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PRESS RELEASE

The Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association and the City of Coos Bay are pleased to announce notification from the Ford Family Foundation of the award of a \$6,700 grant. Board member Rick Shearer commented “things are going to get moving now!” upon learning of the grant award. The grant will be used for technical assistance for board training and development of a strategic plan and a business plan for the restoration of the historic Egyptian Theatre. The training and strategic plan are important components for fundraising efforts and foundation grant applications. The match for the grant is \$4,000 and will be provided by the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association. The Ford Family Foundation was established in 1957 by Kenneth W. and Hallie E. Ford. Its mission is “successful citizens and vital rural communities” in Oregon and Siskiyou County, California. The Foundation is located in Roseburg, Oregon, with a scholarship office in Eugene.

“We are very excited to receive the grant and will be moving forward immediately with board training and development of the strategic plan” commented Anella Dumas, president of the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association. A vision of what the theatre could be, that of a *community builder*, will be a part of the strategic plan. Scott Goodman reported a few weeks ago “The successful rehabilitation campaign isn’t about investing in a theater, it’s about investing in a community”.

The association has continued with preparations for community programs and fundraising events since the theatre’s closure in March. Information on membership, fundraising, volunteering, donations, and upcoming events may be found online at www.egyptian-theatre.com or the theatre page on the city’s website www.coosbay.org/EgyptianTheatre or contacting the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association’s office located at 255 North Broadway / 541-269-8650.

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