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**Clackamas County Cultural Coalition Distributes \$40,375
to 23 Local Grant Recipients
*Growing the cultural assets of Clackamas County***

The Clackamas County Cultural Coalition completed its fourteenth cycle of giving and awarded a total of \$40,375 in grants to 23 arts, heritage and humanities organizations through the Community Cultural Participation Grant program. A total of \$61,661 was requested by grant applicants.

The grant program’s purpose is to locally distribute funds contributed to the Oregon Cultural Trust in support of goals and funding priorities outlined in the Clackamas County Cultural Plan for Arts, Heritage and Humanities.

This year’s priorities included:

- Increasing how local culture is valued and supported,
- Supporting the creation of, or participation in, cultural projects and activities
- Stimulating partnerships and collaborations that grow capacities to support assets and remove barriers. We include here partnerships that support cultural tourism,
- Working closely with local governments, businesses, and others to embed local culture in community development, and
- Growing communications capacity for cultural groups, organizations, and artists/creatives.

An independent Grant Review Panel was convened to review the 27 qualified applications received.

The 23 applicants and projects recommended for funding (including nine first-time recipients) are:

<u>Applicant / Project Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
The Art Gym at Marylhurst – mani Abreu and Christopher Paul Jordan	\$2,000.00
Art in Oregon – Art Shine Project	\$750.00
Artback – The Estacada Summer Celebration Mural 2018	\$ 2,500.00
Cascadia Center for Arts & Crafts – Ventilation Upgrade to Blacksmith Shop & Sm. Metal Arts Studio	\$1,500.00
Chapel Theater – Milwaukie Arts Week at Chapel Theater	\$1,500.00
Clackamas Behavioral Health Division – Suicide Prevention – Ask the Question (ATQ) Project	\$2,500.00
Clackamas Repertory Theatre – “Sense and Sensibility”	\$ 2,000.00
Davis Graveyard – DG Chapel	\$1,500.00
Downtown Oregon City Association – Expansion of the Gateway Art in Downtown Oregon City	\$1,500.00

Estacada Area Arts Commission – <i>Estacada Summer Celebration 2018</i>	\$2,500.00
Estacada Together – <i>Ellen Whyte Residency: Integrating Songwriting and Performance with Core Subjects</i>	\$ 2,500.00
Friends of McLean Park and House – <i>McLean House Heritage Floor Restoration</i>	\$ 1,500.00
Friends of the Trolley Trail – <i>The Trolley Trail Documentary</i>	\$2,000.00
Masque Alfresco – <i>2018 Summer Park Tour: Moliere’s “The Misanthrope”</i>	\$ 2,150.00
Milwaukie Historical Society – <i>Milwaukie: A History of the West’s Dogwood City</i>	\$500.00
New Century Players – <i>Legally Blonde, the Musical</i>	\$750.00
North Willamette Valley Friends of Music – <i>Aurora Colony Vineyards (ACV) Jazz Festival 2018</i>	\$ 1,500.00
Philip Foster Farm Historic Site – <i>Music for Cider Squeeze Event</i>	\$1,000.00
Sandy Actors Theatre – <i>Over the River and Through the Woods</i>	\$2,475.00
West Linn-Wilsonville Music and Arts Partners – <i>West Linn-Wilsonville School District Middle School Musical</i>	\$2,500.00
Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council – <i>WFA 2018 – Wilsonville Festival of Arts</i>	\$2,500.00
Wilsonville Boones Ferry Historical Society – <i>Organization of the Historical Society Archives Project</i>	\$ 750.00
Youth Music Project – <i>Tuition Assistance Program</i>	\$ 2,000.00

The Grant Review Panel was comprised of arts, heritage and humanities professionals, including members of the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition:

Amelia Armitage – Local Ceramic Artist

Katinka Bryk– Librarian, Chair of the Cultural Coalition

Sandy Carter – Heritage and Preservation Professional, Member of the Cultural Coalition

Bob Sterry – Writer, Singer, Performer, Member of the Cultural Coalition

Cheryl Snow, Executive Director for Clackamas County Arts Alliance and staff to the Cultural Coalition, said, *“The Coalition is delighted to provide support to these well-conceived and thoughtful projects. We especially welcome the opportunity to fund initiatives by nine first-time recipients. All will add significantly to the cultural experiences enjoyed by Clackamas residents and visitors.”*

Jane Reid of Estacada Together added, *“Your support of this project over the years has had a huge impact on our middle school students and their parents. This rare, extensive residency has become an important part of the school’s culture and year.”*

Since its inception in 2005, the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition has provided funding of over \$415,000 to local arts, heritage and humanities projects and needs. Funding is made possible through the Oregon Cultural Trust which is an innovative, statewide private-public program that raises money to support and protect Oregon’s cultural activities and interests. Information available at www.clackamasulturalcoalition.org and www.culturaltrust.org.