

# ROGER EASTON HISTORY GRANT AND STIPEND OPPORTUNITY

\$2000 Grant to Schools for History-Related  
Projects  
\$500 Stipend for the Managing Teacher

The Olympia Historical Society & Bigelow House Museum will award a history grant and teacher stipend in 2024 provided by funds from long-time Thurston County Teacher, Roger Easton. Questions about the grant should be sent to [olyhistory@gmail.com](mailto:olyhistory@gmail.com).

## **Grant Parameters:**

Eligible applicants are K-12 teachers, student teachers, administrators, or classroom professionals in accredited schools in Thurston County.

The successful applicant will use funds for securing curriculum/classroom materials, training such as classes or conferences, developing curriculum materials or related purposes, or history programs or events. The projects or training must be related to Washington state history or the Northwest region. Extra consideration will be given to proposals which address the history of Thurston County. Projects should meet Washington State Standards for Social Studies. [Washington State K–12 Learning Standards for Social Studies \(www.k12.wa.us\)](http://www.k12.wa.us)

The successful applicant will provide any original materials produced through the grant

to the Olympia Historical Society & Bigelow House Museum and a report to OHS & BHM Grant Funds as noted below. The grant funds will be provided to the school district (or private school) of the applicant for distribution and the stipend will be provided directly to the teacher upon successful completion of the grant.

**Grant Calendar:**

Grant for 2023-24 School Year. Maximum Funding: \$2000 for school and \$500 stipend for teacher.

Deadline for application: November 15, 2023

Grant Award Date: January 15, 2024

Grant Completion Date: June 30, 2024

Grant Completion Report Due Date: September 30, 2024.

Submit application form and all required attachments as PDF's to [olyhistory@gmail.com](mailto:olyhistory@gmail.com).

The applications will be reviewed by a panel of OHS & BHM Board Members and a local educator based on the point values allocated as noted. An extra 10 points will be awarded for projects related specifically to Thurston county history.

**Required Application Information:**

Name:

Mailing Address:

Phone #:

Email Address:

**Short Summary of Proposal: (200 words maximum)**

**Other Required Information:**

What is your interest in local/regional/state history (200 words maximum) (15 points)

How have you taught or presented local history in your classroom/school/district? (500 words maximum) (25 points)

How would you use the Easton Grant to further innovative ways to teach such history to students in Thurston County? What do you anticipate the impact of your proposal will be to students/schools? Do you have funding from other sources for this project? (500 words maximum) (40 points)

What products would result from your proposal and how would they be used? How would they have lasting effects on promoting and teaching local history in Thurston County? (500 words maximum) (20 points)

**Additional Required Materials:**

1. Copy of Resume.
2. Two letters of recommendation from school or community members describing your achievements in education and teaching of history (or dedication to education and teaching history).
3. Letter from School District (or private school) as required (Superintendent, Curriculum Director or Principal) verifying that your proposal meets with District (or private school) guidelines and parameters.
4. Project Budget.

**Completion Information:**

To demonstrate and document successful completion of the project, the successful applicant will provide to the OHS-BHM the following:

- 1) A final report (maximum two pages) detailing tasks completed and notable events, achievements, or challenges. We welcome (and can learn from) your sharing of any problems or delays encountered or delays encountered and how they were resolved.

- 2) During the course of implementing the successful grant project, if the grantee encounters issues with key aspects (i.e. tasks, products, subject matter) of the grant project which need to be changed, the grantee should contact the OHS & BHM board contact as soon as possible to discuss recommended changes.
  
- 3) All original (or duplicate) materials in appropriate format(s) to the OHS & BHM who may use these materials for placement on the website ([olympiahistory.org](http://olympiahistory.org)), or OHS & BHM Youtube channel and/or add to the OHS & BHM collections for possible future research, display, or programming.
  
- 4) A financial accounting (invoices, receipts) of how grant monies were expended. Please include any donated materials, services, and volunteer hours.
  
- 5) A presentation to the OHS & BHM Board of Trustees to convey the results of the project including the products, successes and how the project goals and intent were met as described in the application. The format, venue, date and time of the OHS & BHM presentation shall be coordinated with OHS & BHM board contacts.

### **About Roger Easton (1937-2012)**

Roger was born in California and raised in Olympia, attending local schools. He graduated from Olympia High School, attended St. Martin's College and was a longtime teacher in North Thurston Schools. His wide-ranging interests included geology, genealogy and photography. Roger's deep and abiding interest in local history was the main focus of his interests besides his teaching and students.

A longtime member of several local historical groups including the Olympia Heritage Commission, Thurston County Historic Commission and

Lacey Historic Commission, he was a founding member of the Olympia Historical Society and active in the Bigelow House Museum. An excellent researcher, he accumulated a wonderful collection of historical materials and was a devoted volunteer with those organizations as well as State Archives. Roger left a bequest to further history education in Thurston County.



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