



PRESS RELEASE

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Canton's Partnership for the Arts and Humanities announces \$51,300 in grants for 2026 initiatives and programming

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities is excited to announce the awarding of 13 grants to 12 organizations/events totalling \$51,300 to foster cultural, arts, and humanities programming for the Canton community from January 1 to December 31, 2026.

2026 GRANTEES

Twelve grantees include (in alphabetical order):

88.1 THE PARK RADIO STATION

\$2,500

To help transform the studio and collaborative space.

CANTON COMMISSION FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND HERITAGE

(2 grants)

\$5,000

To bring live jazz music to our natural spaces and cultural music to our public spaces.

\$4,000

To expand the International Poetry Project by commissioning two local artists to create murals in our community.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

\$1,000

To support guest lectures.

LIFE IS A CABARET / AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

\$5,000

To support the addition of a second performance of the Life is a Cabaret musical revue at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

CANTON LEISURE SERVICES

\$7,500

To replace lighting at the Heritage Park Amphitheater Stage.

DANCE UPRISING

\$4,500

To support a dance workshop and dance concert (with a talk back) at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

\$3,000

To support two concerts of the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY LITERACY COUNCIL

\$6,000

To present four community workshops at the Village Arts Factory that blend the creativity of the arts with the joy of reading, offering interactive experiences for participants of all ages.

ROOTED VISION PHOTOGRAPHY

\$4,500

To launch a community of creatives who enjoy photography, journalism and other creative ventures. This includes monthly creative gatherings and equipment support.

SNEHASIS GANGULY AND RICHARD MUL, ACA

\$1,500

To support the 2026 Pan Asian Festival at Heritage Park.

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

\$800

To host an inclusive theatre workshop for children and adults with special needs.

VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL

\$6,000

To support a Summer Theater Intensive program.

"These thirteen grants represent the heartbeat of a thriving community—where radio waves carry new voices, stages light up with youth orchestras and musical theater, public spaces come alive with jazz and international poetry, and creative expression becomes accessible to everyone, from aspiring photographers to individuals with special needs. Together, these projects remind us that arts and culture are not luxuries—they are the threads that weave us together, transform ordinary spaces into gathering places, and ensure that every member of our community has an opportunity to create, perform, and belong," said Christopher W. Tremblay, chair of the grants committee for the Partnership for the Arts and the Humanities.

The average amount per grantee was just under \$4,000.