

Freeholders give arts grants to 17 groups in county

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MOUNT HOLLY — The Burlington County Board of Freeholders awarded state grants yesterday to 17 organizations that provide art, music and other cultural activities in the county.

The grants ranged from \$300 to \$5,000, and will help fund a wide range of activities, including a Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Burlington County arts program and the jazz festival held every year in Willingboro.

The freeholders approved the distribution of funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts during their morning public business meeting. The board discussed grant applications that were recommended by the county's Cultural and Heritage Advisory Committee during a closed session.

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The following is a list of the 2006 grant recipients:

Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Burlington County, \$1,483 to fund a weekly arts program.

Bridge Players Theatre Company, \$5,000 for general operating costs.

Burlington City High School Band Boosters, \$3,600 for the Riverfront Jazz Festival.

Burlington County College Liberal Arts Division, \$2,500 for the college sculpture garden.

Burlington County Footlighters, \$5,000 for general operating costs.

Center for the Arts in Southern New Jersey, \$5,000 for general operating costs.

Golden Eagle Community Band, \$5,000 for general operating costs.

H.B. Smith Conservancy,

\$5,000 for mystery theater program.

Hainesport Township, \$1,483 for expansion of arts program.

Medford Township Cultural Arts Commission, \$5,000 for Visions of the Pines art program.

Mount Holly Library, \$2,000 for children's art project.

Moorestown Arts Advocacy Council, \$1,483 for Shakespeare Youth Project.

Moorestown School of Music, \$300 for a guest musician.

Moorestown Theater Company, \$2,500 for general operating costs.

Mill Race Village Arts, \$1,483 for children's art classes.

Whitesbog Preservation Trust, \$5,000 for annual blueberry festival.

Willingboro Township, \$5,000 for annual jazz festival.