

HISTORIC JACKSONVILLE INC.

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Dear Legislators:

Historic Jacksonville, Inc. is very pleased to be part of the Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon's proposed 2025 Cultural Resource Economic Funds grant package—especially since we are in such good company!

Of course, we are excited about our Jacksonville “Museum without Walls” project that will convert our 1881 Old City Hall (until 2020, the oldest government building in Oregon to remain in continuous use) into a museum base providing an overview of our history as a gold rush camp that became the 19th century hub of Southern Oregon and offer the public multiple ways to explore the first National Historic Landmark District on the West Coast.

However, we're also enthused about Salem's aviation museum; Astoria's proposed hall that will share Oregon maritime history; Joseph's Maxville Townsite proposal for highlighting the Black immigrant experience; the Warm Springs museum Tribal permanent exhibit; Portland's Mass Timber Experience Center that will speak to the health of the forests that make up almost half of the state; and all the other projects that will enhance the richness of Oregon's culture and heritage.

We feel very fortunate to live in a state that recognizes how much cultural opportunities contribute to both economic vitality and livability and whose government and residents support them through entities such as CACO, the Oregon Arts Commission, the Oregon Cultural Trust, and the one-of-a-kind in the U.S. state tax credit for cultural donations.

Thank you in advance for funding these 14 projects that will have broad economic impact and expand access to culture across the state.

Best regards,



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