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**Oregon State Capitol Foundation Launches New
Civics Education Initiative Program**

The Capitol Foundation plans to award up to \$50,000 in sponsorships

SALEM, Ore. 15 Feb. 2022 — The [Oregon State Capitol Foundation](#) announces a new sponsorship program with \$50,000 in sponsorship funds available for its inaugural program. The Capitol Foundation encourages organizations advancing the understanding and involvement of Oregon's democratic processes and governmental history to apply for this new Civics Education Initiative. Applications are due March 31, 2022.

The Capitol Foundation sponsorships are for organizations with new or existing civics education programs designed to deepen knowledge about and provide firsthand experience with Oregon's state and local governments. The Capitol Foundation intends to support a wide range of programs with sponsorships varying in amounts. [Civics Education Initiative](#) sponsorship awards will:

- Expand civics education classroom and extracurricular activities.
- Provide experiences for Oregonians to learn about the fundamentals of Oregon's government and processes.
- Inspire civic engagement and public service.
- Support travel costs for youth and adult groups to visit our Capitol.
- Develop and promote exhibits, videos and lectures about Capitol history, local and state government and the Oregonians who made it happen.
- Conduct research or the advanced study of significant academic topics.

"Since this program is new, we expect to receive a variety of creative responses. We invite educators, advocates and academics to apply for funding," said Judy Hall, Capitol Foundation board chair. "With more than \$50,000 set aside for this program, part of our evaluation will be based on how well the applicant's program aligns with the Capitol Foundation's mission to preserve our Capitol, share its history and engage Oregonians in our democracy."

Applicants must have the capacity to deliver the programs proposed and the ability to effectively reach significant audiences. Applications are due by March 31, 2022, with initial awards announced by May 15, 2022. Forms received after the March 31 deadline are eligible for awards later if there are available funds.

For questions, additional information or to apply for the Civics Education Initiative, go to www.oregoncapitolfoundation.org/#CEI or email Genoa Ingram, Capitol Foundation executive director, at oscf@oregoncapitolfoundation.org.

For more information about the Capitol Foundation, visit www.oregoncapitolfoundation.org.

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About the Oregon State Capitol Foundation

The nonprofit Oregon State Capitol Foundation works to enhance the beauty of the Oregon State Capitol and preserve the history it represents. We also fund educational programs focused on Oregon's heritage and democracy. Our volunteer board of directors shares a deep love for the Capitol and its history. Board members include current and past elected state officials, former state agency staff and current and former legislative advocates. For more information, visit www.oregoncapitolfoundation.org or call 503-363-1859.