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Oregon Arts Commission Announces Grant Application Deadlines

Competitive Grants Available for Oregon Arts Groups and Artists

The Oregon Arts Commission has announced application deadlines for its six annual funding programs that support Oregon arts organizations and artists.

The following deadlines have been established for FY2007 grant programs, offering support for arts activities that will occur between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007:

Operating Support	May 1, 2006
Grants for Arts Learning	May 1, 2006
Arts Services Grants	May 1, 2006
Arts Recognition Grants	September 1, 2006 January 16, 2007
Arts Build Communities	October 2, 2006
Artist Fellowships	October 16, 2006

Applications are available online from the Arts Commission's website, www.oregonartscommission.org or may be requested from the Commission office, (503) 986-0082. Additional information is available from Shannon Planchon, Assistant Director of the Arts Commission, (503) 986-0086.

The Oregon Arts Commission believes that the arts and culture are touchstones of community and civic life and that it is essential to preserve, stabilize and develop their central role in Oregon. The 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 and Community 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. More information about the Oregon Arts Commission is available at www.oregonartscommission.org