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FREEHOLDERS AWARD ARTS GRANTS TO LOCAL GROUPS

Ten Organizations Share \$37,000 In State Dollars

A cross-section of local non-profit arts organizations and non-profit groups that showcase the arts – ranging from community theater groups to sponsors of art exhibits – today were awarded \$37,000 in grant funding by the Burlington County Freeholders.

The grants, which require matching funds from the recipients, are part of a \$80,842 grant from the N.J. State Council on the Arts. The remaining portion is used by the County's Parks Department to promote and sponsor such County events as the annual Teen Arts Program and the Arts in the Park event.

The grants, ranging from \$5,000 to \$2,000, were awarded to 10 organizations on the recommendations of a "peer panel," or experts from the arts, that evaluated applications. The grants are given in accordance with funding guidelines lines handed down by the State.

"Comparatively speaking, these are not huge awards, but they do provide support to local organizations that scramble to put together working resources, and that rely heavily on dedicated volunteers," said Freeholder Director Bruce Garganio.

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A list of recipients, including the activity or project, and the dollar amount of each award, follows:

Bridge Players Theater Company – Community Theater, General Operating Support, \$4,000;

Burlington County College – Special Art Project, First Night, \$2,000;

Center for the Arts of Southern New Jersey – Special Art Project, Arts Center & Art Exhibits, \$4,000

Friends of Medford Art Council -- Arts Center, General Operating Support, \$5,000

Golden Eagle Community Band -- Special Arts Project, Concert Series, \$4,000

Main Street Mount Holly – Special Arts Project, Mural Project, \$4,000

Moorestown Theater Company – Community Theater Company, Special Arts Project, \$2,000

Philharmonic of Southern New Jersey – Special Arts Project, Community Symphony Orchestra, \$2,000

Servicios Latinos -- Special Arts Project, Latino Celebration, \$5,000

Whitesbog Preservation Trust -- Special Arts Project, Blueberry Centennial Celebration, \$5,000.

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