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PORTLAND'S BOSCO-MILLIGAN FOUNDATION AWARDED \$150,000 GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

New Partners in the Field Program providing matching grants totaling \$5 million to strengthen local preservation efforts.

February 27, 2008 (Washington, DC and Portland, OR) – The National Trust for Historic Preservation today announced the **Bosco-Milligan Foundation** will receive a \$150,000 *Partners in the Field* matching grant to launch a new initiative of field services and technical assistance to meet critical preservation challenges in the Portland area. Bosco-Milligan, which owns and operates the **Architectural Heritage Center**, will use these funds to expand the scope of their on-the-ground field services and provide assistance to property owners, developers, local officials, and others needing information and tools to protect and enhance their communities.

“Our statewide and local partners, including Bosco-Milligan, are at the creative forefront of preservation in the 21st century,” said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

“Preservation fosters innovative solutions to complex problems. Our *Partners in the Field* matching grants will help our network of preservation organizations across the country use proven tools to save historic places and revitalize communities.”

Cathy Galbraith, Executive Director of the Bosco-Milligan Foundation, said “We’re deeply honored by this award and will use it to expand our historic preservation work out in the community, to empower people to preserve the vintage buildings in their neighborhoods. By working together, we can collectively restore the important role of historic preservation as a primary force that has accomplished so much over time in the Portland area. We’re committed to raising the necessary matching funds and will roll out this exciting new initiative this summer.”

Partners in the Field challenge grants are funded by a \$5 million gift to the National Trust for Historic Preservation from the Robert W. Wilson Charitable Trust and matched by significant contributions from local donors and foundations. In implementing expanded field services funded by the grant, Bosco-Milligan Foundation will work closely with the National Trust’s Western Office in San Francisco.

Through the activities of the Architectural Heritage Center, the Bosco-Milligan Foundation conducts over 50 education programs each year – lectures, home tours, and workshops – on topics ranging from house history research and architectural styles, to period-authentic renovation and neighborhood history. The AHC also mounts rotating gallery exhibits drawn from their renowned collection of architectural artifacts. Since 1992, more than 43,000 people have participated in their programs and the organization’s membership has grown to over 1,000 households and businesses.

The Bosco-Milligan Foundation was eligible to apply for the new matching grants because it is a Statewide and Local Partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. A total of \$3 million was awarded in the first round of the new grant program, with another \$2 million to be awarded next year.

About the NTHP:

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a non-profit membership organization bringing people together to protect, enhance and enjoy the places that matter to them. By saving the places where great moments from history – and the important moments of everyday life – took place, the National Trust for Historic Preservation helps revitalize neighborhoods and communities, spark economic development and promote environmental sustainability. With headquarters in Washington, DC, nine regional and field offices, 29 historic sites, and partner organizations in all 50 states, the National Trust for Historic Preservation provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to a national network of people, organizations and local communities committed to saving places, connecting us to our history and collectively shaping the future of America’s stories. For more information visit www.PreservationNation.org.

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