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REPS. COOK, WILLIS WELCOME ART GRANTS FOR TORRINGTON

State Representatives Michelle Cook (D-65th) and **Roberta Willis (D-64th)** on July 14th welcomed a total of \$80,063 in grants for Torrington from the Department of Economic & Community Development's Office of the Arts.

"I'm very pleased Torrington received these grants for the Nutmeg Conservatory and the NW Arts Council, which serves 23 towns in the Litchfield County. These two places are staples in our downtown and important to the community's future," **Rep. Cook** said. "The arts engage our minds and lift our spirits and I am very proud that these organizations received the vital resources needed to continue their work. Throughout my career, I have worked hard to ensure the arts are recognized as being a vital part of our community and I will continue to support funding for these organizations in the future."

"Bravo. As a long time board member of the Arts Council, it is personally gratifying to have their efforts recognized with this critical state support that will enable them to move ahead," **Rep. Willis** said. "The arts enrich our lives and our communities. But the arts also play a vital economic role in the NW Corner."

Torrington received the following grants:

- The Northwest Connecticut Arts Council \$35,624
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- The Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts \$9,439

The Northwest Connecticut Arts Council is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization that promotes the arts and cultural resources of Northwestern Connecticut.