

Dear Senator or Representative,

We are asking for your support in funding a bill that Representative Rob Nosse is proposing during the 2024 short legislative session to fund the CREF slate of 14 cultural and arts capital projects (totaling \$7.8 million) that were not funded in the 2023 session. These capital investments in Arts and Culture throughout the state of Oregon have been stalled due to your decision not to fund all 14 CREF projects, in spite of the fact funding was available to do so. Now is the time to rectify that action and fully fund these projects.

As noted in Representative Nosse's newsletter to constituents, only 2 projects were funded last session, with both projects located in Portland. Rep. Nosse pointed out, "A lot of these projects are in rural parts of the state..." including the Rainier Oregon Historical Museum, whose project to build a new museum in Columbia County was postponed due to your actions. Oregon Arts and Culture is a \$9.3 billion industry and 3.4 % of the state's economy. Other rural projects supporting cultural and arts capital projects in both Columbia and Clatsop counties were part of the unfunded CREF slate. These projects and others bring visitors and attention to our communities and much needed revenue.

Please support funding the Arts and Culture of Oregon by funding the CREF slate in the 2024 short session.

Sincerely,

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