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Linn County Cultural Commission calls for grant proposals

ALBANY – The Linn County Cultural Commission is accepting proposals for grants to fund projects that will promote and improve access to the arts, to history and local heritage, and for humanities-related activities in Linn County.

The LCCC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization affiliated with the Oregon State Cultural Trust, a statewide entity established to promote and strengthen cultural activities in Oregon. The Trust is working to build a \$200 million endowment aimed at providing a stable funding source for art, heritage and humanities interests throughout the state. Through local coalitions such as Linn County's, it distributes funding to all 36 Oregon counties and nine federally recognized Native American tribes.

The commission may allocate up to \$10,000 for grants in this funding cycle. Grants typically range between \$250 and \$2,500. Project proposals are considered on a case-by-case basis and may not be awarded the full amount requested.

Proposals must address the arts, history and heritage, and/or humanities in a manner that promotes and protects cultural activities and assets of Linn County. Proposals must be submitted and signed by an authorized officer of a sponsoring 501(c)3 tax-exempt nonprofit sponsoring organization. Organizations or individuals who do not have their own tax-exempt status may be sponsored by a nonprofit organization that does.

The LCCC's goal is to increase county residents' access to rich and diverse arts, humanities and historical heritage in a manner that celebrates community pride and individuality. Its goal is to disseminate funds as widely as possible to communities throughout the county. For more details, see the Linn County Cultural Plan at www.linnculture.com.

Locally, funding from the LCCC has helped support:

- Arts- and history-related projects such as the Pioneer Association's Village of Learning in Brownsville;
- The Lebanon Community Foundation's July 4 Star Spangled Celebration;
- The purchase of sound equipment for cultural events in Scio;
- The Procession of the Species children's program and parade in Albany; and
- Mill City-based Santiam Hearts to Arts' programs – an FM radio station, the Santiam Canyon Community Chorus and a Supplemental Arts Education program for Santiam Canyon youth.

Deadline for completed applications is **April 28, 2017**. Coalition members will review the applications and make decisions on awards within a few weeks of that date.

Grant applications are available at www.linnculture.org and the County Parks Department, 3010 Ferry St. SW, Albany; Albany Visitors Association, 110 3rd Ave. Scio City Hall, 38957 NW 1st Ave.; KGAL radio, 36991 KGAL Drive, Lebanon; and The New Era, 1313 Main St., Sweet Home. They should be submitted by mail to Brian Carroll, Linn County Cultural Commission, P. O. Box 69, Albany, OR, 97321 or dropped off at the Linn County Parks office, 3010 Ferry St. SW, Albany.

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