



For Immediate Release: August 13, 2004
Contact Person: Kim Travis

Phone: 503-725-9092

Oregon Solutions receives a major grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust

Oregon Solutions is the recipient of a 2-year grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust to initiate community projects throughout the Oregon. Funds from the Meyer Memorial Trust will further develop the Oregon Solutions Network of citizens, public, private, non-profit organizations, engaged in developing collaborative solutions.

The mission of Oregon Solutions is to develop sustainable solutions to community-based problems that support economic, environmental, and community objectives and are built through the collaborative efforts of businesses, government, and non-profit organizations. Oregon Solutions provides the catalyst for community problem solving to occur. Governor Kulongoski appoints community conveners to lead the projects. By using a community governance system, the partners reach agreement on what they will do together to solve the problem at hand. Oregon Solutions leverages and integrates public and private investments and resources, and elevates the visibility of the project while engaging communities in solving local problems. Since 2001, Oregon Solutions has assisted 22 communities in Oregon and has 12 active projects throughout the state.

“It’s wonderful to have the Meyer Memorial Trust as a partner while we expand our capacity to solve problems. Support from the Meyer Trust will lend great credibility to the work we do,” Greg Wolf, Director of Oregon Solutions.

The Meyer Memorial Trust was created by the late Fred G. Meyer, who built the chain of retail stores bearing his name throughout the Pacific Northwest. When Mr. Meyer died in 1978 at the age of 92, his will established the Trust, which began operating in 1982. In April 1990 the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust changed its name to Meyer Memorial Trust in order to emphasize that it is a private, independent foundation representing Mr. Meyer's personal philanthropy. The Meyer Trust is not connected in any way with Fred Meyer Inc., the retail enterprise.

As of March 31, 2004, the Trust's assets were approximately \$500 million, making it one of the largest foundations in the Pacific Northwest. Since inception, the Meyer Trust has issued nearly 4,500 grants totaling \$335,000,000. For more information on the Meyer Memorial Trust, visit www.mmt.org. For more information on Oregon Solutions, visit www.orsolutions.org

#####