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**Clackamas County Cultural Coalition Distributes \$35,471  
to 17 Local Grant Recipients  
*Growing the cultural assets of Clackamas County***

The Clackamas County Cultural Coalition completed its thirteenth cycle of giving and awarded a total of \$35,471 in grants to 17 arts, heritage and humanities organizations through the Community Cultural Participation Grant program. A total of \$44,459.00 was requested by 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:

- Creative people and organizations,
- Participation in cultural projects and activities,
- Projects which related to K-12 education and lifelong learning,
- Heritage and history,
- Public art, and
- Cultural tourism.

An independent Grant Review Panel was convened to review the 20 qualified applications received. The 17 applicants and projects recommended for funding (including four first-time recipients) are:

<u><i>Applicant / Project Title</i></u>	<u><i>Award</i></u>
<b>Alexandra Czyzewicz</b> – <i>Our Family</i>	\$1,950.00
<b>Artback</b> – <i>The Estacada Summer Celebration Mural 2017</i>	\$2,500.00
<b>Clackamas County Historical Society</b> – <i>Native American Hall Redesign</i>	\$1,910.00
<b>Clackamas Repertory Theatre</b> – <i>“Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery”</i>	\$2,500.00
<b>Estacada Area Arts Commission</b> – <i>Estacada Summer Celebration 2017</i>	\$2,500.00
<b>Estacada Together</b> – <i>School/Community Project with Ellen Whyte</i>	\$2,150.00
<b>Feryal Abbasi-Ghnaim</b> – <i>Tatreez &amp; Tea: Embroidery and Storytelling in the Palestinian Diaspora</i>	\$2,500.00
<b>Masque Alfresco</b> – <i>2017 Summer Park Tour: Moliere’s “Tartuffe”</i>	\$2,150.00
<b>Molalla Area Historical Society</b> – <i>Dibble House – Living room paint restoration</i>	\$1,450.00
<b>Music and Art Partners</b> – <i>West Linn-Wilsonville Middle School Musical</i>	\$2,500.00

<b>National Alliance on Mental Illness of Clackamas County – <i>Open Minds Art Show</i></b>	\$1,360.00
<b>Rex Putnam Music Boosters – <i>Help N. Clackamas District acquire their first real Marimba for the Kingsmen Thunder Drumline</i></b>	\$2,500.00
<b>Sandy and Hoodland Public Libraries – <i>The Total Solar Eclipse</i></b>	\$1,501.00
<b>Staged! Musical Theatre – <i>Staged! After School Drama &amp; Music Program</i></b>	\$2,500.00
<b>Stumptown Stages – <i>Leonard Bernstein’s MASS</i></b>	\$2,500.00
<b>The Art Gym at Marylhurst University – <i>Jack Ryan Exhibition</i></b>	\$2,000.00
<b>West Linn Historical Society – <i>2017 Willamette Living History Tour</i></b>	\$1,000.00

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

- Holly Chamberlain** – Managing Director, Architectural Heritage Center/Bosco-Milligan Foundation
- Maggie Chapin**–Manager, Sherwood Center for the Arts
- Rob Dailey** –Executive Director, Chehalem Cultural Center
- Kendra Perry**– Industry & Visitor Services Coordinator, Travel Oregon/Oregon Tourism Commission

"Support such as this is critical to outreach and education efforts, especially in areas where those impacted tend to be invisible, marginalized, and stigmatized. Having an opportunity to put positive faces on issues such as mental illness offers hope not just to those directly affected but also to anyone who might recognize it exists. Thank you for the opportunity." – NAMI Clackamas County

Since its inception in 2005, the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition has provided funding of over \$371,249.92 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.clackamasculturalcoalition.org](http://www.clackamasculturalcoalition.org) and [www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org).