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Capitol History Gateway Program Wins Oregon Heritage Excellence Award

Salem, Ore. – The Capitol History Gateway (CHG) Program has been named as one of three winners of a 2022 Oregon Heritage Excellence Award. The Oregon Heritage Commission reviews the projects and programs nominated annually and awards recipients based on a specific set of criteria.

The CHG Program is a broad, multi-year program that focuses on Oregon’s heritage, diversity and access to democracy. Components of the program entail exhibits – both static and revolving; public events; tours – both guided in-person and virtual, as well as an all-virtual experience in multiple languages; a speaker series; and a digital welcome center.

The Visitor Services staff, under the direction of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Administrator, build and implement the program, with funding support from the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3.

Also recognized was the Oregon State Capitol Volunteer Team, which consists of roughly 50 individuals, who give their time and energy to all the public programming offered at no cost to the public.

In one year, pre-pandemic, the CHG offered 31 unique experiences for the public to engage in cultural and heritage events.

The other two award recipients were the Jefferson Public Radio’s Jefferson Exchange Underground History Program in Ashland, and the It Did Happen Here Podcast from Portland.

To learn more about the Capitol History Gateway, visit www.oregoncapitol.com. To reach Visitor Services, call 503-986-1388 or email capitol.events@oregonlegislature.gov.