

Oregon Arts Commission Announces FY2007 Grant Application Deadlines  
Endowment for the Arts Announces Spring 2006 Application Deadlines  
Oregon Department of Transportation Announces Transportation Enhancement Funds  
Travel Oregon Awards \$100,000 in Matching Grants Statewide:  
Arts + Culture Included

The Oregon Arts Commission has announced application deadlines for its six annual funding programs that support Oregon arts organizations and artists:

Operating Support May 1, 2006  
Grants for Arts Learning May 1, 2006 [electronic submission of application ONLY]  
Arts Services Grants May 1, 2006  
Arts Recognition Grants September 1, 2006 & January 16, 2007 [electronic submission ONLY]  
Arts Build Communities October 2, 2006  
Artist Fellowships October 16, 2006 [Literary and Performing Artists eligible this year.]

More information and all applications are available online at [www.oregonartscommission.org](http://www.oregonartscommission.org) or may be requested from the Commission office, (503) 986-0082. Additional information is available from Shannon Planchon, Assistant Director of the Arts Commission, (503) 986-0086, [shannon.planchon@state.or.us](mailto:shannon.planchon@state.or.us).

National Endowment for the Arts' Grants for Arts Projects

Application guidelines for the next round of Grants for Arts Projects are now available on the NEA's website. Within each arts field or discipline, organizations may apply under the following categories:

Access to Artistic Excellence-To encourage and support artistic excellence, preserve our cultural heritage, and provide access to the arts for all Americans. An organization may request a grant amount from \$5,000 to \$150,000. (Two deadlines: March 13 and August 14, 2006)

Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants-To support projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations. Grants are for \$10,000. (Deadline: June 1, 2006)

Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth-To advance arts education for children and youth in school-based or community-based settings. An organization may request a grant amount from \$5,000 to \$150,000. (Deadline: June 12, 2006)

To view the guidelines and learn more about the application requirements for each category, visit the NEA website, [www.arts.gov/grants/apply](http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply), select the field or discipline most relevant to your project, and choose Grants for Arts Projects.

### ODOT Seeks Proposals for Transportation Enhancements

The Oregon Department of Transportation is requesting project proposals, including those related to several forms of preservation and heritage, in the Transportation Enhancement (TE) program. About \$11 million will be available statewide for projects that can be ready for contract in 2009 and 2010.

The TE program provides federal funds for projects that strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental value of the transportation. This can include sidewalk, bike path and streetscape projects, restoration of railroad depots and other historic buildings, or landscaping, viewpoints, and interpretive sites that help travelers appreciate the scenery and history along Oregon roads and highways.

Some TE project activities eligible for funding include safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists; acquisition of historic sites; historic highway programs; historic preservation, rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities; archaeological planning and research; and establishment of transportation museums.

Projects are selected through a statewide competitive process based on written application and field review. Applications are accepted from local, state or federal agencies, Indian tribes, and tax-funded districts. A private organization can apply in partnership with a public agency. A notice of intent to apply is due March 23 with a complete application due June 30. The application packet -- including a program description, required forms and instructions will be posted Feb. 1 on the ODOT Local Government Section website <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/LGS/enhancement.shtml>. Materials may also be obtained by email from [patricia.r.fisher@odot.state.or.us](mailto:patricia.r.fisher@odot.state.or.us). Further program information is available at 503-986-3528.

### Travel Oregon Awards \$100,000 in Matching Grants Statewide

SALEM, Ore. - Travel Oregon has awarded \$100,000 to 18 projects statewide. The Matching Grants Program focuses on projects that develop and improve local economies and communities by enhancing, expanding and promoting Oregon's visitor industry.

Of the 67 applicant projects rated by a statewide committee, 18 projects were selected for financial awards. The Commission-approved projects are located in every region of the state, and will fulfill a wide range of local, regional, and statewide needs when completed.

The 2005-06 Travel Oregon Matching Grants Program recipients include the following arts and cultural organizations:

--Oregon State Parks Trust: Rich History campaign  
--Oregon Coast Council for the Arts: Coast Arts guide --Tamastlikt  
Cultural Institute: Reprint of gallery guide for Tent of Many Voices  
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The Mission of the Oregon Tourism Commission, dba Travel Oregon, is to encourage economic growth and enhance the quality of life in Oregon through strengthened economic impact statewide. More information on the matching grants is available from contact: Karen Viehoever, (503) 378.8853 or [karen@traveloregon.com](mailto:karen@traveloregon.com) Or visit [www.traveloregon.com](http://www.traveloregon.com).