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## **BEAVERTON ARTS PROGRAM PROVIDES COVID-19 RELIEF GRANTS TO LOCAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS**

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – The Beaverton Arts Program is providing relief to local arts organizations as COVID-19 continues to have a devastating impact on the local arts economy and arts organizations.

Arts organizations may apply for a second round of COVID-19 Relief Grants open to arts organizations in Beaverton or those demonstrating that they serve Beaverton residents. A total of \$35,000 is available for distribution, and grant amounts may be up to \$7,000 per organization. Arts organizations applying need to identify an emergency need and demonstrate that they provide a public benefit and particularly to under-served and historically marginalized communities.

The grant deadline is Friday, July 10 at 5 p.m. Organizations can apply at [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Arts](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Arts). Funds will be distributed in late-July.

“I’m proud that we were able to pivot quickly and use the funding that we normally would have used for events this summer and fall toward relief grants for local arts organizations,” said Arts Program Manager Beth Tobey. “The response from our local arts organizations has been both heartwarming and heartbreaking, as many have expressed how beneficial this funding has been for them.”

In April, the Beaverton Arts Program awarded a first round of COVID-19 Relief Grants distributing a total of \$19,000 to seven local arts organizations, with grant amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000 per organization. The awardees included the Peruvian Cultural Festival, Hula Hulau ‘Ohana Holo’oko’a, Beaverton Civic Theatre, the Beaverton Symphony Orchestra, Experience Theatre Project, Painted Sky and Airlie Press. The funding distributed helped these organizations with rent, taxes, paying bills, and other costs associated with transitioning to virtual platforms.

In addition, funds initially budgeted for the annual Ten Tiny Dances event, which has been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic, were redirected as stipends toward artists who would have participated in the event.

The Beaverton Arts Program also encourages citizens who can to help in some way by considering making a donation to an arts organization, donating tickets for cancelled events, and purchase subscriptions or tickets for future events. A variety of resources for artists and arts organizations is available at [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Arts](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Arts).

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