

2017 Lincoln Arts Council (LAC) Project Grants

Application Deadline: December 15, 2016

PURPOSE

The Lincoln Arts Council will distribute grants in January to support arts projects in Lincoln. Grants can fund marketing, space & equipment rental, outside fees & services, and other miscellaneous expenses associated directly with the project. In 2017 we will be funding projects up to \$500 each.

SCHEDULE

Applications will be accepted starting **October 20, 2016** and must be postmarked no later than **December 15, 2016**. Projects that receive funding must occur between February 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017. Notification of funding will occur by January 20, 2017.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant organization must be an arts organization (50% or more of budget is allocated for arts programming).
2. Applicant organization must be a current member of the LAC.
3. Applicant organization must be a 501(c)3 (submit documentation if not already on file with LAC).
4. The project must benefit Lincoln.
5. Requests must not exceed \$500 although the request may be used to supplement a larger budget.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Applications are reviewed and scored by panelist based on fit with funding priorities.

1. Arts projects or programs of the highest quality.
2. Arts projects or programs that reflect creativity and innovation.
3. Arts projects or programs which show cultural and generational diversity in programming.
4. Programs for children and youth.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Applications are reviewed and scored by panelists on the following criteria:

1. Experience of the organization and/or experience and qualifications of artists and administrators of the project. (30%)
2. Inclusive programming: events or programs that include audiences from diverse cultural, demographic, geographic and economic backgrounds. (30%)
3. Community impact, especially for underserved audiences. (40%)
4. Additional scoring points will be given to projects not previously funded by an LAC Project Grant.

RESTRICTIONS

The grant will not fund the following:

- The purchase of equipment and software.
- Reception or per diem expenses.
- Faith-based (liturgical) programming.
- Training expenses.

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Application Cover Sheet – Application Deadline December 15, 2016

NOTE: APPLICATIONS PREFERRED IN HARD COPY.
COMPLETED FORMS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED BY EMAIL.

1. Name of Organization:

2. Contact Name:

3. Address, including city and zip code:

4. Phone Number:

5. Email Address:

6. Signature of person preparing the grant: _____

Application Narrative:

On **one page maximum**, answer these questions: (being succinct and clear is important)

If your grant is approved, how would the funds be used?

1. Describe the project.
2. How does the project support your mission?
3. Who are the people/group(s) that will benefit, and how will your project impact them.
4. Are there special efforts to make the project accessible or inclusive that we should know about?

Application budget:

Use the budget included or create your own that supplies the same information.

NOTE: PLEASE INCLUDE THE BUDGET FOR YOUR ENTIRE PROJECT, NO MATTER WHAT PERCENTAGE THE REQUESTED L.A.C. GRANT CONTRIBUTION REPRESENTS. WE NEED TO COMPARE ALL PROPOSALS WITH COMPARABLE INFORMATION. PARTIAL BUDGETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Note that we are **not** accepting additional materials.

Your application should be **only** the cover sheet, narrative, budget and 501(c)3 designation if not already on file with LAC.

Questions?

Contact Lori McAlister through email at lori@artscene.org or via phone at 402-434-2787.

Applications are accepted by mail, hand delivery or email until December 15, 2016
Lincoln Arts Council

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PROJECT Specific EXPENSES	Cash(no inkind)	Detail Notes:
Marketing		
Space & Equipment rental		
Artistic Fees		
Misc. project expenses		
TOTAL EXPENSES		
PROJECT INCOME	Cash(no inkind)	Detail Notes:
Amount requested in LAC Project Grant		EXPENSE TO WHICH LAC FUNDS APPLIED:
TOTAL INCOME (Total income and total expenses must match)		