Trust and Coalitions: Roles and Responsibilities

Roles and Responsibilities of the Trust (in relation to the Coalitions):

- ✓ Take leadership role in raising money for Cultural Trust permanent fund and re-granting
- ✓ Provide clear program guidelines and reporting procedures
- ✓ Support development of cultural plans
- ✓ Award funds
- ✓ Provide technical assistance to Coalitions as needed
- ✓ Facilitate information sharing between coalitions
- ✓ Communicate the cumulative impact of investments by the Trust, its partners, and Cultural Coalitions.

Roles and Responsibilities of Cultural Coalitions and their members:

- ✓ Identify local priorities in a cultural plan.
- ✓ Re-grant funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust based on that plan.
- ✓ There are a variety of ways in which Coalitions make grant awards. The key is to operate within the priorities of the Coalition's local plan. Coalitions develop their own grant application formats and selection process. Some Coalitions use the grant announcements as an opportunity to build community awareness and engagement through a celebratory event when announcing awards (dinners, awards ceremonies, and planning meetings).
- ✓ Serve as local ambassadors for the Oregon Cultural Trust. As the grassroots tellers of the Trust message, advocate for the Trust. This means, at a minimum, communicating that people donating to local cultural organizations can get a 1:1 Oregon state tax credit by donating an equal amount to the Trust. Support for any of Oregon's qualified cultural nonprofits makes a contributor eligible to receive a generous state cultural tax credit after making a matching gift to the Cultural Trust, up to $500 per individual, $1,000 per married couple and $2,500 per Class-C corporation.
- ✓ Some Coalitions serve other functions for their communities and Tribes. Additional functions are not required by the Trust but certainly benefit their communities. For example, in Lincoln County the Coalition provides grant-writing workshops, Yamhill County organizes an annual event to announce their awards and provides an opportunity for the community to hear about the awarded projects, and Josephine County hosts the Oregon Humanities conversations.
- ✓ Coalitions are not required to raise additional funds for re-granting, but some do. For instance, Sherman County matches Trust dollars with local dollars from the wind industry and Yamhill County organizes an annual giving campaign.

Structures of Coalitions

All coalitions must operate within a 501(c)(3) private non-profit organization or a public agency (such as County government or a federally-recognized Tribe). Most cultural coalitions are housed within an umbrella 501 (c)(3) organization, but a few are within County or Tribal government, and a few have stand-alone 501(c)(3) status.