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Edmonds Diversity Commission Offers Small Grants

Community Projects that Promote Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Sought for Funding

(Edmonds, WA) - The City of Edmonds Diversity Commission is announcing the opening the application period for the first round of 2018 grant awards. The Commission's small grants program is aimed at harnessing the power and enthusiasm of the local community by providing funding to help make possible community programs, events and/or activities that engage, educate or involve the Edmonds community in ways that promote diversity, equity and inclusion.

Local not-for-profit groups, agencies, organizations or individuals are encouraged to apply for small grants of up to \$500.

Grant applications may be submitted until 5pm, Friday, November 17, 2017 to Cindi Cruz, 151 5th Avenue North, Edmonds, WA 98020 or by email to cindi.cruz@edmondswa.gov. Questions regarding the program guidelines and application process may also be sent to that email address.

Grant applications will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Commission, who will provide recommendations at the December meeting, when grant award(s) will be made. Award

recipients will be contacted as soon as possible after Commission's decision in order to allow the recipients to proceed with the planning and production of their projects.

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Projects must fulfill one of the stated "Purposes of the Grants Program"
- Projects must be located or take place within the City of Edmonds or must be proven to directly engage the Edmonds community (if located beyond the City limits)
- Projects must not duplicate or supplant existing programs, events or activities
- While official nonprofit status is not required, grant recipients may not be for-profit entities
- Applicants must demonstrate how any grant monies will leverage other cash or in-kind contributions
- Projects must be completed within six months upon approval of grant award
- Recipients must include acknowledgement of funding from the Edmonds Diversity Commission, including use of its logo, on all printed or e-materials

Eligible types of projects include such things as:

- Speakers
- Films
- Discussion groups
- Readings
- Performance
- Community gatherings
- Installations

Funds may be used for the promotion and/or production of the project, but may not be used for salaries; permanent capital acquisitions; or food, drink, prizes or other give-aways.

"By leveraging the creativity and energy of local resources," stated Diversity Commission Co-Chair Ed Dorame, "we hope to extend the reach of the Commission's mission and program more broadly throughout our community."

For more information about the Diversity Commission small grants program, feel free to contact Cindi Cruz at cindi.cruz@edmondswa.gov.

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