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Neighborhood Matching Grant Cycle Now Open

Neighborhood Services has opened the 2013 cycle for the Neighborhood Matching Grants program with \$30,000 in funding. Matching grants are intended to encourage residents to work collaboratively to identify and work on neighborhood improvements and community-building projects. Project ideas include, but aren't limited to:



- Physical improvement projects that involve recreation and public safety facilities, natural resource features, public art and spaces, and community gardens
- Public school partnership projects that benefit school children and the immediate neighborhood
- Neighborhood-based events and celebrations
- Capacity-building initiatives that serve to create, diversify, or increase participation in the organizations
- Outreach, research, education and organizing projects that address planning-related topics such as transportation (pedestrian or cyclist safety), land use (neighborhood or area planning) and public safety (disaster planning, neighborhood mapping, neighborhood safety)

Grant [application](#) and [guidelines](#) are located online at <http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?NID=534>. Key dates in the application process are:

- *Applications due for required pre-review – Monday, October 15, 2012*
- *Final applications due – Monday, January 14, 2013*
- *Funding available for selected projects - spring 2013*

For more information, contact Cindy Clarke, Neighborhood Services in the City Manager's Office, at 541-682-5272 or cindy.j.clarke@ci.eugene.or.us.

Food for Body and Spirit for Seniors and Caregivers at Eugene Public Library

The Eugene Public Library's partnership with the Successful Aging Institute at Lane Community College continues this summer with free talks on a variety of topics to inform and support seniors and those who work with them.

Chef and educator David Ferris talks about delivering "Delicious Nutrition on a Tight Budget" on Tuesday, July 31, at 6 p.m., at the Downtown Library. Learn from a master with decades of experience preparing exquisite yet inexpensive meals for cruise ships and retirement centers. He will share tips for low-cost shopping as well as for preparation of dishes for older adults and others with special diets.

At "Laughter: A Professional Caregiver's Best Tool," with Leigh Anne Jasheway, discover new ways to tap into humor to avoid burnout and feel happier and more productive on the job. This fun and informative talk will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 6 p.m., at the Downtown Library.

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316 or www.eugene-or.gov/library.

Popular Art Classes Offer Many Benefits

Visual, performance and textile art classes offered by Recreation Services are popular year-round and offer many benefits to patrons. There is so much demand for some classes, such as oil painting, that registration is restricted. The classes provide an opportunity for residents to learn a new skill or improve old ones, such as drawing, woodworking or pottery. In addition to classes, Recreation also offers informal opportunities for artists to use studios and equipment to work on a specific project at their own pace and to share common interests with others. For more information, go to <http://www.eugene-or.gov/recenroll>.

Other classes give artists opportunities they might not otherwise have – such as the “Plein Air at the Farm” outing that will take painters to Bush’s Produce Farm on August 15. Artists will be transported to the farm to spend the day painting scenes of peach orchards, produce or flowers.



This fall, one-time, “try-for-free” classes are offered in mixed-media and drawing so an aspiring artist can try out a class before committing to the registration fee. For more information, contact Diane Sconce at 541-682-6392 or Diane.M.Sconce@ci.eugene.or.us.