



# City of Tigard Press Release

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## **City of Tigard Awarded Coveted National Endowment for the Arts Grant**

*Tigard, Oregon*-- National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Chairman Jane Chu announced 60 awards totaling \$4.1 million supporting projects across the nation through the NEA's Our Town program. The City of Tigard is one of 60 recommended organizations for a grant of \$75,000 to add interpretative elements and artworks as part of an Outdoor Museum along the Tigard Street Heritage Trail.

"The variety and quality of these Our Town projects speaks to the wealth of creativity and diversity in our country," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. "Through the work of organizations such as the City of Tigard, NEA funding invests in local communities, helping people celebrate the arts wherever they are."

The NEA grant will fund two types of artworks as part of this project, three large public artworks that will be selected by a jury, and a number of smaller interpretative art pieces that will developed and created by Principal Artist Suenn Ho, the primary designer behind the Garden of Surging Waves project in Astoria.

The larger works will incorporate historic narratives into thought provoking pieces about our shared history and future.

"Our project, **Tigard's Outdoor Museum**, is a crucial next step in the revitalization and reimagining of our downtown," said Tigard Mayor John L. Cook. "The museum will serve to anchor visitors in time and place, interpret our region's rich history through art, and provide an opportunity to consider a future of possibilities. The project will artistically weave together our many stories using the common yarn of rail history."

For a complete list of projects recommended for Our Town grant support, please visit the NEA web site at [arts.gov](http://arts.gov).

To join the Twitter conversation about this announcement, please tag the NEA [@NEAarts](https://twitter.com/NEAarts) and use the hashtag **#NEASpring18**.

Valuable support for this project was provided by Mayor John Cook, Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Merkley, and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici.

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