



# Technical Assistance & Professional Development Grants for Rural Arts, Culture, & Heritage Organizations

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The Roundhouse Foundation is offering grants of up to \$5,000 for professional development and technical assistance opportunities that strengthen the skills, talents, and capacity of partners in the nonprofit sector. We understand that while opportunities for skill development and strategic investments are valuable, they can often be difficult to pay for. The 2025 pilot program is designed to gather insights and improve future offerings.

## **ALIGNED PROJECTS MIGHT INCLUDE:**

- Paying for staff or board members to attend a conference or training
- Hiring a consultant to develop a strategic plan, succession plan or fundraising plan
- Purchasing a highly specialized piece of equipment or software specific to your work
- Other creative approaches that build capacity through training and development

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Through this program, we will prioritize our 2024 grant partners. In addition, we are especially interested in supporting opportunities from organizations whose missions align with the following initiatives:

- Journalism & Storytelling
- Arts, Culture & Heritage
- Rural Fire & Emergency Services
- *Organizations whose missions are aligned with the above initiatives do not have to be previous grant partners.*

All applications should align with Roundhouse Foundation's [mission](#), [eligibility](#) and serve rural and Indigenous communities in Oregon.

## **LEARN MORE & CONTACT US**

Visit [www.RoundhouseFoundation.org/grants](http://www.RoundhouseFoundation.org/grants) to learn more about our mission and grants. We value building a relationship with potential applicants and existing partners. Contact us ahead of applying for assistance with developing a strong proposal:

**[grants@roundhousefoundation.org](mailto:grants@roundhousefoundation.org)**

## **WHY ARTS, CULTURE, & HERITAGE?**

Arts and culture bring people together, expand hearts and minds and build vibrant communities. They cultivate, enhance and sustain a sense of community by helping people understand and respect who they are, who their neighbors are and the unique place they call home. Arts and culture also support the creative economy, providing important economic impact in rural communities. We look for opportunities that harness the power and potential of arts and culture to build better rural citizens, communities and economies. We want to hear and amplify the voices of our rural communities, which we know can often be best heard and shared through art.

In fall 2024, the Oregon Heritage Commission released the [2024 Oregon Heritage Vitality Study Report](#) identifying the top issues impacting the operational vitality of Oregon's heritage organizations and proposing recommendations to support the health of the heritage sector. One identified area of need was technical assistance for arts, culture & heritage organizations, including regional art centers, libraries, historical museums, and historically-designated sites.