

Commission Announces 2014 Local Arts & History Grants Awards

Each year, the Commission offers funding, through a competitive 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. A total of 26 (5 historical and 21 arts) grants have been awarded to Ocean County arts and heritage organizations towards programs and projects in 2014 through a highly competitive, peer reviewed process.

The following heritage organizations received a total of **\$15,455** in grant awards from Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission's Local History Program Grant towards General Operating or Special Project Support in FY 13/14:

Long Beach Island Historical Association (**\$2,730.00**), Murray Grove Association (**\$945.00**), Stafford Township Historical Society (**\$4,400.00**), Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey (**\$4,425.00**), and the Waretown Historical Society (**\$2,955.00**). 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 **\$65,000** in grant awards from the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission's Local Arts Program Grant towards General Operating or Special Project support in FY 2014:

Barnegat Township (**\$500.00**), Brick Children's Community Theatre (**\$8,500.00**), Borough of Lavallette (**\$2,500.00**), Brick Twp. Recreation Department (**\$2,700.00**), Exit 82: A Toms River Theatre Company (**\$2,700.00**), The Island Singers, Inc (**\$4,000.00**), Jackson Twp. Senior Center (**\$1,200.00**), Jewish Federation of Ocean County (**\$600.00**), Laurelton Art Society (**\$2,000.00**), Lighthouse International Film Festival (**\$4,000.00**), Main Street New Egypt (**\$1,000.00**), Murray Grove Association (**\$1,000.00**), Ocean County Artists' Guild (**\$8,500.00**), Ocean County College (**\$8,500.00**), Ocean Professional Theatre Company (**\$2,700.00**), Our Gang Players (**\$2,800.00**), Pine Shores Art Association (**\$6,000.00**), Stafford Twp. Historical Society (**\$2,000.00**), Stellar Theatre Group, Inc (**\$600.00**), Toms River Business Development Corporation (**\$2,700.00**), Youth Education and Transition Services (**\$500.00**).

The Local Arts Program Grant is made possible in part by a FY 2014 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, or visit their website at:

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