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## Oregon Arts Commission Announces Deadlines for Three Competitive Grant Programs

Guidelines Posted for *Arts Recognition*, *Arts Build Communities* and  
*Artist Fellowships* Grant Programs

The Oregon Arts Commission has announced fall deadlines for three competitive grant programs. Guidelines and applications are available on the Arts Commission website: [www.oregonartscommission.org](http://www.oregonartscommission.org).

### **Arts Recognition Grants: September 4, 2007 online deadline**

*Arts Recognition Grants* are \$1,000 awards to strong Oregon arts organizations with a record of excellence in programming, service and organizational capacity. These grants serve as visible Arts Commission support and assist in raising an organization's profile to leverage other funds and resources. Groups that have not already received OAC grant support this year receive funding priority.

### **Arts Build Communities Grants: October 2, 2007 postmark deadline**

*Arts Build Communities* grants support both the arts in local communities and the involvement of the arts and artists in community development. The program recognizes the expanding role that arts organizations are taking in the broader, cultural, social, educational and economic areas of community life. The program supports partnerships among arts, local government and other community-based organizations that connect the arts with local issues and opportunities. Proposals from communities that are underserved by arts services receive priority for funding. Underserved communities include those where opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics or disability. Grant requests must be for activities and projects occurring between January 1 - December 31, 2008. A report on the 2006 Arts Build Communities grant program is available at [www.oregonartscommission.org/pdf/ABC\\_2007\\_Monograph.pdf](http://www.oregonartscommission.org/pdf/ABC_2007_Monograph.pdf).

**Artist Fellowships: October 15, 2007 postmark deadline**

The Commission's fellowships recognize outstanding work created by artists throughout Oregon, and consider both past achievement and future promise in the arts. This year, the program will consider applications in the area of visual arts including painting, drawing, sculpture, works on paper, photography, crafts and design. Artists may use the \$3,000 fellowship grants to complete work in progress or embark on a new body of work; undertake research, study or travel; or experiment with new materials or media.

Potential applicants are encouraged to review program guidelines for all of these categories and to contact the Arts Commission staff to discuss proposed projects. *Arts Recognition*, *Arts Build Communities* and *Artist Fellowships* are all competitive funding programs.

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The Oregon Arts Commission provides leadership, funding and arts programs through its grants, special initiatives and services. Nine commissioners, appointed by the Governor, determine arts needs and establish policies for public support of the arts. The Arts Commission became part of the Economic Development Department in 1993, in recognition of the expanding role the arts play in the broader social, economic and educational arenas of Oregon communities. In 2003, the Oregon legislature moved the operations of the Oregon Cultural Trust to the Arts Commission, streamlining operations and making use of the Commission's expertise in grantmaking, arts and cultural information and community cultural development. The Arts Commission is supported with general funds appropriated by the Oregon legislature and with federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts as well as funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust.

More information about the Oregon Arts Commission is available online at:  
[www.oregonartscommission.org](http://www.oregonartscommission.org)

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