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The Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association and the City of Coos Bay are pleased to announce the award of a \$50,000 grant from the Collins Foundation. The ETPA is actively raising funds to reopen a revitalized facility with new and expanded programs. The Egyptian Theatre has met south coast entertainment needs for over 85 years and since 2006 has become a center for many community activities. Phase one restoration will provide seismic retrofitting, upgrade the facility to meet all codes necessary for reopening, and add critical amenities such as an ADA accessible restroom on the main floor. The cost of this restoration is estimated at \$750,000. The local match is \$225,000 with the remaining \$525,000 coming from grants.

Upon hearing the news of the award of the Collins grant Mayor Crystal Shoji commented "the Collins Foundation receives many requests and it's wonderful that they recognize the benefits of reopening this community icon". The association recently received notification of a \$10,000 grant award from the Coquille Tribal Community Fund bringing the total of grant funds to \$85,000. At just over three months into the campaign the ETPA has raised approximately \$120,000 in local donations and has several pending grant applications totaling \$600,000. Raising funds for the restoration by April 30, 2013 is critical to keeping the project on time.

"The Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association's capital campaign is off to a great start and support from the community has been outstanding," said Capital Campaign Coordinator Bob More. "We are confident we will reach our goal of reopening the theatre in early 2014." A number of fundraising events have been held; Egyptian Poker Night raised \$1,100, Egyptian Night at the Outdoor In raised \$175, Dutch Bros. donated \$1 for every cup sold on January 25th and raised \$1,400, membership and donation requests have been mailed, and a fundraising dinner is planned for March 7<sup>th</sup> at Benetti's Italian Restaurant. Donations from the community are still needed. As an incentive, a local donor will match every \$20,000 in donations from now to the end of April with a \$5,000 donation. ETPA member June Willoughby has issued a challenge on Facebook and is offering to contribute \$1 for every \$5 received from Facebook readers up to a total donation of \$600. To donate, go to the ETPA's website [www.egyptian-theatre.com](http://www.egyptian-theatre.com) then click on Upcoming Events to find the Facebook logo.

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