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### ***SPRINGFIELD ARTS COMMISSION INCREASES GRANT BUDGET***

*Heritage Arts Grant application deadline extended to November 22 for projects contributing to arts and culture in the city*

The **Springfield Arts Commission** (SAC) has revamped its Heritage Arts Grant program and nearly doubled the amount of grant funds available for the 2017 fiscal year. A total of \$4,500 will be awarded in two cycles-- fall and spring—to Lane County applicants for projects based in Springfield.

“The Springfield Arts Commission is thrilled to unveil the changes we have made to the Heritage Arts Grant Program,” said Kim Lyddane, SAC chair. “The significant increase in the amount of money we are able to offer builds our capacity to support the arts in our city. Just as important are the changes we have made to the application process that clarify the program goals, to ensure that opportunities are available to a wider range of applicants, and that awarded projects engage diverse populations and encourage greater partnership among artists, residents, tourists, businesses, and organizations to preserve and celebrate the culture of our city.”

The new application and guidelines may be found on the Springfield Arts Commission website at [http://www.springfieldartscommission.org/heritage\\_grants.html](http://www.springfieldartscommission.org/heritage_grants.html)

**The deadline for the fall grant cycle has been extended to 5 p.m., Tuesday, November 22, 2016.**

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