

Freeholder Haines Announces 2020 Local Arts and History Grant Awards

Freeholder Virginia E. Haines is happy to announce a total of \$120,000 to 31 (12 historical and 19 arts) grants have been awarded to Ocean County arts and heritage organizations towards programs and projects in 2020 through a highly competitive, peer reviewed process. Each year, the Commission offers funding, through a competitive, peer reviewed application process, to Ocean-County based non-profit arts and heritage organizations, units of local government, and institutions of higher education seeking to provide quality arts and history programming and services to the public.

The following heritage organizations received a total of \$50,000 in grant awards from Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission's Local History Program Grant towards General Operating or Special Project Support in FY 2020:

Community Ambassadors (\$2,000), Fourth NJ Volunteers (\$500), John F. Peto Studio Museum (\$6,250), Lacey Township Historical Society (\$3,500), Lakewood Historical Society (\$1,000), Long Beach Island Historical (\$6,250), Navy Lakehurst Historical Society (\$5,000), Ocean County Historical Society (\$10,000), Stafford Township Historical Society (\$2,000), Toms River BID (\$5,000), Toms River Township (\$5,000), Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey, Inc. (\$3,500).

These organizations will receive funding this year from a grant administered by the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission from funds granted by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State.

The following arts organizations received a total of \$70,000 in grant awards from the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission's Local Arts Program Grant towards General Operating or Special Project support in FY 2020:

The Arc of Ocean County (\$1,500), Brick Children's Community Theatre (\$11,000), The Clubhouse of Toms River (\$750), Community Ambassadors (\$1,000), Derling Dance Arts (\$500), Garden State Philharmonic Symphony Society (\$9,500), Island Singers (\$1,000), John F. Peto Studio Museum (\$6,000), Kids on the Block Puppets NJ (\$1,250), Laurelton Art Society (\$1,500), Lavallette Borough (\$500), Lighthouse International Film Festival (\$5,000), O.C.E.A.N. Inc. (\$4,000), Ocean County Artists' Guild (\$8,000), Ocean Professional Theater Company (\$4,000), Pine Shores Art Association (\$7,500), Stafford Twp Historical Society (\$750), Toms River Business Development Corp (\$5,500), Toms River Artist Community (\$750).

The Local Arts Program Grant is made possible in part by a grant administered by the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission from funds granted by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. These grants are given to local groups in order to support, promote and develop the arts in Ocean County.

For more information regarding the grant program, contact the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission at **732-929-4779**, visit their website at www.co.ocean.nj.us/cultural/index.htm, or email

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