



Dear Senators and State Representatives,

The Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant has been one of the single most effective resources in our efforts to maintain and preserve the historic assets of downtown Astoria Oregon: the oldest permanent European settlement on the West Coast. In the last ten years, we have used this grant to bring in just shy of \$1,000,000 in individual restoration grants for some of our most beloved downtown buildings. From providing low income housing to our citizens, to repairs to our historic Liberty Theater - the heart of our arts and culture movement - these projects would not have been possible without the support of the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant.

The Astoria Downtown Historic District Association is now being considered for the Great American Main Street Award through Main Street America. This consideration is in part because of our effectiveness in delivering on our commitment to see historic downtown Astoria well preserved and thriving. Having access to a well funded grant program such as the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant is *crucial* in helping other Oregon communities take part in the success that we have enjoyed. I implore you to bring this forward to our State Legislatures to help fund this program in the next Short Legislative Session. Across the nation, many eyes are looking to Astoria and other Oregon communities at the success we've had in preserving our history. Let's ensure that what they see is a State that prioritizes this important work through well funded, accessible programs like the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant.

Thank you for your consideration,

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