

SECTION 6 FRANKLIN COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Franklin County Neighborhood Arts program is to increase community participation in the arts throughout Franklin County. The Franklin County Neighborhood Arts program supports a variety of neighborhood and community groups with arts projects in all arts disciplines, provided they are promoted and offered to the general public.

The Franklin County Neighborhood Arts program is financially assisted by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. Views expressed by the program and its grant recipients do not necessarily represent those of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

This program is administered by GCAC's Community Arts Education Program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications are accepted periodically throughout the year:

Received by: Last business day of February

Notified by: April 15

Received by: Last business day of May

Notified by: July 15

Received by: Last business day of October

Notified by: December 15

GCAC offers application workshops for the Franklin County Neighborhood Arts grant approximately one (1) month prior to each application deadline. Current information can be found online at www.gcac.org.

WHAT THE PROGRAM SUPPORTS

GCAC recognizes the value of arts activities that are of an essentially recreational, avocational or therapeutic nature, and the Franklin County Neighborhood Arts program is designed to help support these activities. Whether it's participating directly in the production of visual art, literature, music, theatre, or dance; attending local arts events such as live performances, festivals, and exhibitions; or participating in educational workshops, classes, seminars - people of all walks of life and all ages throughout Franklin County are seeking more arts experiences.

Franklin County Neighborhood Arts funding is for specific project support only, not for operating support. Funding is available for projects in artistic disciplines. Funding may be used to support all costs associated with the project, including personnel costs, production expenses, marketing and promotion.

GCAC does not award grants for capital improvements, and the Franklin County Neighborhood Arts program, in general, will not award funds for large equipment purchases whose useful life will extend well beyond the completion of the project (i.e.: computers, digital cameras, sewing machines, etc.).

Funding through this program is intended for organizations only.

This program is not intended to be a recurring funding source for organizations, as one of the goals of the program is to distribute funds across the many geographic regions and cultural communities of Franklin County.

For more information or to discuss the appropriateness of a project, contact the Community Arts Education staff.

GRANT AWARDS/TIMELINE

The maximum award is \$2,000, and applications that describe cash and in-kind matching funds will be viewed more favorably.

Applicants may request from \$200 to \$2,000. GCAC's Community Arts Education Staff reviews proposals and makes recommendations to the Community Arts Education Advisory Committee. The Committee approves the recommendations, and contracts or denials are sent by the notification date listed above.

The Community Arts Education Advisory Committee may recommend one (1) of four (4) actions for any Franklin County Neighborhood Arts applications:

- Approval for full or partial funding
- Approval for full or partial funding with stipulations
- Denial with suggestions for resubmission of request
- Denial of funding with encouragement to attend free grant workshop and re-apply for funding in the future.

In general, applicants are limited to one (1) grant per calendar year through this program.

WHO MAY APPLY

This program is open to all Franklin County organizations, including, but not limited to, amateur and avocational groups, traditional arts organizations, civic and neighborhood associations, guilds, social services, youth-centered, K-12 schools and cultural organizations. Funds will only be issued to organizations, not individuals.

Organizations do not need to have 501(c)3 status to be eligible for funding, however, they do need to be non-profit in nature.

Projects must be open and promoted to the general public. Projects that are accessible to all will receive higher priority. Other priority funding criteria include arts projects involving organization partnerships, projects that target underserved populations and/or geographic areas within the county, and projects in which large numbers of beneficiaries may participate.

Religious organizations are eligible to apply for Franklin County Neighborhood Arts funding. Projects should be ecumenical or secular in nature, and open and promoted to the general public beyond the congregation of the applying organization. GCAC cannot fund projects when the purpose or content of the project is to advance a religious ideology.

K-12 schools must demonstrate how proposed projects will provide students with a unique arts-based experience that extends beyond the reach of traditional in-school instruction. Projects must offer students the opportunity for in-depth engagement with the arts; funding will not be awarded for singular arts experiences, such as assembly programs or field trips. Funding is not available to supplement regular instructional programming (teacher salaries, instrument purchases, etc.). School-based projects must include some component that is accessible to the general public beyond the school community. Preference will be given to projects that are designed as school-community partnerships.

ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS

Franklin County Neighborhood Arts funds cannot be used:

- To support projects that are fundraising events;
- For projects with a start date that precedes the Franklin County Neighborhood Arts award notification date;
- By organizations currently receiving funding through GCAC's City of Columbus Grants Program;
- To fund organizations or projects with a primary impact outside of Franklin County;
- By commercial, for-profit businesses or enterprises; nor
- For capital expenditures.

Recurring projects (e.g., an annual summer music festival) will not be funded beyond two consecutive years; after sitting out a year, recurring projects may again apply for Franklin County Neighborhood Arts funding. Organizations may apply for funding for new projects from year to year, but applicants should make sure to explore all possible avenues for funding and sustainability.

HOW TO APPLY

A copy of the application and guidelines can be obtained by visiting

www.gcac.org/grants-services-for-organizations/fcna

Applications must be received (not postmarked) by the deadline for consideration, and any applications received after the deadline may be held for the next cycle.

Projects cannot begin before the notification date for each round (e.g., applications submitted for the October deadline must be for projects that begin after the notification date of December 15).

Mail completed application to:

Franklin County Neighborhood Arts

Community Arts Education Program Office

Greater Columbus Arts Council

100 E. Broad Street, Suite 2250

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Phone: (614) 224-2606

SUPPORT MATERIALS

In addition to the completed application form, you must submit a detailed project budget and one letter of support for your project from a program partner or supporting organization.

Please do not include any other printed materials, CD's, videotapes, or audiotapes; these materials will not be reviewed or returned. All applications must be completed in hard copy and delivered by mail or in person. Applications will not be accepted by e-mail or fax.

Please contact Arts Education staff BEFORE the deadline if you are not sure what support materials to include with your application.

FINAL REPORT

Organizations that receive a grant award can expect to receive 100% of their grant following receipt of their signed grant agreement.

Final reports are due 30 days following the completion of the activity for which funding was granted. Photo documentation of all projects is required. Newspaper/magazine articles, photographic records and documentation of the donor acknowledgement should be attached to all reports.

Organizations with overdue final reports will not be considered for funding until the report has been received.