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**Clackamas County Cultural Coalition Distributes \$34,607
to 19 Local Grant Recipients**

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

The Clackamas County Cultural Coalition in its twelfth cycle of giving awarded a total of \$34,607 in grants to sixteen arts and culture organizations and three individuals through the Community Cultural Participation Grant program. A total of \$61,221 was requested by 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 27 applications received.

The 19 applicants and projects recommended for funding (including five first time recipients) are:

<u>Applicant / Project Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
Feryal Abbasi-Ghnaim - <i>History in Palestinian Embroidery Designs</i>	\$ 1,500.00
Robert Bresky - <i>History of Willamette Falls Papermaking</i>	\$ 1,000.00
Linda Woody - <i>Going Boldly in Lake Oswego 2016 Performance</i>	\$ 1,306.00
Artback Artists Cooperative - <i>The Celtic World Mural</i>	\$ 1,250.00
Arts Council of Lake Oswego - <i>Restoration of Lotus Tower, by Joel Cottet</i>	\$ 2,500.00
Cascadia Center for Arts & Crafts - <i>Campus Master Plan</i>	\$ 1,000.00
Clackamas Community College - <i>2016 Outdoor Sculpture Invitational</i>	\$ 2,500.00
Clackamas Repertory Theatre - <i>"One Slight Hitch" Production</i>	\$ 2,500.00
Estacada Area Arts Commission - <i>Estacada Summer Celebration 2016</i>	\$ 2,500.00
Estacada Together - <i>Music and Community at the Middle School</i>	\$ 2,390.00
Ledding Library of Milwaukie - <i>Ledding Cultural Forum</i>	\$ 2,500.00
Masque Alfresco - <i>"The Trickster of Seville" at George Rogers Park</i>	\$ 1,950.00

Milwaukie Arts Committee (ArtMOB) - Sculpture Garden Program Expansion	\$ 725.00
National Alliance on Mental Illness of Clackamas County - Open Minds Art Shows	\$ 1,000.00
New Century Players - Community Romeo & Juliet Production	\$ 2,200.00
Open Hearts Open Minds - Theater at Coffee Creek	\$ 1,644.00
Oregon City Public Library - Art Hanging System	\$ 1,150.00
Wilsonville Theatre Company – Takes Arthur Miller to the Community	\$ 2,492.00
Youth Music Project - K-12 music programming scholarships	\$ 2,500.00

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

Elizebett (Liz) Eslinger – Executive Director, Write Around Portland

Gloria Lutz – Committee member, Yamhill County Heritage Center & Educator

Melissa Moore – Community Arts Program Supervisor, Hillsboro Arts & Culture Council

Billie Moser – Vice President, International Tourism, Travel Portland

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 five first-time recipients. All will add significantly to the cultural experiences enjoyed by Clackamas residents and visitors.”*

Grant recipient and Executive Director, Rachel Bany of Youth Music Project shared that *“Because of donors like you, Youth Music Project is able to say ‘yes’ to students needing financial assistance so they, too, will increase their success in school and life now, and reap the benefits of an improved quality of life as adults.”*

Since its inception in 2005, the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition has provided funding of over \$305,000 to 167 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. More information is available at www.clackamasculturalcoalition.org or www.culturaltrust.org.

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