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## **Heritage Arts Grants Available for Springfield Projects**

*Application deadline is September 26*

The Springfield Arts Commission (SAC) is now accepting applications for its fall Heritage Arts Grant cycle. Lane County groups, artists and individuals are encouraged to submit applications for arts- and culture-related projects resulting in a public event, performance or show in Springfield, OR. The deadline for submission is **5 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2017.**

“Last year, we made many changes to the Heritage Arts Grant program – including tripling the budget for awards,” said Summer Young-Jelinek, Heritage Arts Grant chair. “We’re thrilled that the Springfield City Council has renewed our funding for 2018 so that we can continue to support projects that preserve and celebrate the arts and culture of Springfield.”

In years past, a lack of available funds resulted in the Commission issuing limited awards to a small number of applicants. With a total of \$4,500 to be awarded in two cycles this year – fall and spring – applicants have a much higher likelihood of receiving funding. In the last cycle, five of 12 applicants received awards ranging from \$300 to \$1,200, with an average award of \$780.

The grant application and guidelines may be found on the Springfield Arts Commission’s website at [springfieldartscommission.org/heritage\\_grants.html](http://springfieldartscommission.org/heritage_grants.html). Interested applicants are invited to attend the Springfield Arts Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 12, during which the commissioners will answer questions about the purpose of the grants, eligibility, and the application process prior to the application deadline of September 26.

The Heritage Arts Grant program was developed to encourage community-based public arts programs to enrich and promote the cultural heritage of the City of Springfield. The grants are funded by City of Springfield room taxes and administered by the Springfield Arts Commission.

Grant awards will range from \$250 to \$1,500 per project. In 2017, awards were granted to organizations including Eugene Springfield Youth Orchestra; Northwest Screendance; Ditch Projects; Chamber Music Amici; the Cesar Chavez Celebration; and Grupo Latino De Acción Directa.

For more information about the Heritage Arts Grant, contact Carrie Schindele-Cupples, 541.726.2237 or [scupples@springfield-or.gov](mailto:scupples@springfield-or.gov)

**What:** Grant application question and answer session

**When:** 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 12

**Where:** Library Meeting Room, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR

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