



*Organizational & Professional Development Grant Program*

## **Oregon Cultural Trust FY2026**

### **Organizational & Professional Development Grants**

#### **Program Guidelines & Application Form**

##### **Rolling Quarterly Deadlines; Applications accepted:**

Fall cycle: September 2025

Winter cycle: January, 2026

Spring cycle: April, 2026

**Supporting activities taking place between September 1, 2025- July 30, 2026**

This grant program is supported by the Oregon Cultural Trust and the Cultural Trust Partners.

This program has two categories:

**Organizational Development** - maximum request \$2,500

**Professional Development** - maximum request \$1,000

The Organizational & Professional Development Grant Program is an opportunity available to **cultural nonprofits in Oregon** as well as Cultural Trust **County and Tribal Cultural Coalitions** and their members. Applying organizations must have an **annual operating budget of under \$1.5 million**.

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Organizational & Professional Development Grant is a program developed by the Cultural Trust Partners. The purpose of the program is to strengthen cultural non-profit leadership and organizational effectiveness to better serve Oregon's cultural community. This program is focused on cultural organizations and coalitions with operating budgets under \$1.5 million to provide access to development opportunities not otherwise available.

**Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis in the months of September, January, and April, for projects taking place between September 1, 2025- July 30, 2026;** all Cultural Trust funds must be expended during this period. Applicants will be notified of the Cultural Trust's decision within 30 days of receipt of the application. The Cultural Trust reserves the right to request further information from applicants before making funding decisions.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

All eligible applications will be funded until funds are depleted. Applicants will be notified when funds are no longer available. The Oregon Cultural Trust website will announce when all funding has been expended.

All decisions made by the Cultural Trust are final.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must be staff members (full or part time) of organizations that meet the following **eligibility criteria** or County/Tribal Cultural Coalition members.

A cultural nonprofit registered on the Cultural Trust website which is:

- a recognized 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS and
- current with all grant reporting requirements to the Cultural Trust and its funding partners or A County/Tribal Cultural Coalition, current with all grant reporting requirements.

**APPLICATION CATEGORIES**

**1) Organizational Development**

This category supports organizational development with a maximum award of \$2,500 for capacity building through **professional consultation and/or facilitation projects**.

Organizational Development Projects may include:

- Strategic planning
- Organizational branding/marketing plans
- Board development
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training/policy development
- Audience development or marketing plans
- Fund development planning
- Evaluating and planning to make facilities, programs and staff accessible to individuals with disabilities
- Financial management planning
- Executive development
- Transition planning

Requests of up to \$2,500 may be submitted after **September 1, 2025**. Grant awards are limited to \$2,500 per project and one award per organization during the grant period, until available funds are depleted.

Subsequent applications may be made for follow-up activities or additional consultation in the following grant cycle, should this program be extended.

Funds may not be used for:

- Salaries for existing full or part-time staff of the applicant organization,
- Programming or general operating/administrative expenses, or
- Reimbursement of completed projects or activities.

**2) Professional Development**

This category supports professional development for key leaders of cultural nonprofit organizations and Cultural Coalitions in the professional development categories listed below. A maximum of \$1,000 per opportunity may be requested. An organization or Coalition may submit and receive up to two grants per year in this category. Organizations are eligible to submit up to two requests per application cycle, however in general organizations may not receive more than a total of \$1,000 from this category per cycle.

Professional Development projects may include:

- Travel, lodging and registration fees for relevant conferences.

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- Learning opportunities (seminars, workshops, courses) that enhance the knowledge, ability and contribution of an employee's work in a cultural non-profit or County Cultural Coalition.

Grant payments will only be made to an organization/Coalition, not to an individual participant in the professional development program. Supported opportunities must be concluded by the end of the grant activity period (7/30/2026) or prior to the next annual grant cycle as needed (9/1/2026).

**Applications for professional development opportunities must be submitted quarterly and no fewer than 45 days prior to the opportunity.**

**Funds may not be used for:**

- Salaries
- Stipends for artists
- Printing of marketing/fundraising materials,
- Programming or Production expenses, or
- Degree-bearing educational programs.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

1. Complete the application PDF
2. **Organizational Development** request must submit **the proposed consultant's bio or resume and short work plan including timeline.**
3. **Professional Development** requests must include a **letter of support** from organization's governing leadership (executive director or board chair).
4. Email the completed application and required materials to  
Aili Schreiner, Oregon Cultural Trust  
Manager [Aili.Schreiner@Biz.Oregon.Gov](mailto:Aili.Schreiner@Biz.Oregon.Gov)
5. Cultural Trust staff will review the application and materials and make a determination. Staff may request additional information. Staff will notify the applicant within 30 days of receiving the application of the decision.

Questions:

- Aili Schreiner, Oregon Cultural Trust,  
[Aili.Schreiner@Biz.Oregon.Gov](mailto:Aili.Schreiner@Biz.Oregon.Gov)



**FY2026 Organizational & Professional Development Grant Application**

**Applicant Information**

Project Contact Name:				
Address:				
City		Oregon	Zip	
Telephone				
Email				

**Organization Name (Fiscal Sponsors accepted only for County Cultural Coalitions):**

Federal Tax Identification Number	
Executive Director or Board Leadership Name	
Title	
Email Address	
Web Address	

**Project Information**

Project Title	
Total Budget for this Project/Activity	
Grant Amount Requested	
Which category are you applying to	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Organizational Development</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional Development</b>

Briefly describe the project (maximum 150 words)

- If you are applying to the Organizational Development category, **identify the consultant/facilitator** (attach bio).
- If you are applying to the Professional Development category, **identify the conference or seminar/workshop/course** you are attending (include link, if available).

Seminar Workshop	
Link	

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1. How will implementation of the project strengthen your organization and its service to the cultural community of Oregon? (Maximum 250 words)

2. How was it determined that this project was needed? (Maximum 250 words)

3. How will you determine if the project has been effective in improving your organization's service? (Maximum 250 words)

**Organization & Professional Development Project Budget Form**

<b>EXPENSES</b> <i>Only list direct expenses</i>		Description	Expense
1	Project Consultant/Trainer		
2	Tuition/Conference Registration		
3	Contracted Services		
4	Materials/Supplies		
5	Materials/Supplies		
6	Materials/Supplies		
7	Project Evaluation		
8	Travel		
9	Per Diem and Lodging		
10	Other		
<b>11</b>	<b>A. Total Expenses</b>		
<b>REVENUE</b> <i>Indicate if planned, pending or confirmed</i>		Description	Revenue
12	Applicant (Organization Cash)		
13	Business/Corporate Support (source)		
14			
15	Foundation Support (source)		
16			
17	County Cultural Coalition Grant		
18	Individual/Community Support		
19	Other Government Support		
20	City		
21	County		
22	State		
23	Tribal		
24	Other		
25	Grant Amount Requested		
<b>26</b>	<b>B. Total Revenue</b>		
<b>Projected Total Expense (A) and Revenue (B) must be equal</b>			
<b>IN-KIND (noncash contributions and expenses)</b>			
27	In-Kind Support		
28	In-Kind Expenses		

**Note:** Please provide a budget for the **project only**, not the operating budget of the organization.

**Budget Narrative**

Use this opportunity to clarify line items or provide pertinent details about the project budget - grants awarded, grants proposed or pending, type of significant in-kind donations, special rates or agreements.

The application must be accompanied by a letter of support from the sponsoring organization's key executive or board leadership indicating knowledge of the activity and expressing a willingness to receive and manage the project funds.

**Authorization**

*The undersigned certifies that they are authorized to represent the organization applying for a grant and that the information contained in this application is accurate.*

*The undersigned agrees that if a grant is awarded to the organization:*

*(1) The grant will be used for the purpose outlined in the grant award letter and may not be expended for any other purpose.*

*(2) Information about the organization, project and outcomes of the grant may be used by the Oregon Cultural Trust*

Signature of Applicant

Title	
Date	

**(For Cultural Coalitions only):**

If fiscal sponsorship provided by a separate organization

Signature of Sponsoring Organization Representative

Title	
Date	

**Submitting Grant Application**

Please submit the application, required additional materials via email to:

ATTN: Aili Schreiner, Manager  
Oregon Cultural Trust  
[Aili.Schreiner@Biz.Oregon.Gov](mailto:Aili.Schreiner@Biz.Oregon.Gov)