



Mission: Preserve the heritage, educate the public, interpret the history of the Oregon Territory, Clackamas county, and Oregon City, the western terminus of the Oregon Trail.

May 17, 2019

Oregon City Metro Enhancement  
Grant Review Committee  
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Committee Members,

Clackamas Heritage Partners (CHP), the 501c3 nonprofit and manager of the official End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive & Visitor Information Center in Oregon City, OR is dedicated to create and develop programs and projects to connect national and internationally with the emigrants' stories along the trail; as well as narratives to include Native Americans, Oregon black pioneers, to include all of our ancestors.

The End of the Oregon Trail story gives us an opportunity and responsibility to educate visitors of the human spirit, resilience and other qualities that are universal to our humanity. In a time where many people are focused of differences and difficulties, there are many forgotten virtues of our differences to celebrate. We have been listening to our visitors and they are searching for in-depth history. School Groups choose the 30 minute "Bound for Oregon" movie and find it educational and entertaining. We have been asked by school teachers what we offer for the Native American history, now we can build a program and activity's around the "Native American" movie.

**This 2019 Metro Enhancement grant request** if granted will complete phase III and IV the film, "Native American Movie, (in their words)". We are in phase I and plan to have phase II completed by summer. Phase III and IV will focus on what it was like in the Oregon Territory before, during and just after the Oregon Trail migration.

We have a team of experts working with passion on this project!

- Cinemagic: producer of the enduring "Bound for Oregon" 30-minute film based on journals written by pioneer women, (in their own words) continues to be enjoyed by visitors of all ages and backgrounds Here are a couple of links that show their work, and the Telly awards.  
<https://www.inemagicstudios.com/portfolio> <https://www.cinemagicstudios.com/about>
- Dr. Stephen Beckham, Pamplin Professor of History, Emeritus, Lewis & Clark College – historical scholar, and expert on Native American History with relationships with many tribes, is on the team as content contributor.
- David Harrelson, Cultural resources manager for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde – historical scholar, content contributor. Here is a link that explains some of his work.  
<https://medium.com/@LyndhurstGroup/no-matter-where-you-live-you-are-on-indigenous-land-2fcad0488756>

This new movie is intended to inspire and educate audiences of all ages and diverse cultures. Telling the stories of Native peoples, in their own words, is an opportunity to bring understanding and awareness of the gifts Americans possess with the rich history of how many different life ways weave together to make greatness larger than any one culture!

The Native American Stories of then and now illustrate vibrantly resilience, spirit and courage! This story is a gift to humanity! Thank you for considering to support our venture.

Sincerely,

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