

**Nevada Arts Council
FY17 Fourth Quarter Jackpot Grant Recommendations**

Jackpot Quarterly Grants of up to \$1,000 are designed to support first-time or sudden opportunity arts and arts learning/education projects initiated by artists, teaching artists, schools, nonprofit organizations and public institutions.

Twelve applications were submitted for the FY17 Fourth Quarter Jackpot Grants. A panel of specialists reviewed and scored the 12 applications from 10 artists and two arts organizations requesting support for projects and activities scheduled to occur between April 1 and June 30, 2017.

The panel reviewed application narratives and required support materials using the GO™ system, and met via conference call to discuss and score applications. The Jackpot Grant Scoring Rubric now allows for Creation, Public Project, Organizations and Arts Learning scoring on Jackpot grants. This removes differences in overall scores for the Jackpot Grant applications regardless of project type as all are scored out of 100 possible points.

The panel scores resulted in an overall funding recommendation of \$8,477 with available funding for the quarter of \$10,000. No application scores were below the 60% threshold for no funding established by the board. The panel unanimously recommended funding the three applicants scoring above 90 at 100 percent and funding the remaining 9 applicants at a 0.68% overall increase. One applicant withdrew post panel review, leaving the recommended funding at \$9,088.

PANEL RECOMMENDATION FUNDING SCENARIO

Recommended for Funding

Keely Cobb, Carson City (Carson) - Requested \$1000 to support artists and materials for a self-produced theatre and dance performance titled "Relations." This project is an evening-length theatre and dance performance at the Potentialist Workshop in Reno and will be performed by a cast of six professional Reno-based dancers. The show will run April 27-29, 2017.

Average Score: 82.3% Recommended Funding: \$879

Pierette Kulpa, Reno (Washoe County) - Requested \$1000 to support travel costs associated to visit Galleria Persano in Turin, Italy for the applicant to develop a "Pistoletto Project". The project is a study of the piece L'etrusco which bridges two major areas of Pistoletto's output: his mirror paintings and his copies of famous historical sculptures. The findings will be presented at the American Association of Italian Studies Conference in Columbus, Ohio and in a workshop at Sierra Nevada College where the applicant is an adjunct professor.

Average Score: 89% Recommended Funding: \$951

Wendy Kveck, Las Vegas (Clark County) - Requested \$1000 to support an artist panel entitled "The Artist as Culture Producer: Living and Sustaining a Creative Life" scheduled for April 10, 2017 at the Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art. The panel features a diverse group of visual artists to discuss the role and impact of visual artists as culture-producers in their extended communities. The panel is headlined by Minneapolis-based artist Sharon Loudon and titled after her second book. She is joined by Brooklyn-based artist Clarity Haynes and Las Vegas-based artists Andreana Donahue, Justin Favela and Wendy Kveck. The grant would support panel, artist and travel fees.

Average Score: 92% Recommended Funding: \$1,000

Linda Lister, Las Vegas (Clark County) – Requested \$400 to support marketing and artist fees for a “Hamlet Festival” a new inter-disciplinary literary and musical festival honoring Shakespeare’s Hamlet at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Running from May 1-6, 2017 the festival features lectures from professors of English and theatre as well as a lecture recital, an art song recital, and the world premiere of a new English translation of Ambroise Thomas’ French opera Hamlet.

Average Score: 86.3% Recommended Funding: \$369

Metro Arts Council, Henderson (Clark County) – Requested \$1000 to support the costs to photograph and document art in public spaces in Clark County. This request is for Phase 1 of the project, which will research and photograph the public art in Clark County and prepare the images for transfer to a digital map. The photographs will be used in the development of a digital map of these public artworks to be completed in Phase 2.

Average Score: 75% Recommended Funding: \$801

Restless Artist’s Theatre, Sparks (Washoe County) - Requested \$1000 to support material fees for a production of “A Behanding in Spokane.” This original play by Martin McDonagh will open at Restless Artist’s Theatre on May 5, 2017 for an 11 performance run. A Behanding in Spokane’s rights are held by Dramatists Play Service, and for 11 performances, the rights will cost \$1,100.

Average Score: 87% Recommended Funding: \$929

Deon Reynolds, Eureka (Eureka County) - Requested \$1000 to support the costs associated with his photographic essay of contemporary cowboys working in the Great Basin. The applicant will travel to rural Nevada ranches to capture traditional spring buckaroo ranching activities. Funding will support material acquisition of black and white film and film processing.

Average Score: 87% Recommended Funding: \$929

Eugene Shapiro, Henderson (Clark County) - Requested \$500 to support the applicant’s concert presentation during the International Jazz Day Celebrations with his Jazz Quartet the Shapiro Project. The event will take place on April 30, 2017 at the West Las Vegas Library. It will feature playing and presenting information on jazz artists including John Coltrane, Wes Montgomery, and Horace Silver as well as original jazz compositions.

Average Score: 91.7% Recommended Funding: \$500

Beverly Smith, Las Vegas (Clark County) - Requested \$950 to retain a consultation to assist in the publication of the applicant’s collection of short stories. The applicant seeks to collaborate with Ms. Binnie Wilkin a renowned librarian and storyteller to improve her short stories for eventual publication. The collaboration will include creative sessions, editing sessions, and strategic planning.

Average Score: 80.3% Recommended Funding: \$815

Suzanne Williams, Reno (Washoe County) - Requested \$1000 to support travel to New England for the applicant to engage in research for her historical novel, “No Saints, No Heroes.”

Average Score: 93% Recommended Funding: \$1,000

Luke Witosky, Reno (Washoe County) - Requested \$1000 to support material fees for the creation of a contemporary Native American ceremonial vest that will be the embodiment of the applicant’s relationship to his heritage. As a Cherokee citizen, this heritage exists in solidarity with the plight of native people’s rights from criminal acts and exploitation of their sovereignty. This piece will be homage to the old Cherokee Legend of Two Wolves.

Average Score: 85.7% Recommended Funding: \$915

Withdrawn by Applicant

Evan Pellegrini, Yerington (Lyon County) - requested \$1000 to support the costs associated with frame a collection of the applicant's artwork.

Average Score: 77.7% Recommended Funding: \$0