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**Clackamas County Cultural Coalition Distributes \$27,705
to 17 Local Grant Recipients**

New Funding Will Be Used to Support Local Arts, Heritage & Humanities Projects

The Clackamas County Cultural Coalition in its tenth year of giving awarded a total of \$27,705 in grants to fifteen arts and culture organizations and two individuals through the Community Cultural Participation Grant program. A total of \$61,767 was requested by Clackamas County grant applicants.

The grant program's purpose is to locally distribute private funds contributed to the Oregon Cultural Trust in support of goals and funding priorities outlined in the Clackamas County Plan for Arts, Heritage and Humanities. This year's priorities included: Creative People and Organizations, Heritage and History, Participation in the Arts, Public Art, K - 12 Education / Lifelong Learning, and Cultural Tourism.

An independent Grant Review Panel was convened to review the 26 applications received.

The 17 applicants and projects recommended for funding (including four first time recipients) are:

<u>Applicant / Project Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
Artback Artists Cooperative <i>The Hamatsa Dance Mural 2014</i>	\$ 1,500.00
Canby Public Library <i>Oregon Reads 2014: Canby celebrates the great William Stafford</i>	\$ 400.00
Clackamas Repertory Theatre <i>The Philadelphia Story</i>	\$ 2,750.00
Clackamas County Historical Society <i>Clackamas County Family History Research Library Digitization</i>	\$ 4,305.00
Estacada Area Arts Commission <i>Estacada Summer Celebration 2014</i>	\$ 1,500.00
Estacada Together <i>Ellen Whyte Brings the Blues to Estacada</i>	\$ 1,500.00

Lake Oswego Foundation for the Arts (DBA Arts Council of Lake Oswego)	
<i>Antiphony / Epiphany: Visual Responses to William Stafford</i>	\$ 1,000.00
Ledding Cultural Forum/Ledding Library	
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Linda Woody	
<i>Going Boldly in Lake Oswego</i>	\$ 1,400.00
Lori Ryland	
<i>Art Launch for Young People</i>	\$ 1,000.00
Marylhurst University, The Art Gym	
<i>Vanessa Renwick installation and publication</i>	\$ 1,750.00
Masque Alfresco	
<i>2014 Summer Park Tour: Moliere's Would-Be Gentleman</i>	\$ 1,800.00
Milwaukie Academy of the Arts	
<i>Science Illustrator for Biology Classes</i>	\$ 800.00
National Alliance on Mental Illness of Clackamas County	
<i>Stand Up for Mental Health Comedy Classes and Shows</i>	\$ 1,500.00
Page2Stage Express/Jewish Theatre Collaborative	
<i>Bringing Naftali to Clackamas County</i>	\$ 1,000.00
Rex Putnam High School Music Boosters	
<i>Kingsmen Thunder Drum Line, Rex Putnam High School</i>	\$ 1,000.00
Youth Music Project	
<i>Kids Rock: Providing Music & Dance Lessons and Performance Opportunities to At-Risk Kids</i>	\$ 2,500.00

The Grant Review Panel was comprised of arts, heritage, humanities and community development professionals including:

Tim Krause – Freelance Editor, Former Marketing Director at Miracle Theatre Group, Portland, OR

Diana Anderson – Retired McMinnville Library Children’s Librarian, McMinnville, OR

Gail Vines - Art Consultant, Visual Artist Program Coordinator, Portland, OR

Sheri Stuart – Oregon Main Street Coordinator, Salem, OR

Karin Morey of the Clackamas County Historical Society, past grant recipient has this to say: *“This project would not have been possible without the financial support from the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition Grant. Thank you for your willingness to help us bring one of our founders (Mertie Stevens) and her incredible family back to life.”*

Cheryl Snow, Executive Director for Clackamas County Arts Alliance and staff to the Cultural Coalition, said: *“The Coalition continues to be impressed with the range and quality of project initiatives throughout Clackamas County. We especially welcomed the opportunity to fund proposals by four first-time recipients. All these projects will add significantly to the arts and culture experiences enjoyed by County residents and visitors.”*

Since its inception in 2005, the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition has provided \$260,000 in grants to 153 local arts, heritage and humanities projects. Funding is made possible through the Oregon Cultural Trust which is an innovative, statewide private-public program raising money to support and protect Oregon’s cultural activities and interests. More information is available at www.clackamasculturalcoalition.org and www.culturaltrust.org.

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