

## PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

To assess public support, a public opinion survey was available on the project website and was distributed at two public meetings. Results from the survey revealed there was strong support for an organization such as the Trust, with 86% of respondents supporting the concept, 12% indicating they needed more information, and 2% being undecided. There was no opposition. Most revealing, 100% indicated a belief that state government should provide support of at least \$1 per Oklahoma resident on an annual basis. Public comments include:

*"To allow the depredations of time and exposure to destroy a link to our past cheats us all. It is time to take action."*

*"Funding for preservation of collections is important to developing vibrant communities that appeal to visitors. Our state history, as well as our personal histories, is the foundation of our being; without a link to the past, we are but mere nomads in quest of fulfilling an unquenchable thirst."*

*"Historical collections excite and motivate each succeeding generation as to their place and contributions to Oklahoma. A consistent and sizable pool of funds should be made available."*

*"Oklahoma's rich variety of libraries, museums, and archives are not only a valuable resource for visitors and non-Oklahomans to learn about the state but also allow life-long residents to discover new things in their own backyard. These are treasures that must be preserved, not only for us but for the generations to come."*

*"History is who we are as a people and guides us to who we become. Objects connect us with the past. Oklahoma has a varied and colorful history. It should be kept for generations to come."*

While responses are no longer being sought, the survey instrument is available at:  
[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=WjrXLt2ewVaAUmiW8oW1Q\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=WjrXLt2ewVaAUmiW8oW1Q_3d_3d).