

Hunterdon Arts And Cultural Non-profits Gain Grants From County Board

Re-granted State Funds Boosts Art And Tourism Economy

Ten Hunterdon County non-profit art and cultural organizations were awarded over \$100,000 in re-granted state funding, designed to assist in maintaining operations, increasing program options, and creating tourism opportunities, by the County's Board of Commissioners, at the January 18th Board meeting.

Board Deputy Director Zach Rich, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Commission, said, "Boosting arts and cultural programs enhances values, lifestyle, and tradition, and also benefits the County's tourism economy, as these programs serve to attract interest beyond the county's borders.

The county is fortunate to have received a significant grant award from the State Council on the Arts' Local Arts Program, the majority of which is being re-granted to deserving Hunterdon County programs, as recommended by the County's Cultural and Heritage Commission."

Rich added, "The Local Arts re-grant program, which for 2022 does not require matching funds from the non-profits that are awarded, allows programs to continue that would otherwise not be sustainable."

Arts and Cultural Grants recipients and funds awarded include:

- Flemington DIY, \$7,500
- Hunterdon County Library, \$5,000
- Hunterdon Harmonizers, \$12,000
- ShowKids Invitational Theater, Inc., \$14,500
- Franklin Theater Works, \$9,000
- Acme Screening Room, \$7,500
- River Union Stage, \$14,000
- Whitehouse Wind Symphony, \$3,000

- Raritan River Music, \$15,000
- Hunterdon Musical Arts, \$15,000

Carrie Fellows, Executive Director of the County's Cultural & Heritage Commission, said, "Grant funding not only creates the opportunity for arts and cultural organizations to continue operating under challenging circumstances, but it enhances the programs that are offered."

Rich concluded, "Investing in the arts community is important as we recover from the pandemic. These programs are an integral part of restoring community normalcy and economic stability to the organizations. The Cultural and Heritage Commission, our grants team, and Director Carrie Fellows, are to be commended for their work."

For more information on arts grants programs and resources, click [here](#).