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FY2019 Maryland Traditions Project Grant recommendations

Maryland Traditions is a program of Maryland State Arts Council with funding from the Folk Arts Infrastructure initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts. The mission of Maryland Traditions is to identify, document, support, and present folklife, or living cultural traditions.

The Maryland Traditions Project Grant supports research and programming that complements the mission of Maryland Traditions. Eligible applicants are Maryland-incorporated nonprofit organizations. Colleges, universities, and units of government also may apply.

The FY2019 Maryland Traditions Project Grant panel consisted of five folklife experts: Lisa Gilman, PhD, of the University of Oregon; Jackson Medel of the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art at Salisbury University; Rico Newman, retired from the National Museum of the American Indian; Barry Lee Pearson, PhD, of the University of Maryland, College Park; and Raynetta Wiggins, an independent scholar. Together, they reviewed Project Grant applications based on the following criteria:

- Engagement with folklife
- Artistic and cultural significance
- Quality of project design
- Logistical and financial feasibility
- Community impact

Project Grant funding will support activities taking place between July 2018 and June 2019. At the conclusion of the funding period, organizations will submit a final report summarizing their work. Project Grant amounts vary depending on individual project budgets and available funding, but they may not be less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000. This funding is given in a single disbursement and must be spent on research or programming taking place in Maryland.

Of the twenty-two applications received, six were recommended for funding at some level. The total grant amount proposed for FY19 is \$25,000, which is level with the total amount disbursed in FY18.

Organization	County	Project description	Funding recommendation
Creative Alliance	Baltimore City	Multimedia oral history project mapping elder musicians' stories of music culture and landmarks in Baltimore	\$4,000
Crisfield Heritage Foundation	Somerset	Maritime demonstrations, storytelling, and music at Dock Day By the Bay festival	\$5,000
Lithuanian Hall Association	Baltimore City	Folk arts programming at Baltimore-Lithuanian Festival	\$5,000
New Media Studio	Baltimore	Documentary on maker of instruments for folk musicians	\$2,125
The Peale Center	Baltimore City	Filmed oral history project focused on stories of school segregation in Baltimore	\$4,000
Sandy Spring Museum	Montgomery County	Digitization of Armenian dance recordings followed by archival and performance activities	\$4,875
Total funding recommendation:			\$25,000
<i>Total FY18 funding recommendation, for reference:</i>			\$25,000