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ARTS GROUPS INVITED TO APPLY FOR TWO BEAVERTON GRANT PROGRAMS

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The city of Beaverton is now accepting applications for two arts grant programs.

Community Grant Program

Now in its fourth year, this program is funded by the city and the Beaverton Arts and Culture Foundation. Grants provide financial support for nonprofit visual, written, individual artists, and performing arts organizations who serve the Beaverton community.

Who: Individual artists, arts and cultural groups, and Beaverton schools. Social service agencies, religious organizations, and private businesses are also eligible if they pair with a nonprofit arts or diverse cultural organization for a joint project.

What: Applications to this grant program should address one or more of these five goals:

1. Bring people together by providing opportunities for all people to experience and explore art.
2. Create ways for people to celebrate cultural diversity through art.
3. Help local artists to have a voice and to thrive artistically.
4. Spur the development and stewardship of art.
5. Educate the community on the intrinsic and economic value of art.

Amount: Two levels of funding are available: \$1,000 and \$2,000. (See application for eligibility details.) Applicants who receive a Beaverton diverse art offerings grant in this cycle will not be eligible for the community grant.

Applications Due: **March 21, 2016, 5 p.m.**

Applicants Notified: May 20, 2016

Activity Dates: All funded activities must take place between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017

Diverse Art Offerings Grant

This new grant program will support unexpected art opportunities or events that may arise. Projects could include workshops, art classes, or art activities that serve Beaverton

residents. This program is funded by the Reser Family Foundation, and is intended to support rare or unexpected opportunities, especially for emerging artists, students, or organizations new to the grant-making process.

- Who: Students, individual artists, and arts and culture organizations who serve the Beaverton community. Beaverton schools and libraries are also eligible to apply.
- What: This grant program is intended to provide support outside of the annual Beaverton community grant cycle for unanticipated events or opportunities.
- Amount: Up to \$500 per applicant. Only one request per individual or organization will be funded each calendar year. Applicants who receive a Beaverton community grant in this cycle will not be eligible for the diverse art offerings grant.
- Applications Due: **Accepted now through December 31**, or until all grant funds are expended.
- Applicants Notified: Depends on application date
- Activity Dates: All funded activities must take place by December 31, 2016.

To apply for either program, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/ArtsGrants. For more information, contact artsmail@BeavertonOregon.gov.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as one of the **safest cities** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press with cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Silver Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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Caption 1: Beaverton Civic Theatre's outreach project for their 2015 production of *A Little Princess* was a recipient of a Beaverton arts program grant. The city is now accepting applications for 2016 community and diverse opportunity grants. *(Photo/Beaverton Civic Theatre)*



Caption 2: The ISing Choir received a 2015 community arts grant from the city of Beaverton. The city is now accepting applications for 2016 community and diverse opportunity grants. *(Photo/ISing Choir)*



Caption 3: Music in Small Spaces' "The Harp is Hip," a concert featuring harpist Denise Fujikawa, was a 2015 recipient of a community grant from the city of Beaverton's arts program. The city is now accepting applications for 2016 community and diverse opportunity grants. *(Photo/Denise Fujikawa)*