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Coming to a Library Near You... *The Essex Foundation Awards \$2500 Grant for Essex FilmFest*

Essex, CT – The Essex Foundation (TEF) has awarded a \$2500 grant to help fund the inaugural Essex FilmFest, a program sponsored by Essex Library Association (ELA) and aimed to be an annual event. The Essex Film Fest, planned for this November, will highlight a single independent filmmaker each year and include film screenings as well as in-person Q&A forums and free workshops conducted by the filmmaker. Grant funds will offset essential operating costs including filmmaker hospitality, screening fees, promotion, and event and venue operations. Tickets will be offered with flexible pricing and suggested donation in the first year.



“This is a unique event for the community,” stated ELA Executive Director Ann Thompson, “It is the brainchild of Alex Calvo, the FilmFest founder and director of programming, and unlike other regional festivals with its focus on a single filmmaker. It will draw interested people from outside our area for a weekend in Essex, and we are grateful for The Essex Foundation’s help in making it happen.”

“We are excited to support new ideas and new events that highlight the arts,” commented TEF President Strickland Hyde, “The Essex Library Association does a great job of creating programs that appeal to a broad range of interests in the community and beyond.”

The Essex Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Essex residents. It relies on donations from the community to provide funding support for a broad range of needs not met by other organizations or sources. More information can be found online at www.theessexfoundation.org or by emailing: contact@theessexfoundation.org.

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Picture Above: The Essex Foundation board members Strickland Hyde (center) and Judy Bombaci (center right) present a grant award for the upcoming inaugural Essex Film Fest to the Essex Library Association members (l-r) Alex Calvo, Ona Alpert, Alison Brinkman, Ann Thompson, and Linda Calvo (far right).