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Hull groups get \$11K for summer events from Save The Harbor

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Paragon Carousel all got “kickstarter” money from the Boston environmental group.

HULL – Three town groups have gotten a total of \$11,500 for summer programs from Boston’s Save The Harbor-Save The Bay organization.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, Hull-Nantasket Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Paragon Carousel were among 35 Boston-area groups sharing \$205,000 from environmental group’s annual Better Beaches Program.

The Lifesaving Museum is getting most of Hull’s share – \$8,000 for the museum’s annual “Harbor Illumination” and Coast Guard Day event, which is held in memory of personnel from the Life Saving Service, Coast Guard and other such services.

This year’s memorial will be held July 25 at Windemere Harbor, north of Nantasket Beach.

The Chamber of Commerce got \$2,000 for the annual “Endless Summer Waterfront Festival” along Nantasket Avenue. This year’s festival will be Sept. 19. Activities will include live music, artists’ displays, a children’s chalk art contest, and a hot dog eating contest.

The Friends of Paragon Carousel got \$1,500 for a Friday morning story time program.

The carousel group and Chamber of Commerce each got \$1,000 in 2014.

Save The Harbor’s grant money is from two sources – pledges to the group’s Harpoon Helps Cupid Splash fundraiser, and additional money from the state Department of Conservation and Recreation.

“The region’s public beaches are an extraordinary asset to the residents of Boston’s waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities from Nahant to Nantasket,” Save The Harbor spokesman Bruce Berman said.

Berman said “It was a wicked winter,” and the grants will help more than a million residents who in or near the South Shore, Boston and North Shore enjoy the outdoors this summer.