Application for State Revenue Sharing Funds

Organization Name: Bandon Historical Society Museum

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Requested amount of state revenue sharing funds: $ 3,500.00

Describe your organization and how it benefits the City of Bandon community.

In many ways, the museum serves the community as an information center. Our exhibits, publications, events, and radio spots help tell the story of Bandon. We provide speakers for organizations and events. We host school visits and send educators into classrooms.

We constantly field questions that range from “Do you know where my Grandma used to live?” to “Do you know if there used to be fuel tanks buried on my property?”

Out-of-town visitors typically wrap up a museum visit in conversation with our desk volunteers. They ask for restaurant recommendations, information about other attractions and about what the best time of year is to come back again. Lots of people just stop in to ask for directions or use our rest room. We don’t mind.

The Bandon Historical Society Museum, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is located at the corner of Highway 101 and Fillmore Avenue. It has one paid employee, a twelve-person board of directors, about 40 active volunteers and an annual paid membership of over 500. The museum is open six days a week (seven days a week in the summer), eleven months a year.

Provide an overview of your budget and what funding sources are used to support the organization.

Organization Budget overview:

Bandon’s museum operates on a budget of approximately $80,000 per year.
- Two-fifths of the revenue comes from direct donations by patrons.
- One fifth comes from grants.
- One fifth comes from admission and membership.
- The final fifth is from program income, including gift shop sales and sponsorship of specific events.

Request Budget overview:

Bandon IT support and cyber security/year	$2,064
Gold Coast Security/year	366
ASW cloud storage/year	552
Currydale Supply off-site storage/year	780
Total	$3,762
Request Total	$3,500

Detail how the state revenue sharing funds would be used to support the organization.

The mission of the Bandon Historical Society Museum is to collect, preserve and share the history of Bandon, the lower Coquille Valley, and northern Curry County. The state revenue sharing funds the museum is asking for support the “preserve” part of the mission.

Over 100,000 photographic images reside on the hard drive of our computers, along with our bookkeeping, correspondence and membership information. We contract with Bandon IT to keep our computers running and to provide cyber security. It’s a bargain.

We back our data up off-site with AWS cloud storage. Gold Coast Security monitors our fire and burglar alarms. We rent a storage unit at Currydale Supply to supplement our on-site storage.

Additional information (optional)

Former city councilman Don Lynam, who passed away in 2022, left a substantial portion of his estate to the museum. Use of the funds is restricted until a specific building project is completed. We are making progress toward complying with Don’s bequest. For the coming year, this inheritance will not generate operating money for the museum.

Signature: **Date:** 04/02/24

Note: If the space provided is insufficient, additional documents may be attached to this application.