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Spectators watch ice sculptor Peter Dierkes at work on a swan, right, during afternoon ice sculpture demonstrations by three artists at Grounds For Sculpture in Hamilton, New Jersey. Michael Mancuso/The Times

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TRENTON " The State Council on the Arts is awarding almost \$1.5 million in grants to art organizations and projects in Mercer County, part of \$15.6 million in grants it is giving statewide, according to a press release today.

The Council is a division of the Department of State and receives funding through the Hotel/Motel Occupancy fee and grants from the National Endowment of the Arts.

It announced the grants at its 47th annual meeting at the Lafayette Yard Hotel and Conference Center in Trenton.

In Mercer County, the Arts Council awarded the McCarter Theater Center, \$626,820; **Young Audiences of New Jersey**, \$241,276; American Boychoir School, \$147,120; Mercer County Cultural & Heritage Commission, \$92,577; Arts Council of Princeton, \$50,774; Princeton Symphony Orchestra, \$45,592; Grounds for Sculpture, \$42,964, and to the International Sculpture Center, it

gave \$34,248.

The Council also granted Princeton Girlchoir and Princeton University \$30,000 each; Passage Theater Company, \$22,092; The Princeton Festival, \$20,900; The Children's Home Society, \$19,007; Boheme Opera Company, \$17,382; People and Stories Genty Cuentos, \$16,773; Princeton Art Association trading as Artworks, \$15,000; Princeton Pro Musica, \$14,647; Plansmart, \$10,000, and Council of New Jersey Grantmakers, \$3,200.

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