



City of Bellevue | Commendation

- Whereas:** Wintergrass is a four-day annual music festival in Bellevue featuring Bluegrass and other acoustic musical styles; and
- Whereas:** The festival recently won the Washington Festivals and Events “Washington State Event of the Year” award; and
- Whereas:** Wintergrass is a reflection of Bellevue’s goal to welcome the world through different perspectives and experiences, providing an immersive experience into a unique music community with workshops, classes, performances, dances and jam sessions; and
- Whereas:** As a way to break down barriers to participating in arts and culture events, the Bellevue Arts Program awarded a competitive grant to the Wintergrass organization to provide youth education, full student scholarships, lower ticket prices for seniors and free admission for children; and
- Whereas:** The last live Wintergrass festival generated \$6.8 million in local revenue for hotels, restaurants, retail shops and more; and
- Whereas:** Making events such as Wintergrass successful requires partnerships and shared support through businesses, nonprofits, local governments and the community. Organizations such as the Washington Festivals and Events Association play a vital role in fostering the region’s arts and culture identity and directly affecting the tourism and economic development potential of our cities with unique festivals and events; and
- Whereas:** The city is proud to encourage and support the arts as a vital part of community life and we are fortunate to have such a rich cultural music event in Bellevue as well as supportive organizations to help promote and sustain these unique events.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, and on behalf of the Bellevue City Council, do, this 14th day of November, in the year 2022, hereby commend:

WINTERGRASS

for providing a positive cultural, artistic, and economic benefit to the city of Bellevue and our region by sharing the beauty and intricacy of unique musical styles and the importance of keeping them alive and well.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue