



BRAVO Youth Orchestra wind students, recipients of Oregon Cultural Trust grants. Photo by Richard Kolbell.

News and Updates

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Record breaking grants! FY2019 Cultural Trust grants exceed \$3 million mark

Thanks to Oregonians' record-breaking donations to culture, the Oregon Cultural Trust recently announced an all-time high of \$3.02 million in grants to 137 cultural nonprofits for fiscal year 2019.

That's a 3 percent increase over 2018 and the first time grants have exceeded \$3 million. The increase is the direct result of another **record year of fundraising** and a 55 percent uptick in new donors.

The awards include a total of \$755,369 to the Cultural Trust's five statewide partners (Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Heritage Commission, Oregon Humanities, Oregon Historical Society and the State Historic Preservation Office); \$755,369 to 45 County and Tribal Cultural Coalitions – for regranting in their communities; and \$1,510,110 in competitive Cultural Development Grants to 87 cultural organizations across the state.

"It is extremely gratifying to have the ability to fund more of the amazing cultural projects happening across our great state," says Chuck Sams III, chair of the Cultural Trust board. "We are incredibly grateful to our donors and excited by the increased access this funding will provide to ensure active and culturally vibrant communities."

[Read the full release](#), listing all grant awards.



The Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association's grant supports development of the **Scandinavian Heritage Park** to honor the thousands of Scandinavian immigrants to Oregon's North Coast in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Photo by Columbia Press.



A volunteer audiobook reading coach works with a student at **The Shadow Project**. Their Cultural Trust grant supports coaching for children who do not read the traditional way.

New report calls Cultural Trust geographic reach 'remarkable!'

A **recent impact study** of the Oregon Cultural Trust calls its geographic reach "remarkable" and