

Community Foundation awards \$75,840 in Discretionary Grants and \$38,000 in After School Program Fund Grants

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - The Grays Harbor Community Foundation has announced they will invest \$75,840 into the community through their third quarter discretionary grants cycle. The Foundation has been a resource to Grays Harbor County non-profits by offering a quarterly discretionary grants cycle, and this quarter, the Foundation awarded 11 grants that totaled \$75,840 in discretionary funding. "This is the largest discretionary grants cycle, in terms of number of applications" Program Officer Cassie Lentz said, "We were pleased to see the breadth of programs and projects that were seeking funding, from all corners of our county and beyond." The organizations that were funded through this discretionary grants cycle include: Associated Arts of Ocean Shores for Art Supplies for North Beach Schools; Child Care Action Council for "Raising a Reader" program; Grays Harbor College Foundation for Food and Textbook support for the TRiO Program; Grays Harbor County Public Health Department for a Garden and Youth Development Program; Hope From Horses for the Purchase of Safety Equipment; Montesano Community Education for Capacity Building, Printing, Mailing and Promotion; Ocean Shores Food Bank for Renovation for Efficient Distribution; Our Aberdeen for the Mural Restoration Program; Pacific Education Institute for their FieldSTEM program; Washington Nonprofits for Plan Builders; and YMCA of Grays Harbor for an Early Learning Readiness Program. Dr. Dave Westby, chair of the Grants Committee noted the variety of applications. "We make it a priority to reach out to all areas of the county and all types of organizations to let them know about opportunities to partner with us, and we are excited to see our outreach is attracting great programs and projects that allow us to work together to strengthen our community."

The Grays Harbor Community Foundation was also able to award \$38,000 to five After School Programs here on the Harbor through a designated fund set up specifically for that benefit. Supported programs included: Central Park School, Hoquiam School District for the Hoquiam Middle School, McCleary School District, Montesano Community Outreach, and YMCA of Grays Harbor for Harbor After School Program sites in Elma and McCleary. Grays Harbor Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization with a mission "to improve the quality of life in the communities throughout Grays Harbor County." This is accomplished through many projects and processes that work through or in support of other non-profit organizations, including a quarterly discretionary grants cycle with applications accepted on the first business day of January, April, July and October. Tax deductible donations may be made to: Grays Harbor Community Foundation, P.O. Box 615, Hoquiam, WA 98550 You may find out more by checking the foundation website: www.gh-cf.org or you may contact the Foundation staff at 532-1600 or by e-mail at: info@gh-cf.org.