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COMMUNITY GROUPS INVITED TO APPLY FOR WELCOMING BEAVERTON GRANTS

BEAVERTON, Ore. – Applications are now being accepted for 2018 Welcoming Beaverton mini-grants. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to support small, community-driven projects that are designed to bring together immigrants and U.S. born residents. Grants are intended to increase opportunities for cross-cultural exchange, support welcoming and connected neighborhoods, build relationships and understanding to unite residents, and foster pride in Beaverton's diverse community.

Community based organizations, faith based organizations, school based groups, and community groups are eligible to apply. 501(c)(3) designation is not required. Grant-funded activities must take place in Beaverton during Welcoming Week, which runs from Sep. 14 through 23, 2018.

Successful projects will be interactive, allowing for hands-on learning and/or active participation in the activity. Past grant projects include an African cooking class; Taiwanese tea ceremony; small business fair; music, dance, and theater performances with workshops and discussion; a community potluck; and an educational session on naturalization with mock interviews.

Applications are due **Tuesday, May 1**. To apply, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/WelcomingBeaverton. The application is available online in English and Spanish.

ABOUT WELCOMING BEAVERTON

The Welcoming Beaverton initiative recognizes, welcomes and supports the successful integration of the local immigrant community. The City of Beaverton is a proud member of the national Welcoming Cities and Counties initiative, a network of municipalities across the country working to create more welcoming, immigrant friendly environments that maximize opportunities for economic growth and cultural vitality for all.

Beaverton will host its third annual Welcoming Week in September 2018. Welcoming Week is an annual series of events that bring together immigrants and U.S. born residents in a spirit of unity. The events raise awareness of the benefits of welcoming and engage immigrants and nonimmigrants in activities to strengthen relationships and cross-cultural understanding.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

The city of Beaverton is home to more than 95,000 residents and is Oregon's sixth largest city. We are a friendly, active and responsive city well-known for our exceptional community

services and amenities, helping Beaverton residents enjoy a high quality of life. Ranked in *Money* magazine's Best Places to Live, Beaverton truly is "The Best of Oregon."

For more information, reminders and community news, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov. Also follow Beaverton on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton or Twitter at www.twitter.com/CityofBeaverton.

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Caption 1: Applications are now being accepted for 2018 Welcoming Beaverton mini-grants. Projects should be interactive and include hands-on learning or active participation in an activity. Previous grant-funded events have included a Welcoming Community Potluck.



Caption 2: An Interfaith Riverwalk was one of 2017 Welcoming Week's happenings. The city is now accepting applications for interactive, hands-on projects for 2018 Welcoming Week, which will be Sep. 14-23.