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**355 arts organizations receive \$1,759,580
in Sustaining Arts Program grant awards from the Oregon Arts Commission**

Salem, Oregon – Grant awards totaling \$ 1,759,580 will be distributed to 355 Oregon arts organizations through the Oregon Arts Commission's Sustaining Arts Program for fiscal year 2026.

In 2025, the Arts Commission reimagined this grant program to provide a more equitable distribution of funds to arts organizations. Awards are determined based on a newly updated funding formula that considers an organization's annual expenses, number of applications and available grant funds. Grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$20,000, and these unrestricted awards are available to nonprofit arts organizations that offer public arts programs throughout the year.

"This program is an important example of how the Oregon Arts Commission fulfills its commitments to continue invigorating the economic, cultural and creative expressions of our diverse state," shares Commission Chair Subashini-Ganesan Forbes. "The extensive grantee list highlights the number of arts organizations operating with impeccable vision to nourish and energize their respective communities."

FY2026 Sustaining Arts Program grants awards by region:

Central

Group A

Bend Pops Orchestra, Bend: \$2,368

Central Oregon Mastersingers Inc., Bend: \$2,368

Opera Bend, Bend: \$2,368

Sisters Festival of Books, Sisters: \$2,368

Group B

Beat dba BEAT Children's Theatre, Bend: \$5,000

BendFilm, Bend: \$6,725

Cascade School of Music, Bend: \$8,183

Cascades Theatrical Company, Bend: \$5,916

High Desert Chamber Music, Bend: \$5,000

Scalehouse, Bend: \$5,000

SFF Presents, Sisters: \$8,149

Sunriver Music Festival Inc, Sunriver: \$5,000

The High Desert Museum, Bend: \$17,748
The Museum at Warm Springs, Warm Springs: \$6,062
Tower Theatre Foundation Inc., Bend: \$10,042
Central total: \$92,297

Greater Eastern – North

Group A

Inland Northwest Musicians Inc., Hermiston: \$2,368

Group B

Arts Council of Pendleton, Pendleton: \$5,000
Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts, Pendleton: \$5,916
Oregon East Symphony, Pendleton: \$5,000

Eastern North total: \$18,284

Greater Eastern – South

Group A

Drexel H. Foundation, Vale: \$2,368

Group B

Painted Sky Center for the Arts, Canyon City: \$5,000

Eastern South total: \$7,368

Portland Metro

Group A

21ten Theatre, Portland: \$2,368
Airlie Press, Portland: \$2,368
A Notion, A Scream, Portland: \$2,368
Aspen Meadow Band, Colton: \$2,368
Aurora Chorus, Portland: \$2,368
Bach Cantata Choir, Portland: \$2,368
Bells of the Cascades, Tualatin: \$2,368
Bridging Voices, Portland: \$2,368
Cada Casa International, Portland: \$2,368
Cascadia Chapter of National Association of Composers, Portland: \$2,368
Cathedral Park Performing Arts Collective, Portland: \$2,368
Classical Up Close, Tigard: \$2,368
Conchords Chorale, Tualatin: \$2,368
Conduit Dance aka Shaun Keylock Company, Portland: \$2,368
enTaiko, Portland: \$2,368
Fear No Music, Portland: \$2,368
Fool House Art Collective, Lake Oswego: \$2,368
Friends of IFCC (FoIFCC), Portland: \$2,368
Frogtown, Portland: \$2,368
From the Ground Up: A Research and Development Center for New Art, Portland: \$2,368
Future Prairie, Portland: \$2,368
Greater Portland Flute Society, Portland: \$2,368
Heidi Duckler Dance Theatre Northwest, Portland: \$2,368
Hillsboro Symphony Orchestra, Hillsboro: \$2,368
In Mulieribus, Portland: \$2,368
ISing Community Choir, Beaverton: \$2,368

Lake Oswego Open Studios, Lake Oswego: \$2,368
Light Opera of Portland, Hillsboro: \$2,368
Lo Nuestro Folklore of Washington County, Tigard: \$2,368
Many Hats Collaboration, Portland: \$2,368
Media-Rites, Portland: \$2,368
New Moon Productions, Portland: \$2,368
Northwest Dance Theatre, Tualatin: \$2,368
Oregon Bluegrass Association, Portland: \$2,368
Oregon Chorale Inc., Hillsboro: \$2,368
Oregon Korean Performing Arts, Beaverton: \$2,368
Oregon Symphonic Band, Beaverton: \$2,368
PDX Pop Now!, Portland: \$2,368
Performance Works NorthWest, Portland: \$2,368
Piano Santa Foundation, Portland: \$2,368
Portland Area Theatre Alliance, Portland: \$2,368
Portland Chamber Music, Portland: \$2,368
Portland Child Art Studio, Portland: \$2,368
Portland in Color, Portland: \$2,368
Portland Jazz Composers Ensemble, Portland: \$2,368
Portland Fire Fighters Pipes and Drums, Portland: \$2,368
Portland Radio Project, Portland: \$2,368
Portland Symphonic Choir, Portland: \$2,368
Portland Wind Symphony dba Pacific Crest Wind Symphony, Portland: \$2,368
PUSH FOLD, Portland: \$2,368
Radix Vocal Ensemble, Portland: \$2,368
Renegade Opera, Portland: \$2,368
Risk-Reward, Portland: \$2,368
S1, Portland: \$2,368
Shady Pines Radio, Portland: \$2,368
Stage Fright, Portland: \$2,368
Stages of Life, Portland: \$2,368
STAGES Performing Arts Youth Academy, Hillsboro: \$2,368
Steps for Youth, Portland: \$2,368
Swingin' Sounds, Portland: \$2,368
Takohachi Inc, Portland: \$2,368
The Artback, Estacada: \$2,368
The Wave Elements Global Music, Portland: \$2,368
Tilikum Chamber Orchestra, Portland: \$2,368
Tualatin Valley Community Band, Tigard: \$2,368
Tualatin Valley Symphony, Tigard: \$2,368
Unlock the Arts, Portland: \$2,368
Westside Orchestra Association, Hillsboro: \$2,368
Women in Film-Portland, Portland: \$2,368
Woodland Sung Productions, Portland: \$2,368
Zephyr Clarinet Choir, Tigard: \$2,368

Group B

45th Parallel Universe, Portland: \$5,000
Advance Gender Equity in the Arts, Portland: \$5,000
Alberta Abbey Foundation, Portland: \$6,069
All Ages Music Portland dba Friends of Noise, Portland: \$6,077

All Classical Public Media, Inc., Portland: \$15,776
Architectural Foundation of Oregon, Portland: \$7,560
Artichoke Community Music, Portland: \$5,000
Art in Oregon, Portland: \$5,000
Art In The Pearl, Portland: \$5,000
Artist Mentorship Program, Portland: \$5,000
Artists Repertory Theatre, Portland: \$11,832
Arts Action Alliance Foundation dba Clackamas County Arts Alliance, Oregon City: \$5,000
A-WOL Dance Collective Inc., Portland: \$5,916
Bag & Baggage Productions, Hillsboro: \$6,062
BodyVox Inc, Portland: \$7,948
Boom Arts, Portland: \$5,000
Bridgetown Conservatory of Musical Theatre, Portland: \$5,000
Broadway Rose Theatre Company, Tigard: \$11,832
Caldera, Portland: \$11,832
Camp45 Contemporary, Portland: \$5,916
Cappella Romana Inc, Portland: \$6,484
Cerimon House, Portland: \$5,000
Chamber Music Northwest, Portland: \$10,202
Clackamas Community College Foundation – Clackamas Repertory Theatre, Oregon City: \$5,423
CoHo Productions Ltd, Portland: \$5,916
Corrib Theatre, Portland: \$5,000
Cracked Pots, Inc, Portland: \$5,000
Curious Comedy Productions, Portland: \$5,916
Echo Theater Company, Portland: \$6,732
Ethos Inc., Portland: \$7,830
Experience Theatre Project, Beaverton: \$5,000
Film Action Oregon, Portland: \$13,804
Friends of Chamber Music, Portland: \$6,062
Gather:Make:Shelter, Portland: \$5,916
Hand 2 Mouth, Portland: \$5,916
Hellenic-American Cultural Center & Museum of Oregon and SW Washington, Portland: \$5,000
Imago the Theatre Mask Ensemble, Portland: \$5,916
In a Landscape, Portland: \$6,510
Independent Publishing Resource Center Inc., Portland: \$5,000
Jazz Society of Oregon, Portland: \$8,489
Kickstand Comedy, Portland: \$5,916
Lakewood Theatre Company, Lake Oswego: \$10,168
Lan Su Chinese Garden, Portland: \$11,832
Literary Arts, Inc., Portland: \$13,804
Live Wire Radio, Portland: \$6,062
Lovegood Performing Arts Company, Beaverton: \$5,000
Metroarts Inc., Portland: \$5,000
MetroEast Community Media, Gresham: \$10,237
Metropolitan Youth Symphony, Portland: \$6,995
Miracle Theatre Group, Portland: \$5,916
Montavilla Jazz Festival, Portland: \$5,000
Music Workshop, Portland: \$5,916
My Voice Music, Portland: \$6,062
Native Arts & Culture Foundation, Portland: \$11,832

New Expressive Works, Portland: \$5,000
North Pole Studio, Portland: \$5,916
Northwest Alliance for Alternative Media and Education, Portland: \$6,529
Northwest Children's Theater & School Inc, Portland: \$10,897
Northwest Professional Dance Project, Portland: \$8,805
OK You Inc, Portland: \$5,000
Old Church Society Inc, Portland: \$6,568
Open Hearts Open Minds, Portland: \$5,000
Open Space, Portland: \$6,062
Orchestra Nova Northwest, Portland: \$5,916
Oregon Arts Watch, Portland: \$5,423
Oregon BRAVO Youth Orchestras, Portland: \$8,092
Oregon Center for Contemporary Art, Portland: \$5,916
Oregon Center for the Photographic Arts, Portland: \$5,000
Oregon International Ballet Academy, Portland: \$5,000
Oregon Public Broadcasting, Portland: \$8,403
Oregon Repertory Singers, Portland: \$5,916
Oregon Society of Artists, Portland: \$5,916
Oregon Symphony Association, Portland: \$19,720
Oregon Symphony Association in Salem, Portland: \$5,423
Outside the Frame, Portland: \$5,916
Pacific Youth Choir, Portland: \$5,000
PassinArt: A Theatre Company, Portland: \$5,916
Phame Academy, Portland: \$6,425
Play It Forward, Beaverton: \$6,070
PlayWrite, Portland: \$5,000
Portland Actors Conservatory, Portland: \$5,916
Portland Art Museum, Portland: \$19,720
Portland Baroque Orchestra, Portland: \$7,531
Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland: \$5,000
Portland Community Media dba Open Signal, Portland: \$11,832
Portland Drama Club, Portland: \$5,000
Portland Experimental Theatre Ensemble, Portland: \$5,000
Portland Gay Men's Chorus, Inc., Portland: \$6,062
Portland Institute for Contemporary Art, Portland: \$10,015
Portland Japanese Garden, Portland: \$19,720
Portland Jazz Festival, Inc. dba PDX Jazz, Portland: \$7,306
Portland Lesbian Choir, Portland: \$5,000
Portland Opera Association Inc, Portland: \$17,748
Portland Piano International, Portland: \$5,916
Portland Playhouse, Portland: \$9,860
Portland Revels, Portland: \$5,916
Portland Street Art Alliance, Portland: \$5,916
Portland Taiko, Portland: \$5,000
Portland Youth Philharmonic Association, Portland: \$8,348
Profile Theatre Project, Portland: \$6,344
Regional Arts & Culture Council, Portland: \$19,720
Resonance Vocal Ensemble, Portland: \$5,000
Scarlet Sails Cultural Foundation, Beaverton: \$5,000
SCRAP Creative Reuse, Portland: \$7,511
Shaking the Tree Theatre, Portland: \$5,000

Sticky Culture, Portland: \$5,000
Stumptown Stages, Lake Oswego: \$5,916
The Beaverton Arts Foundation, Beaverton: \$11,832
The Portland Ballet, Portland: \$6,818
The Red Door Project, Portland: \$6,585
The Vanport Mosaic, Portland: \$5,000
Third Angle New Music Ensemble, Portland: \$5,000
Third Rail Repertory Theatre, Portland: \$5,916
triangle productions, Portland: \$5,000
Vibe of Portland, Portland: \$5,000
Western Alliance of Arts Administrators Foundation, Portland: \$7,676
White Bird, Portland: \$7,625
Willamette Light Brigade, Portland: \$6,173
World Stage Theatre, Troutdale: \$5,423
Write Around Portland, Portland: \$5,916
Young Audiences of Oregon Inc dba Arts for Learning Northwest, Portland: \$9,056
Young Musicians & Artists, Portland: \$5,916
Youth Music Project, West Linn: \$9,565
Portland Metro total: \$1,066,685

Mid-Valley

Group A

Confluence: Willamette Valley LGBT Chorus, Salem: \$2,368
Festival Chorale Oregon, Salem: \$2,368
Focus on Book Arts, Monmouth: \$2,368
Keizer Creative Art Association, Salem: \$2,368
Keizer Homegrown Theatre, Keizer: \$2,368
Make Music Salem, Salem: \$2,368
McMinnville Film Festival Foundation, McMinnville: \$2,368
Oregon Artists Series Foundation, Salem: \$2,368
Oregon Community Theatre Alliance, McMinnville: \$2,368
Oregon Spirit Chorus aka Sweet Adelines International, Salem: \$2,368
Salem Big Band, Salem: \$2,368
Salem Orchestra, Salem: \$2,368
Salem Philharmonia Orchestra, Salem: \$2,368
Salem Pops Orchestra, Salem: \$2,368
Salem Symphonic Winds, Salem: \$2,368
Western Oregon University Development Foundation, Monmouth: \$2,368
Willamette University – Theatre 33, Salem: \$2,368

Group B

Casa de la Cultura Tlanese, Salem: \$5,000
Chehalem Center Association, Newberg: \$7,157
Friends of the Visual Arts dba Willamette Art Center, Salem: \$5,000
Historic Elsinore Theatre Inc, Salem: \$10,895
Pentacle Theatre, Salem: \$5,916
Salem Art Association, Salem: \$7,089
Salem Multicultural Institute, Salem: \$5,000
Western Oregon University Development Foundation – Rainbow Dance Theatre, Monmouth: \$5,000
Yamhill Enrichment Society (YES), McMinnville: \$5,423

Mid-Valley total: \$96,736

North Central

Group A

Cascade Singers, The Dalles: \$2,368

Group B

Columbia Gorge Orchestra Association, Hood River: \$5,000

North Central total: \$7,368

North Coast

Group A

Arts Council of Clatsop County, Astoria: \$2,368

Astoria Arts and Movement Center, Astoria: \$2,368

Astoria Visual Arts, Inc, Astoria: \$2,368

Bay City Pearl & Oyster Music Festival, Bay City: \$2,368

C.C. Stern Type Foundry, Clatskanie: \$2,368

Cartm, Manzanita: \$2,368

Cascadia Concert Opera, Astoria: \$2,368

Columbia Chorale of Oregon, Saint Helens: \$2,368

Neah-Kah-Nie Coast Art Music and Cultural Foundation dba NCAM Foundation, Rockaway Beach: \$2,368

Neskowin Chamber Music, Pacific City: \$2,368

North Coast Chorale, Astoria: \$2,368

One Tree Project, Warren: \$2,368

The Writer's Guild, Astoria: \$2,368

Tolovana Arts Colony, Cannon Beach: \$2,368

Trail's End Art Association, Gearhart: \$2,368

Group B

Hoffman Center for the Arts, Manzanita: \$5,000

Liberty Restoration Inc., Astoria: \$7,409

Ten Fifteen Productions, Astoria: \$5,000

North Coast total: \$52,929

Northeast

Group A

Grande Ronde Symphony Association, La Grande: \$2,368

Group B

Crossroads Creative and Performing Arts Center Inc., Baker City: \$5,916

Eastern Oregon Regional Arts Council Inc DBA Art Center East, La Grande: \$5,000

Fishtrap Inc, Enterprise: \$5,916

Friends of the Opera House, Elgin: \$5,916

Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, Joseph: \$5,423

Northeast, total: \$30,539

South Central

Group A

Klamath Folk Alliance (aka Klamath Music), Klamath Falls: \$2,368

Group B

PLAYA, Summer Lake: \$5,423

South Central, total: \$7,791

South Coast|

Group A

Dolphin Players Inc., Coos Bay: \$2,368

Oregon Coast School of Art, Gardiner: \$2,368

Redfish Music Festival, Port Orford: \$2,368

Riverbend Live!, Winston: \$2,368

Group B

Artula Institute for Art and Environmental Education, Bandon: \$7,619

Coos Art Museum, Coos Bay: \$5,000

Egyptian Theater Preservation Association, Coos Bay: \$5,000

Umpqua Valley Arts Association, Roseburg: \$5,916

South Coast total: \$33,007

Southern

Group A

Art Presence, Inc., Jacksonville: \$2,368

Ashland New Plays Festival, Ashland: \$2,368

Fusion Performing Arts Alliance, Grants Pass: \$2,368

Guitar Society of Southern Oregon, Ashland: \$2,368

Jefferson Pipe Band, Gold Hill: \$2,368

Kapi Oanuenue, Ashland: \$2,368

North American Folk Music & Dance Alliance dba Ashland Flute Circle, Medford: \$2,368

Rogue Valley Wind Ensemble dba Rogue Valley Symphonic Band, Talent: \$2,368

Siskiyou Singers Inc., Ashland: \$2,368

Siskiyou Violins, Medford: \$2,368

Southern Oregon Film Society, Ashland: \$2,368

Southern Oregon Guild, Cave Junction: \$2,368

Group B

Anima Mundi Productions, Phoenix: \$5,000

Camelot Theatre Company, Talent: \$7,523

Collaborative Theatre Project Inc, Medford: \$5,000

Grants Pass Museum of Art, Grants Pass: \$5,000

Peter Britt Gardens Arts and Music Festival Association, Medford: \$15,776

Rogue Valley Art Association, Medford: \$5,000

Southern Oregon Repertory Singers, Ashland: \$5,000

Southern Oregon University Foundation – Chamber Music Concerts, Ashland: \$5,000

Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon, Medford: \$5,000

Southern total: \$86,715

South Valley/Mid Coast

Group A

Applegate Art Guild, Veneta: \$2,368

Applegate Regional Theatre Inc, Veneta: \$2,368

Artist Studio Association, Lincoln City: \$2,368

Arts and Business Alliance of Eugene, Eugene: \$2,368
Coastal Voices, Newport: \$2,368
Corvallis Guitar Society, Corvallis: \$2,368
DisOrient Asian American Film Festival of Oregon, Eugene: \$2,368
Eugene Gay Men's Chorus, Eugene: \$2,368
Eugene Springfield Community Orchestra, Eugene: \$2,368
Florence Regional Arts Alliance, Florence: \$2,368
Free Shakespeare in the Park Theatre Company, Eugene: \$2,368
Integrated Arts (DBA Harmonic Laboratory), Eugene: \$2,368
Mid-Valley Productions, Albany: \$2,368
New Zone Gallery, Eugene: \$2,368
Oregon Brass Society, Eugene: \$2,368
Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival Association, Newport: \$2,368
Rose Women's Choir, Eugene: \$2,368
Pacific International Choral Festivals, Eugene: \$2,368
Santiam Hearts to Arts, Mill City: \$2,368
Scandinavian Cultural Foundation, Junction City: \$2,368
Soromundi Lesbian Chorus of Eugene, Eugene: \$2,368
Tri-County Performing Arts Inc aka Generations Arts Academy, Harrisburg: \$2,368
Willamette Valley Symphony, Albany: \$2,368
Women's Choral Society, Springfield: \$2,368

Group B

Adventure! Children's Museum, Eugene: \$5,000
Arts & Culture Project dba Radiant Arts, Eugene: \$5,000
Ballet Fantastique, Eugene: \$6,051
Chamber Music Amici, Eugene: \$5,000
Community Center for the Performing Arts, Eugene: \$6,062
Comunidad y Herencia Cultural, Springfield: \$5,000
Corvallis Arts Center Inc., Corvallis: \$5,916
Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center, Corvallis: \$5,000
Corvallis Youth Symphony Association, Corvallis: \$5,000
Cottage Theatre, Cottage Grove: \$5,423
Eugene Ballet Company, Eugene: \$11,832
Eugene Concert Choir Inc, Eugene: \$5,916
Eugene Opera, Eugene: \$5,916
Eugene Springfield Youth Orchestras, Eugene: \$5,423
Eugene Symphony Association Inc., Eugene: \$11,832
Instaballet, Eugene: \$5,000
Joint Forces Dance Company, Eugene: \$5,000
Lane Arts Council, Eugene: \$8,140
Materials Exchange Center for Community Arts, Eugene: \$5,916
Maude I. Kerns Art Center, Eugene: \$5,423
Maxtivity, Philomath: \$5,000
Neskowin Coast Foundation aka Sitka Center for Art and Ecology, Otis: \$8,213
Orchestra Next, Eugene: \$5,000
Oregon Coast Council for the Arts, Newport: \$7,465
Oregon Contemporary Theatre, Eugene: \$6,042
Oregon Mozart Players, Eugene: \$5,000
Polly Plumb Productions, Yachats: \$5,000
Shedd Institute for the Arts, The John G., Eugene: \$11,832

Siletz Bay Music Festival, Lincoln City: \$5,000
University of Oregon – Oregon Bach Festival, Eugene: \$10,627
Willamette Jazz Society, Eugene: \$5,000
Wordcrafters in Eugene, Eugene: \$5,000
South Valley/Mid Coast total: \$259,861

Grant category key:

Group A organizations operate with annual expenses less than \$150,000.

Group B organizations operate with annual expenses equal to or greater than \$150,000.

Region and counties key:

Central (Jefferson, Deschutes and Crook Counties)

Greater Eastern North (Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler and Grant Counties)

Greater Eastern South (Harney and Malheur Counties)

Portland Metro (Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties)

Mid-Valley (Yamhill, Polk and Marion Counties)

North Central (Hood River, Wasco and Sherman Counties)

North Coast (Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook Counties)

Northeast (Wallowa, Union and Baker Counties)

South Central (Klamath and Lake Counties)

South Coast (Douglas, Coos and Curry Counties)

South Valley/Mid-Coast (Lincoln, Benton, Linn and Lane Counties)

Southern (Josephine and Jackson Counties)

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The Oregon Arts 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 Business Oregon (formerly Oregon 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.

The Arts Commission is supported with general funds appropriated by the Oregon legislature and with federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts as well as funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust. More information about the Oregon Arts Commission is available online at artscommission.oregon.gov.