

Federal Grant Application Request
Oregon State Library
Humanities Collection Preservation Grant

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Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the National Endowment for the Humanities for a Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions in the amount of up to \$6,000.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The Oregon State Library (OSL) requests approval to submit a federal grant application to the National Endowment for the Humanities for a Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions.

If the grant application is approved and award, OSL will use the funding to purchase preservation supplies to move Oregon Documents and Oregon History collections into acidic enclosures. The work would be undertaken by staff in the Government Research Services Division. The grant's request totals \$6,000.

This competitive grant does not have any state matching funds requirement. The grant application deadline is May 5, 2015. Award notification is expected in the Fall of 2015. Grant activities are to begin in January of 2016 and conclude during the 2015-17 biennium.

OSL states that if the grant is awarded, an increase in Federal Funds expenditure limitation for services and supplies will be required. Existing OSL staff is sufficient to complete the work.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request.