## Commission Announces 2019 Local Arts and History Grant Awards

Freeholder Director Virginia E. Haines is happy to announce a total $115,455 to 29 (12 historical and 17 arts) grants have been awarded to Ocean County arts and heritage organizations towards programs and projects in 2019 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 $45,455 in grant awards from Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission's County Historical Partner Program Grant towards General Operating or Special Project Support in FY 19:

Community Ambassadors ($2,000), 4th NJ Volunteers ($455), John F. Peto Studio Museum ($5,000), Lacey Township Historical Society ($4,000), Lakewood Historical Society ($1,500), Long Beach Island Historical ($6,000), Navy Lakehurst Historical Society ($2,500), Murray Grove ($3,000), Ocean County Historical Society ($10,000), Stafford Township Historical Society ($5,000), Toms River BID ($3,000), Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey, Inc. ($3,000)

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.

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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 2019:

The Arc of Ocean County ($800), Brick Children's Community Theatre ($11,000), Brick TWP Recreation Department ($3,000), Community Ambassadors ($1,900), Island Singers ($2,250), Jewish Federation of Ocean County ($2,500), John F. Peto Studio Museum ($2,925), Kids on the Block Puppets NJ ($1,000), Island Singers ($1,000), Laurelton Art Society ($2,000), Lavallette Borough ($1,250), Lighthouse International Film Festival ($9,000), Ocean County Artists' Guild ($7,250), Ocean Professional Theater Company ($3,000), Pine Shores Art Association ($9,000), Stafford Twp Historical Society ($2,200), Toms River Business Development Corp ($8,000), Toms River Artist Community ($2,925).

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: **culturalheritage@co.ocean.nj.us.**

# 2020 Local Arts & History Program Grant Applications Available This Summer

Grant applications become available in late July/Early August. Grants are offered in Special Project Support and General Operating Support. These grants are competitively awarded based on project/program merit and other criteria. Grants are to be matched dollar for dollar by the organization.

Contact the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission office at (732) 929 – 4779, or at culturalheritage@co.ocean.nj.us for more information, or to request an application at your earliest convenience. More information on the FY 2020 applications will be available on our website at:

**http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmGrants.aspx** in late July or early August.