

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-47

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION FOR 2015 BLOCK GRANT FUNDING.

WHEREAS, the City has received notice from the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission of award of grant funds through their Calendar Year 2015 New Jersey State Council on the Arts Block Grant in the amount of \$1,320.00, pursuant to the City's request for funding to support an arts program at the Vineland Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, said grant will be supplemented by a minimum of \$1,320.00 in matching funds in the City's Calendar Year 2015 Budget; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Vineland to accept said grant award; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vineland as follows:

1. THAT the Mayor and City Comptroller of the City of Vineland be and the same are hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and such other related documents as required with the County of Cumberland Cultural and Heritage Commission for participation in the Calendar Year 2015 New Jersey State Council on the Arts block grant opportunity.
2. THAT the City of Vineland agrees to undertake its obligations under the grant agreement.

Adopted:

President of Council

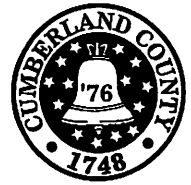
ATTEST:

City Clerk



Kimberly E. Wood
Deputy County Administrator

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
790 EAST COMMERCE STREET
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Robert G. Brewer P.P., AICP
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January 2, 2015

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Dear Greg:

The Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission is pleased to inform you that Your organization has been awarded a grant for calendar year 2015 (January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015). The amount of your award is **\$1,320.00**.

This grant review round was very competitive. Over \$168,000 was requested for cultural programming by Cumberland County nonprofit agencies. The Commission had a re-grant budget of \$100,000.00 to satisfy the grant requests. The Grants Review Panel had a difficult assignment and they completed it well.

The Cultural and Heritage Commission strives to ensure a fair and thorough evaluation process. Each application is carefully evaluated by an independent grants review panel against standard criteria. Enclosed please find a copy of the consensus panel comments on your application. They are offered in order to help all applicants understand the strengths and weaknesses of the application as viewed by all members of the independent panel that evaluated it. We urge all applicants, regardless of the Commission's specific funding action, to thoroughly review the comments and to use them for the benefit of the organization and any subsequent applications for funding.

The Cultural and Heritage Commission recognizes the possibility that an error can be made. This is why the Commission maintains an appeals process. An appeal must be solely based on the premise and ability to demonstrate that the application **as submitted** was misinterpreted by the panel that evaluated it. If you believe, based on the panel comments, that your application was misunderstood or misinterpreted you may file an appeal. The appeal must be requested in writing by January 30th. Please include your panel comments highlighted where you believe the application was misinterpreted. Please address those appeals to my attention. Please be advised, that **no new information can be submitted** for review, the appeal will be based solely on what was originally submitted. All appeals will be reviewed by the independent panel. A determination will be returned to you on or before February 28, 2015.

If you are satisfied with the award stated above, please complete the enclosed contract and mail it back to me. Your voucher for the first 75% of your grant is also enclosed. Contracts and vouchers received by February 1 will be processed for payment in February. As a continuing component to the contract, please find enclosed an ADA Compliance Rider which must be completed and returned with the signed contract.

Please pay particular attention to the Publicity Agreement (Attachment B of the contract). It is very important that all conditions set in this agreement are completed. Given the reduction in available grant funding from all sources, it is more important than ever that the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the County Cultural & Heritage Commission receive the proper acknowledgments.

Additionally, individual members of the Cultural & Heritage Commission have been selected to serve as liaisons with our re-grantees. This effort will increase the interaction between the Commission and its re-grantees, thereby improving communication and collaborative efforts. Your organization's Commission liaison for 2014 will be identified under separate cover, and it is recommended that you include him or her in your activities throughout the year.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. On behalf of the Cultural & Heritage Commission and the Board of Chosen Freeholders I would like to congratulate you on your successful grant application. I look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Respectfully,



Matthew E. Pisarski, AICP, PP
Assistant Planning Director
Cultural and Heritage Coordinator

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Senior Center Narrative

Vineland Senior Center Arts Program

January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

The grant money provided by the Cultural & Heritage Commission has continued to encourage socialization and a positive increase in the number of participants at the Vineland Senior Center.

In pursuit of our goal to always provide interesting, fun activities for our participants, it goes without saying that this funding was paramount to the continuation of our success. As was earlier noted, there was a wide variety of craft projects completed, from wreaths to centerpieces, plaques, aprons, etc. (a photo collage of classes is included).

The ending projects for our classes revolve around the Christmas holidays, which included a center-piece project to be displayed on the tables at our annual Senior Holiday Luncheon. It is our intention to continue to utilize the funding for the upcoming fiscal year to continue with some new and different challenges for our group. Our group has continued to grow, and with each completed project, the participants grow more involved and excited about their next projected pursuit. The only change in or use of funds was to allot a \$100 stipend to reimburse our instructor for, not only her time, but her gas expenses as she spends a lot of her time shopping for supplies to accommodate the needs for the class.

Classes were usually held every other week at the Vineland Senior Center, 103 S. Sixth Street, Vineland, NJ 08360. We found that the twice a month schedule worked well with the budget available to us. Photographs from the events are enclosed in accordance with the grant requirements. The photographs were taken by Mary Barner, Project Director and Marie Griffin, who coordinated the events.

3/31/14 - Wreath Making

Straw rings with silk floral pieces and ribbons.

4/14/14 - Jewelry Making

Beads, cording and accessories.

4/28/14 - Candle Decorating

Tall solid white pillar candles, jeweled embellishments, ric-rac, ribbon.

5/5/14 - Clay Pot Decorating

Paints and embellishments.

5/19/14 - Acrylic Trinket Boxes

Decorating with special strains, butterflies and firefly designs on the lids.

6/16/14 - Summer Scene Art on Wood Plaques

Seashells, sand and paints.

6/30/14 - Patriotic Clothespin Wreaths

Embroidery hoops, wooden clothespins, acrylic paints and an American flag style bow.

7/14/14 - Summer Hat Decorating

Floppy hats with silk flowers and embellishments.

8/11/14 - Aprons

Fabric/canvas full aprons with iron-on personalized lettering, trimmings, jewelry/pins and embellishments.

8/25/14 - Fall Glass Scarecrows

Quart-sized mason jars, acrylic paints, small (handmade) straw hats, silk flowers, ribbons, wood beads, etc.

9/8/14 - Desktop Note Holders

CD/DVD discs, heavy utility wire, glitter, Styrofoam balls and paints.

9/29/14 - Fall Pumpkin Centerpieces

Glass plates, glass candlestick holders, fall ribbons, fall silk leaves, pinecones, artificial pumpkins and gourds, paints and glitter.

10/20/14 - Tabletop Messenger Center

Little houses made from thick foam board and cork, paints and embellishments.

11/3/14 - Gingerbread People Cut-Outs

Cut-outs made from thick cardboard and decorated with paint pens and super tacky glue with ribbons, felt ric-rac and assorted embellishments.

11/24/14 - Edible Christmas Trees

Medium sized Styrofoam cone shapes, inserting toothpicks throughout, adding red (cherry flavored) and green (lime flavored) jellied candy bells to each pick, and topping it off with a festive glitter star.

12/1/14 - Festive Winter Scene

Pint sized mason jars, miniature figures, holiday style embellishment, fake snow, silk floral pieces, mini pinecones, ribbons, glitter, etc.

12/1/14 - Snowman Jar Topper

Styrofoam balls, special paint markers, goofy eyes, construction paper stovetop hat, ribbon and real tree branches for arms.











