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Music is Instrumental receives \$10,000 grant from Oregon Arts Commission (Oct 9, 2019 /Updated Oct 10, 2019)



Leader of the Band: Taft 7-12 High School Music Program Director Mike Freel conducts a class with the school's jazz band. Jeremy C. Ruark / The News Guard

The Oregon Arts Commission recently announced that 19 arts organizations will receive a \$10,000 grant. Among them was the Lincoln City nonprofit, Music is Instrumental. The grant awards are used to support each program's educational projects in Oregon schools, all together totaling in \$190,000.

“We are delighted by the creativity and collaboration behind this year’s applications, and are confident that the education of students around the state will be enriched as a result,” said Arts Commissioner Michael Dalton, who chaired the review panel. “The variety of funded projects demonstrates the capacity in which the arts can help students learn.”

Arts Learning grants are designed to: support high-quality projects that provide a responsive opportunity for learning in and through the arts to benefit K-12 students; foster exchange of knowledge between artists and educators; and impact the achievement, skills and/or attitudes of learners.

Applications were evaluated based on project quality and responsiveness, project support and project impact.

Music is Instrumental set a goal of giving all students access to music from kindergarten through 12th grade. This year they have achieved that goal by providing almost 1,200 students in Lincoln City with instruments. The program spent \$64,926 on 82 instruments, technology, supplies, repairs and technician time.

The Oregon Arts Commission grant will be used to support 333 hours of music instruction from expert technicians (retired musicians/educators) for K-12 students at three Lincoln City schools.

About the Oregon Arts Commission

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: www.oregonartscommission.org.