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**Clackamas County Cultural Coalition Distributes \$33,438
to 17 Local Grant Recipients**

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

The Clackamas County Cultural Coalition in its 16th cycle of giving awarded a total of \$33,438 in grants to 17 arts and culture organizations through the Project Grant program. A total of \$51,738 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 funding priorities were:

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

An independent Grant Review Panel was convened to review the 23 applications received.

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

<u>Applicant/Project Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
Arts Council of Lake Oswego – <i>‘Zine Scene: Spring 2020 Exhibition at ARTspace</i>	\$ 2,000.00
Art in Oregon – <i>Stevens Crawford Artist Residency</i>	\$1,150.00
Charbonneau Arts Association – <i>Improving Art Display Opportunities for Students</i>	\$1,104.00
City of Canby – <i>First Thursday – Music in the Park</i>	\$1,200.00
Clackamas Repertory Theatre – <i>A Staged Play</i>	\$2,500.00
Estacada Area Arts Commission – <i>Estacada Summer Celebration 2020</i>	\$2,450.00
Estacada Public Library – <i>Hispanic Heritage Month 2020</i>	\$2,500.00
Forests Forever – <i>Historic Molalla Log House Educational Film Documentary</i>	\$2,000.00

4-H Youth Development Latinx Outreach – Clackamas County - 4-H Raíces y Alas Music Project	\$2,500.00
Masque Alfresco – 2020 Summer Park Tour: “Looking Glass Alice in Wonderland”	\$2,315.00
Milwaukie Historical Society – Digital catalogue of Milwaukie Museum Collection	\$1,669.00
Rex Putnam Music Boosters – Rolling Carts and Props	\$2,500.00
Rose City Accordion Club – 23rd Annual Rose City Accordion Camp – 2020	\$1,250.00
Tilikum Chamber Orchestra – Tilikum Chamber Orchestra at Rex Putnam H.S.	\$1,500.00
West Linn-Wilsonville Music & Arts Partners (MAP) – 2020 Día de los Muertos celebration	\$1,800.00
Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council – Wilsonville Festival of Arts 2020: Make Your Mark	\$2,500.00
Youth Music Project – Tuition Assistance	\$2,500.00

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

- **Katinka Bryk** – Librarian, Clackamas County Cultural Coalition Chair
- **Dave DeHart** – Novelist, fine art photographer and actor/director, Coalition Member
- **Nancy Nye** – Senior Manager, Arts, Culture & Special Events, City of Hillsboro
- **Samara Phelps** – Executive Director, Mt. Hood Territory
- **Reeva Wortel** – Artist, Tillamook County Cultural Coalition

Katinka Bryk, Clackamas County Cultural Coalition Chair, says “It’s exciting to be able to offer these funding opportunities for Clackamas County arts, culture and heritage organizations, and individual creatives. The impact extends beyond simply the immediate performance or project-cultural experiences can change lives and communities for the better. They increase the quality of life, explain our history and bring joy. Thank you to all the organizations who work so steadily to make Clackamas County the best place to live.”

Jane Reid, award recipient for the always free Estacada Summer Celebration, says “Funding from Clackamas County Cultural Coalition over the years has enabled us to present a wide range of excellent, diverse music and dance performances to thousands of local children and adults.”

Since its inception in 2005, the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition has provided funding of over \$496,208 to 304 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.