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Grant Deadlines

Major Oklahoma Arts Council grant deadlines are fast approaching. The focus of this issue of A.R.T.S. is to provide tips for completing OAC grant applications as well as to provide information about funding deadlines and opportunities. If you need assistance, feel free to call 405.521.2931 or e-mail at okarts@arts.state.ok.us.

New OAC Funding Opportunity **ArtsPower Education Grant**

Deadline: March 1 for project July 1, 2002
– June 30, 2003

Purpose: The purpose of the ArtsPower Education Grant is to offer assistance to arts organizations that provide arts education programs to Oklahoma schools.

Who Can Apply: 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organizations that have or plan to have an arts education program in partnership with K-12 schools.

ALERT: Annual Project Support Applicants — This new grant program may affect your Annual Project Support application.

For guidelines and application, contact Paulette Black, arts education director, at 405.521.2931 or e-mail to paulette@arts.state.ok.us.

Important!

The deadline for Annual Project Support is February 1, 2002

Timeframes to keep in mind:

December 1-14, 2001: Submit a draft to the Oklahoma Arts Council for review. This is not a requirement for application (unless directly requested to do so by the Council), but the application process is competitive, and the Oklahoma Arts Council staff is available to offer technical assistance. Please submit early to allow staff enough time to assist you. Drafts will not be accepted or reviewed after December 14, 2001.

January, 2002: Finish the final application and have your organization's authorizing personnel sign it. Make the required number of copies and mail or deliver the final package to the Oklahoma Arts Council.

February 1, 2002: FINAL DEADLINE —

NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN.

Tips for OAC Grant Applications

Read guidelines carefully before you begin to fill out your application. If you are not sure that your project fits into a particular grant category, please contact our staff for assistance.

Write clearly and succinctly. Assume that the grant reviewer knows nothing about your organization or project.

Make sure that any numbers you mention in the narrative correspond with the numbers included in your budget.

Check your math on the budget sheet:

- Income and expenses must equal.
- In-kind contribution lines must equal.
- Be sure cash match is met.

Proofread your application and narrative(s) for typographical, grammatical, and mathematical errors.

Have an outside reader review your application and narrative(s).

Before sending in your application:

- Make sure that the organization name that appears on the Organizational Profile form is the correct legal name as it appears on your IRS 501(c)(3).
- Make sure your beginning and ending dates do not cross fiscal years. (They must fall within the grant period of July 1 – June 30.)
- Make sure the Legal Assurances page has been read and signed by two different people (the contact person and the authorizing official).
- Make sure that the contact person is the person who will be directly involved in coordinating the project.

- Make sure your project narrative addresses all the points listed on the application form.
- Make sure that all items requested in the grant guidelines are included in your application.
- Make sure you have enclosed the correct number of copies.
- Make sure you are meeting the deadline for your grant category.

Call the Oklahoma Arts Council if you have any questions at 405.521.2931.

Get Ready for Grant Writing!

FACT: All Oklahoma Arts Council applications, guidelines, instructions and final reports are online at www.state.ok.us/~arts/Pages/egrants/egrants.html

FACT: A multitude of information can also be found on the OAC Web site including:

Grant Writing Frequently Asked Questions (This applies directly to OAC programs.) www.state.ok.us/~arts/Pages/egrants/egrantsfaq.html

Red Flags for Oklahoma Arts Council Annual Project Support www.state.ok.us/~arts/Pages/egrants/egrantsredflags.html

APS Rating Sheet (How grant applications are rated or scored for funding purposes.) www.state.ok.us/~arts/Pages/egrants/egrantsrate.html

Grantwriting Links (Great Resource!) www.state.ok.us/~arts/Pages/egrants/egrantswriting.html

FACT: Oklahoma Arts Council staff is ready and willing to be of assistance.
www.state.ok.us/~arts/Pages/aboutoac/staff.html

Hard Copy

Winning Grants Step by Step by Mim Carlson, Jossey-Bass, Inc. This workbook is for planning, developing, and writing successful proposals.
<http://search.compasspoint.org/bookstore/list.lasso?id=17> or call 415.541.9000

The "How To" Grants Manual by David G. Bauer. Contains successful grantseeking techniques for obtaining public and private grants.
www.greenwood.com/books/BookDetail.asp?dept_id=1&sku=OXHTGM4 or call 800.225.5800

Funding Opportunities

Arts International's new **Artists' Exploration Fund** provides international travel support to individual performing artists to pursue opportunities abroad that further their artistic development.
Deadline: 1/8/02 and 4/23/02
Information: www.artsinternational.org/programs/exploration_fund/index.htm or Call 212.674.9744

LIVE! @ your library: Building Cultural Communities — Grant opportunities for libraries to present theme-based cultural programs for adult and family audiences to explore important issues and ideas, featuring live appearances by literary, visual, and performing artists.
Deadline: 1/15/02 and 3/15/02
Information: Call 312.280.5045 or visit www.ala.org/publicprograms/live.html

The **Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation** is dedicated to promoting instrumental music education nationwide by partnering with businesses, schools, and communities to provide new and refurbished musical instruments to qualified schools and individual students.

"[The Melody Program](#)" targets qualified K-12 school music programs in need of assistance.

"[The Special Projects Program](#)" targets community schools of the arts, hospitals, music therapy programs, after school music programs and youth symphonies in need of assistance.

Deadline: Ongoing

Information: 818.784.6787 or see their Web site at www.mhopus.org/apply.htm

Each year, the Ford Foundation's **Leadership for a Changing World** recognizes 20 outstanding leaders and leadership groups not yet broadly known beyond their immediate community or field. These outstanding leaders and leadership groups work in such areas as economic and community development, human rights, the arts, education, human development, sexual and reproductive health, religion, media, and the environment.

Awardees will receive \$100,000 over two years to support their program work, and \$30,000 for additional learning activities that will advance their efforts. The funds will be made available to the awardees' nonprofit charitable organization with 501(c)(3) status or their fiscal agents.
Deadline: January 4, 2002
Information: <http://leadershipforchange.org/program/> or call 202.777.7560

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Oklahoma Arts Council Funding Opportunities/Deadlines Calendar

Annual Project Support	February 1
ArtsPower Education Grant <u>NEW GRANT!</u>	March 1
Festivals *	60 days prior to start date of project
MiniGrant*	60 days prior to start date of project
Local Government Challenge Grant	May 1
Oklahoma Touring Program*	After April 1, no later than 60 days prior to event
Presenting Program	April 1 <u>NEW DEADLINE!</u>
Technical Assistance Program*	60 days prior to the beginning of the project
Master/Apprenticeship Program	August 1
Artists and Educators Collaborative	At least 30 days prior to start of project
School and Museum Partnership	At least 30 days prior to start of project
Arts in Alternative Education	Call for information
Artists-in-Residence Program*	After April 15, no later than 60 days prior to event
Youth Arts Program*	May 1

* Funding awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.