



## **Linn County Cultural Coalition 2017 Grant**

The Linn County Cultural Coalition (LCCC) is soliciting competitive grant proposals for projects which would promote and improve access to the arts, historical/heritage, and humanities activities in Linn County. The LCCC has approximately **\$17,000** to allocate for grants in this funding cycle.

The Linn County Cultural Coalition is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization affiliated with the Oregon State Cultural Trust, which is an innovative state wide organization established to promote and strengthen cultural activities in Oregon. The State Cultural Trust is endeavoring to build a \$200 million endowment that will provide a stable funding source for art, heritage and humanities interests around Oregon. The Trust supports cultural communities through a variety of grant streams, including funds for cultural coalitions in all 36 Oregon counties and nine federally-recognized tribes.

Locally in Linn County this funding has helped to support historic events and research such as: the Pioneer Association-Village of Learning in Brownsville, the Lebanon Community Foundation-Star Spangled Celebration, Santiam Hearts to Arts- Poetry & Art Contest & Gallery and the “Procession of the Species,” Children Program in Albany. Local Cultural Coalition funds have also been used to make improvements at the Harrisburg Museum and to purchase sound equipment for cultural events in Scio.

If you belong to a Cultural organization that has a project which would meet the goals of the Linn County Cultural Coalition, we encourage you to apply for funds through our next grant funding program; details are described below. The Linn County Cultural Coalition is also looking for dedicated individuals to serve on the Coalition’s Board and promote the culture activities of Linn County.

The Linn County Cultural Coalition’s goal is to promote and protect the cultural activities and assets of Linn County. Ultimately the Coalition, “Envisions a county with access to its rich and diverse arts, humanities, and historical heritage, a heritage which celebrates community pride and individuality.”

As a result, the funding priority will be to disseminate funds in as many communities in Linn County as possible.

### **How to Apply**

Copies of the grant application and the Linn County Cultural Plan can be found at: [www.linnculture.org](http://www.linnculture.org) or you can request a copy by contacting Brian Carroll at (541) 967-3917 or [bcarroll@co.linn.or.us](mailto:bcarroll@co.linn.or.us). Grant applications can be also be picked up in Sweet Home at the New Era Office 1313 Main St., Sweet Home, OR 97386

Application should be mailed to: Brian Carroll/Linn County Cultural Coalition, PO Box 69, Albany, OR 97321-0020 or they can be dropped off at the Linn County Parks office 3010 Ferry St SW, Albany or they can be also dropped off in Sweet Home at the New Era Office 1313 Main St., Sweet Home, OR 97386. **Grants must be received by February 17, 2017 by 5:00 PM.** The Coalition will review the proposals and make funding decisions in March, 2017.

Grants are typically awarded in the range of \$250 to \$2,500. Project must be completed by December 2016. Exception will be considered on a case by case basis. **Applicants should be aware that projects may not be awarded the full amount requested. Historically, the majority of past grant awards have not exceeded \$1,000.**

### **Guidelines**

The Linn County Cultural Coalition will award grants, as funds are available, on a competitive basis to incorporated nonprofit organizations qualifying as tax-exempt organizations under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3) or those unincorporated groups or individuals who are sponsored by a tax exempt organization or local unit of government for the purpose of the grant proposal. The Linn County Cultural Coalition will assess proposals based on whether they address one or both of the following criteria:

- Fulfill one or more of the priorities established in the Linn County Cultural Plan.
- Result in a demonstrable benefit to the residents of and visitors to Linn County.

Proposals must be submitted and signed by an authorized officer of a sponsoring Non Profit organization; Organizations or individuals who do not have their own tax exempt status can be sponsored by a 501(c)3 tax exempt nonprofit organization. Proposals must address culture—the arts, historical/heritage, and/or humanities—in Linn County and must reflect the priorities of the Linn County Cultural Plan to:

- Increase Public Awareness of Cultural Resources
- Encourage Collaboration within and between Cultural Disciplines
- Enhance Funding and Access to Art, Heritage, and Humanities Activities
- Create a Lifelong Spectrum of Cultural Education Opportunities for all County Residents

### **Oregon State Cultural Trust Grant Opportunity**

The Oregon State Cultural Trust (OCT) has additional grant funds available through a state wide competitive grant program. Linn County cultural organizations interested in applying for the OCT funding should contact the OCT at 503-986-0088, email: [cultural.trust@state.or.us](mailto:cultural.trust@state.or.us) or visit [www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org) for further information.