full content available through free online browsing and keyword searching on the Internet.
- 3. Promote the resulting product

The quality of the digitization will be tested and evaluated by the respected contractor, the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program of the University of Oregon. Adult Reference Librarian Sue Adams will frequently access the Historic Oregon Newspapers website to monitor progress throughout the project. And of course the LSTA Grant Activity Quarterly Reports will be submitted stating our progress in reaching project goals.

Part IV: Certification of Application

- 1. Documentation of project support. Partners listed in Part I, number 12 must sign. The grant applicant signs IV.3.d. If the fiscal agent is different than the applicant, they sign IV.3.e.

I HAVE READ THE PROPOSAL PRESENTED ON THE PRECEDING PAGES. I AM AWARE OF THE OBLIGATIONS THAT PARTNERSHIP IN THE PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD ENTAIL. BY MY SIGNATURE I CERTIFY MY ORGANIZATION'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED PROJECT AS DESCRIBED IN THE PRECEDING PAGES.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Library/Organization</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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2. Certification for Children’s Internet Protection Act

Public and public school library applicants, and consortia with public or school members **must** check one of the options below (a, b, or c).

a.	The applicant public or public school library has complied with the requirements of Section 9134(f)(1) of the Library Services and Technology Act. Every computer connecting to the Internet, public and staff, is filtered. The filter can be disabled upon request of adults.
b.	<i>(for consortia only)</i> Prior to using any LSTA funds to purchase computers used to access the Internet or to pay for direct costs associated with accessing the Internet for a public library or a public school library, the applicant consortium or group will collect and retain a duly completed Internet Safety Certification from every constituent public library or public school library in accordance with requirements of Section 9134(f) of the Library Services and Technology Act. Every computer connecting to the Internet, public and staff, is filtered. The filter can be disabled upon request of adults.
c.	The requirements of Section 9134(f) of the Library Services and Technology Act do not apply to the applicant library because no funds made available under the LSTA program will be used to purchase computers used to access the Internet or to pay for direct costs associated with accessing the Internet for a public library or public school library that does not receive discounted E-Rate services under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

3. Certification of the grant applicant and/or fiscal agent (if different than applicant)

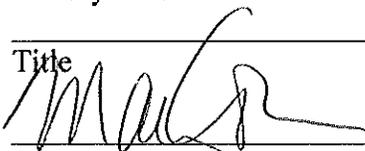
- a. I affirm that the jurisdiction or organization (henceforth, ORGANIZATION) is the designated fiscal agent for the project described in this application and is empowered to receive and expend funds for the conduct of the proposed grant project.
- b. I affirm that the information contained in this application is true and correct and that the ORGANIZATION for which I am an official has authorized me to submit this application for LSTA grant funds.
- c. I affirm that if this application were to result in the ORGANIZATION being awarded grant funds to carry out the project described in this application, that the ORGANIZATION would comply with all of the federal and state requirements for the administration of LSTA grants, including part IV.2 above and allowable costs described in Appendix B of the General Information and Grant Application Guidelines, Library Services and Technology Act.

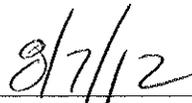
d. Signature of grant applicant

Maureen Cole

Name of official authorized to enter into contractual agreements for the
ORGANIZATION
Library Director

Title





Signature

Date

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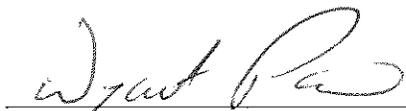
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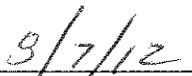
e. Signature of fiscal agent (if different than applicant or if applicant is not a 501(c)3 or
legally established entity or if applicant does not have contract authority for the
ORGANIZATION)

Wyatt Parno

Name of official authorized to enter into contractual agreements for the
ORGANIZATION
Finance Director

Title





Signature

Date

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503-496-1525

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**This form must be received at the State Library no later than 5:00 p.m. on
Friday, August 10, 2012.**

Faxed copies will not be accepted. There are no exceptions. If requesting indirect costs, attach
appropriate sections of a federally approved indirect cost plan.

Mail or deliver **one copy** of your application to:

Library Development Services
Oregon State Library
250 Winter St., NE
Salem, OR 97301-3950

As a courtesy, the State Library asks that you email an electronic copy of your proposal in rtf or Word format, without letters of recommendation and appendixes, to ann.reed@state.or.us. This does not substitute for the signed, mailed copy.



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August 1, 2012

LSTA Advisory Council
c/o the Oregon State Library
250 Winter Street St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Oregon City Library LSTA Grant Application, *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers*.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

As members of the City Commission of Oregon City, we want to convey our strongest support for Oregon City's request for a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant to digitize six of the Oregon City historic newspapers from territorial days through 1922 and post the fully searchable content on the Historic Oregon Newspapers website hosted by the University of Oregon.

As Oregon's territorial capital and first incorporated city, Oregon City's history is central to its identity and of critical importance to our city, state, and country. Providing digital access to Oregon City's past through our historic newspapers on the *Historic Oregon Newspapers* site will allow many more historians, students, genealogists, and interested parties to benefit from this treasure trove of information. Digitizing these collections is the most accessible, reliable and accurate way of making this information available to the broadest number of people possible. This project is truly a blending of past and the present technologies and will enhance future experiences for actual and virtual visitors to Oregon City.

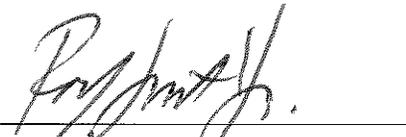
Given the importance of Oregon City to the development of Oregon and the Northwest, it is paramount that the history of Oregon City be preserved and shared. We support our Library's efforts to maximize its offerings to our citizens and the citizens of the world. We request that

LSTA award the grant to Oregon City for the proposal, *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers*. Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this vital grant funding.

Sincerely,



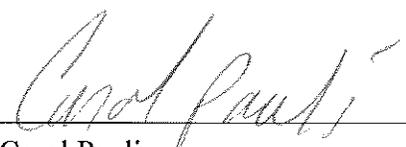
Doug Neeley
Mayor



Rocky Smith, Jr.
Commission President



Kathy Roth
Commissioner



Carol Pauli
Commissioner



Betty Mumm
Commissioner

CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, INC.

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"AT THE MUSEUM OF THE OREGON TERRITORY"

25 July 2012

Sue Adams, Reference Librarian
Oregon City Public Library
606 John Adams Street
Oregon City, OR 997045

Dear Sue,

In the beginning Oregon City was the primary terminus for the entire Oregon Territory. Due to the city's prominence, many settlers stayed for a period time and their activities were noted in the newspaper of the day. From 1846 to 1855 the Oregon Printing Accosication published The Oregon Spectator followed by The Oregon Argus which was published from 1855 to 1863. They were the first of several newspapers to be published in the area and are crucial to genealogists and historians.

Housed in the library of the Museum of the Oregon Territory, the Clackamas County Family History Society is a repository of history from the Oregon Territory days to the present. We actively collect and preserve personal histories and public records. In doing so, we have the ability to help researchers learn about their families as well as the history of the area to which they came.

Being a very small society, we are often restricted by a lack of tools necessary for our researches i.e. reader/printer, readable microfilm because of the money it costs to replace and/or upgrade. We count on the Oregon City Library for assistance with our work. Not only do we use the library, but we send out-of-area researchers there when we are not open.

Because of Oregon City's importance, it seems as if everyone has an ancestor or two for us to find. In our 25 years, we have worked with people in Europe, Canada, Australia, and every state in the union. The newspaper is one of the first places we look for information. We are totally supportive of the Oregon City Library's efforts to digitize newspapers as it will provide better access to Oregon City's story for those who are eager to know it.

Sincerely,

Judy Chambers

Judy Chambers, President
Clackamas County Family History Society



OREGON CITY

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August 2, 2012

LSTA Advisory Council
c/o the Oregon State Library
250 Winter Street St. NE
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Re: Oregon City Public Library Request for LSTA funding

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

As the Preservation Planner for the City of Oregon City, I whole heartily support the proposal of the Oregon City Public Library request for LSTA funding for *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers*. As a land use planner, we sometimes rely on newspaper articles to help us frame land use application, historic design review and non-conforming status requests. Having a digitized version of our historic papers that can be accessed and queried would provide another valuable resource for applicants, residences and city staff. We have found that the Oregonian had very selected reporting in Oregon City and the bulk of the story has been locked away in microfilm and microfiche patiently waiting to be brought back to the citizens of Oregon City.

In closing, I think that the project *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers* will be extremely beneficial and ask you to fund it. I am also very excited to work with all of our historic and preservation partners to promote the access of these resources once funded.

Sincerely,

Christina Robertson-Gardiner
Planner

STEVEN F. BALDWIN
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July 31, 2012

LSTA Advisory Council
c/o The Oregon State Library
250 Winter Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Subject: Supporting the Oregon City Public Library Proposal – Early Oregon
Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I strongly support the proposal of the Oregon City Public Library for LSTA funding of the project Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers.

It would help me find information about my ancestors who lived in Oregon City. According to Clackamas County Oregon Public Records (Book F, Page 446) my great grandfather's brother Lt. Moses D. Baldwin purchased Lot 3 of Block 16 in the settlement of Canemah on December 7, 1867 and raised his family there. Additionally, my grandfather's oldest brother, Fred S. Baldwin, owned a 160 acre farm in the early 1900s just South of Dodge, also located in Clackamas County. Even though my ancestors lived in Early Oregon City, it's just impossible for me living in Texas to search through 90 years of the Historic Oregon City Newspapers during my one week visits to Oregon City, OR.

In closing, I think that the project Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers will be beneficial and ask you to fund it.

Sincerely,

/s/

Steven F. Baldwin

LSTA Advisory Council

c/o the Oregon State Library

250 Winter St. NE

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August 2, 2012

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I fully support the proposal of the Oregon City Public Library for LSTA funding of the project Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers.

This project, if completed, would be a boon to authors and researchers such as me and my co-author, Judith Chapman, as we research the local towns and the people who built them. At present we slog through microfilm and use lots of time searching for one or two useful dates or facts when we could be spending less than half the time if the files were digitized. Extra time would allow us to use more historical information in our projects.

As a member of the Molalla Area Historical Society, I find I often need to research facts pertaining to the settlement of Molalla, but the Molalla newspaper did not begin publication until 1913 and any news from before that time is often in the Oregon City newspapers, which aren't as accessible.

I think digitizing these files would help increase interest in Clackamas County history, thus inspiring more people to preserve historical stories and artifacts.

Please fund this project, Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon Newspapers.

Sincerely

Lois E. Helvey Ray

Co-author, Images of America: Molalla, 2008, Arcadia Publishing Co.

Co-author and historian, upcoming book: Scotts Mills, A Pictorial History

Member: Molalla Area Historical Society; Scotts Mills Area Historical Society; Clackamas County Historical Society; Oregon Historical Society; Clackamas County Family History Society.

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August 2, 2012

LSTA Advisory Council
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

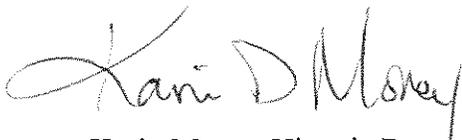
I am writing to strongly urge you to fund the Oregon City Public Library LSTA proposal to digitize six of the historic Oregon City newspapers. This project is called *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers*.

This project would provide better access to historical news and information about Oregon City, and make the process easier. For example, I have spent hours and hours of tedious research using the microfilm of various newspapers for some prior research. This is very difficult and time consuming, and I need to travel to the Library to do this. Many people throughout Oregon would benefit from having the needed access to this valuable primary source of early Oregon history.

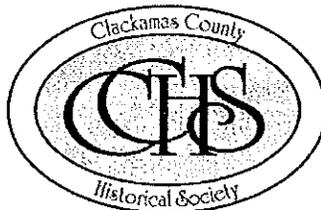
The digitization and keyword search functions of the newspaper content would be very useful in the research that I do. For example, a current research project of mine concerns the history of the Oregon City historic landmark Stevens-Crawford House and information about the Stevens family. The wealthy Harley C. Stevens Jr. married "Baby Doll" Violet Woods, a showgirl half his age, and was subsequently shunned by the family. I am having a difficult time finding much information on this individual and his colorful wife. Having the Oregon City newspapers digitized and keyword searchable would help in my search for information.

In closing, I think that the project *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers* will be beneficial to me and to other Oregonians. I respectfully request that LSTA fund this worthy project.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karin D. Morey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Karin Morey, Historic Researcher



CLACKAMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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August 7, 2012

LSTA Advisory Council
c/o the Oregon State Library
250 Winter Street St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Oregon City Library LSTA Grant Application, *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers*.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Clackamas County Historical Society (CCHS) Board of Directors, I want to convey our strongest support for Oregon City's request for a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant to digitize six of the Oregon City historic newspapers from territorial days through 1922 and post the fully searchable content on the Historic Oregon Newspapers website hosted by the University of Oregon. This project supports and enhances the CCHS mission to collect, protect and make available all material that illustrates the history of Clackamas County and the State of Oregon.

As Oregon's territorial capital and first incorporated city, Oregon City's history is central to its identity and of critical importance to our city, county, state, and country. Providing digital access to Oregon City's past through our historic newspapers on the *Historic Oregon Newspapers* site will allow many more historians, students, genealogists, and interested parties to benefit from this treasure trove of information. Digitizing these collections is the most accessible, reliable and accurate way of making this information available to the broadest number of people possible.

Given the importance of Oregon City to the development of Oregon and the Northwest, it is paramount that the history of Oregon City be preserved and shared. We support our Library's efforts to maximize its offerings to our citizens and the citizens of the world. We request that LSTA award the grant to Oregon City for the proposal, *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers*. Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this vital grant funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Craig Danielson".

Craig Danielson
President

August 7, 2012

LSTA Advisory Council
c/o the Oregon State Library
250 Winter Street St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Oregon City Library LSTA Grant Application, *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers*.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

As an educator, small business owner, lifelong resident of Oregon City, tourism supporter and history enthusiast, I want to convey my strongest support for Oregon City's request for a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant to digitize six of the Oregon City historic newspapers from territorial days through 1922 and post the fully searchable content on the Historic Oregon Newspapers website hosted by the University of Oregon.

Oregon City's history cannot be minimized in the role it played in the development of Oregon and the Northwest. As Oregon's territorial capital and the first incorporated city west of the Rocky Mountains, Oregon City was not just the end of the Oregon Trail, but also a hub for industry, commerce and government. The city's newspaper, the *Oregon Spectator*, was the first American newspaper to be published west of the Rocky Mountains. Providing digital access to Oregon City's past through this has opened many avenues; adding six additional historic newspapers on the *Historic Oregon Newspapers* site will allow many more historians, students, genealogists, and interested parties to benefit from this treasure trove of information.

As a high school teacher, I know the importance and value of making original documents available to our youth. Reading about everyday occurrences, the kind reported in newspapers, brings history to life in a way that text books cannot. When students connect to the past and realize that people 150 years ago had the same struggles and joys as modern people, the years disappear and a link is made. This is when learning, and magic, happen.

I, too, am looking for those connections. I run a small walking tour business, providing historical and 'ghost' tours in Oregon City. The stories I share bring the people and locations to life. I am constantly researching and seeking stories for very specific places and people-the locations and

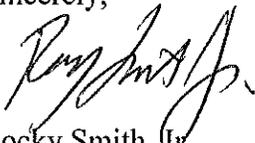
former residents along my tour routes. Using microfilm is laborious, frustrating and time consuming. Being able to access this information through a web based depository will greatly decrease the time and increase success of my searches. I really want to tap into the unfamiliar stories; digitizing these collections will make it possible to locate the new and unusual narratives with pinpoint accuracy.

Another major role in my life right now is that of City Commissioner. I came into that role through my deep love of my community. I want to see it succeed and therefore, I am an ambassador for its tourism efforts whenever possible. I am also a history buff and am very well versed in local history. Anything which supports and enhances history and tourism, such as this digitization project, are of great value to Oregon City by improving local efforts to reach out to possible visitors and friends.

This grant application touches the very heart of what is important to Oregon City and important to me.

Given the importance of Oregon City to the development of Oregon and the Northwest, it is paramount that the history of Oregon City be preserved and shared. I support the Library's efforts to maximize its offerings to our citizens and the citizens of the world. I ask that LSTA award the grant to Oregon City for the proposal, *Early Oregon Voices: Digitizing Historic Oregon City Newspapers*. Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this vital grant funding.

Sincerely,

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Rocky Smith, Jr.

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**Library Director, City of Oregon City, Oregon.
August 2009 to present.**

I became the director of this library just after the successful new county-wide Library District started collecting revenue. My given objective was to build a new library, something which had eluded Oregon City for decades. However, before I could build a new library, I had to relocate the library when it lost its lease due to redevelopment. During this time, I investigated and almost closed on the purchase of a former school as the new library site. However, due diligence investigations showed that this site would be extraordinarily expensive without producing the desired results. Our renewed investigations have uncovered several leads on potential sites, which are being reviewed and pursued. In the meantime, I oversee a \$2 million budget and 12 FTE, and have increased hours, programs, communications and storytimes at the library. I am currently working on programming for Community Wide Read 2013, the Carnegie 100th anniversary and a new documentary film series to encourage civic and civil engagement.

Principal Librarian for Public Services, Eugene Public Library, Eugene, Oregon. August 2008 to July 2009

In August, 2008, I accepted this position for which I had been acting-in-capacity the previous 3 months. The work of Technical Services Supervisor was turned over to a colleague and another supervisory role was added to my list of charges: the Virtual Branch Librarian, a temporary, trial position, which reports directly to me. As Public Services Manager, I supervise the managers and operations of Adult Services, Youth Services, and Branch Services, as well as Community Relations and the Virtual Branch Librarian, performing a wide variety of related professional tasks, and providing professional and administrative assistance to the Library Services Director. The half of the Library I supervise includes all reference activities, programming, outreach, collection development, and publicity for the entire Library system. I work closely with managers in my area as well as in other areas of the Library. I am an integral part of the planning and vision teams, the Library Leadership Team and Management Team, of the Library. In addition, my position oversees security for the system. Examples of recent activities in this position are:

- I planned a pre-opening breakfast and tour for the Greeters group of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce to build relationships with area business leaders;
- I participated in city budget committees, brainstorming and reviewing ideas for efficiencies and cost-savings in an successful effort to avoid layoffs and preserve services;
- I worked with other managers to create a system-wide desk coverage schedule that acknowledged areas of need as well as abundance and created cross-training and development opportunities for staff.

Some committee assignments were: Self-Study Steering Committee (chair), Diversity Committee (chair), Faculty Library Committee (chair), College Planning Committee, Friends of the Library secretary, Technology Training Committee, Risk Management committee, Book club for staff and faculty, advising load: 4 students. Previous assignments: Faculty Review Committee (this committee evaluated faculty on an annual basis and was elected by peers-I had 2 2-year terms), Core Advising.

EDUCATION

Masters of Arts in Library and Information Science, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, 1993.

Paralegal degree, Denver Paralegal Institute, Denver, Colorado, 1981.

Bachelor of Arts in History, Western State College, Gunnison Colorado, 1978.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP, COMMITTEES, AND WORKSHOPS

ALA and LAMA

ACRL College Library Directors Mentor Program, 2005-2006, including attendance at 3-day workshop in San Antonio, followed by attendance at ALA Mid-Winter

American Library Association, member from 1988-1998, 2000-present; former member of ACRL and present member of LAMA

City of Eugene, Oregon, Dynamic Leadership Academy, 2008-2009, nominated and accepted for the year long program.

Council of Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) Leadership Institute Fellow, 2003-2004, including a week retreat in northern Washington and several days visiting a library director in Seattle Pacific University

Emporia State University Long Distance SLIM Program Advisory Board for Oregon, 2004 to 2006.

First Year Experience Annual Conference, hosted by National Resource Center for the First Year Experience, San Diego, 2002

LOEX-of-the-West Conference, June 2002, Eugene, Oregon, Fundraising Committee, Local Arrangements Committee

Luke Center Pacific Program for Catalytic Leadership October 2007, including a week long intensive program

NW Central, a regional continuing education website. Inaugural and continuing advisory board, 2006 to 2009. Presenter at OLA/WLA Joint Conference April 2008 on this topic.

Northwest Commission on College and Universities (NWCCU), workshop on accreditation and self-study, February 2006

OCLC, many various cataloging workshops since 1996

Oregon Private Academic Library Link (OPALL) Board of Directors, 2005-2006

Oregon Library Association: since 1995. President 2004-2005; Past President 2005-2006. Sample of committee assignments: 1st person to fill the new position of OLA Liaison to NWCentral (now the Continuing Education branch of OLA) 2007-2009; Past Presidents Round Table (chair 2006-2007, co-chair 2008-09); Web Task Force; Joint Conference Programs Committee, HAS Committee, Ad Hoc Archives Committee; Membership Committee; Library Development and Legislative Committee; Conference Committee (Chair, Local Arrangements); Joint OLA/OASL Committee. Currently Secretary for the Public Library Division.

Polaris Users Group Annual Conference Syracuse, New York October 2006

PNLA Conference August 2006, Eugene Oregon

Voyager (Endeavor Information Systems ILS) User's Group Task Force for Scholarships

Voyager User's Group Meeting, Presenter, Chicago, April 2002

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

SMART volunteer

Churchill High School Parent Association

Readin' in the Rain Community Wide Read Program, Eugene, OR

McCornack Elementary

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PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY EXPERIENCE:

OREGON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 10/1993 to present, various positions

As Adult Librarian responsibilities have included:

- Provide reference service in person, by phone, and by email
- Instruct & assist patrons in use of Internet, catalog, and on-line databases
- Collection development, selection and weeding of materials
- Provide formal classes on Internet and databases
- Programming

As Children's Librarian responsibilities included:

- Storytime for toddlers and preschoolers
- Programming and craft activities for children and families
- Provided reference service in person, by phone, and by email
- Instructed & assisted patrons in use of Internet, catalog, and on-line databases
- Collection development, selection and weeding of materials

As Head of Reference responsibilities included:

- Managed reference department
- Recruited, hired, trained and supervised reference librarians
- Assisted in the maintenance of the library's long range plan including goals and objectives for information services
- Developed and oversaw adult programming and Internet classes
- Provided reference service in person, by phone, and via email
- Instructed & assisted patrons in use of Internet, catalog and on-line databases
- Collection development, selection and weeding of materials
- Represented the library at Reference Committee meetings

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY, Substitute librarian 8/2003 to present

- Provide direct and system-wide reference to patrons of all ages
- Perform research for patrons and second-level reference for branches using a variety of sources including on-line databases, the Internet, and printed reference sources
- Provide instruction in the use of the library, equipment, and information sources

PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PT Faculty and Substitute Reference Librarian, 10/2002 to 5/2009.

- Information Literacy classroom instruction and library tours
- Collection development
- Liaison to faculty in collection development subject areas
- Reference services and individual instruction to students and other patrons

BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY, Reference Librarian, 12/1993 to 12/2000

- Provided reference service in person and by phone
- Instructed & assisted patrons in use of Internet, catalog, CD-ROMs and on-line databases
- Provided formal Internet classes to the public and the library staff
- Collection development, selection and weeding of materials

FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM, Librarian I 10/93 to 8/98, Substitute librarian 6/2002 to 2009

- Provide direct and system-wide reference to patrons of all ages
- Perform research for patrons and second-level reference for district libraries and small neighboring libraries
- Provide instruction in the use of the library, equipment, and information sources
- Collection development and weeding

EDUCATION:

Portland Community College
University of Arizona
University of New Mexico
University of Oregon

Computer Technology, Spanish
MLS
Computer Science, Continuing Ed
B.S. Sociology

PUBLICATIONS:

Editor, "Tales From the Front", *Public Libraries*, 1992-1999

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

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