

Hello,

My name is Jessica Polaniecki, I am an educator at the New York International Children's Film Festival. I am reaching out in support of grant program for operators of movie theaters in Oregon. Movie theaters, especially those not owned by large corporations, have always been a place for communities to gather, to experience new worlds, new voices and new perspectives. After the pandemic has ended the movie theater is where folks will want to return to relax, learn, and be with their communities. I lived in Portland for four years and can honestly say that the theaters in Portland we're not just a place to go absorb culture, but to feel like a part of the community. It would be a tragedy and a huge loss to the state of Oregon to see these theaters go.

Thank you for your time,
Jessica Polaniecki