



WELCOMING COMMUNITY ARTS & CULTURE GRANT PROGRAM

Goal: To foster the community's environment of inclusion by supporting arts initiatives that promote collaboration, knowledge-sharing, innovation, and diversity

With the opening of the inaugural exhibition of Exhibit Columbus, we will continue our annual exploration of architecture, art, design, and community that seeks to celebrate our unique design heritage. Beginning the weekend of August 26, more than 15 temporary installations will be on display at the following locations:

- Cleo Rogers Memorial Library
- Cummins Corporate Office Building
- First Christian Church
- Irwin Conference Center
- Mill Race Park
- Washington Street
- Central Middle School and Lincoln Elementary Campus
- LHP Historic Post Office
- North Christian Church

Arts and cultural resources, like those provided by Exhibit Columbus, enrich our quality of life, provide a magnet for cultural tourism and contribute to the economic strength of our city. To create a broader welcoming community impact in Bartholomew County, Heritage Fund – the Community Foundation of Bartholomew County, in partnership with the Columbus Area Arts Council, is providing an opportunity for not-for-profit organizations, service clubs and houses of worship to seek funding for arts & culture projects and programs that celebrate an environment of inclusion in and around the unveiling of the Exhibit Columbus installations.

Heritage Fund has allocated \$50,000 to support the grant program. An organization may seek funding of up to \$5,000 to support programs or events that:

- Are held in the downtown Arts and Entertainment District
- Take place during the months of September, October or November 2017
- Demonstrate collaboration or partnership between one or more organizations

OUTCOMES

Welcoming Community Arts and Culture grants are intended to achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased understanding/appreciation of cultural differences and commonalities
- Diversity is showcased and strengthened through productions/exhibitions
- Increased art accessibility in public and/or neighborhood venues
- Broader and more inclusive participation from diverse groups and individuals such as: ethnic/cultural groups, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT), young professionals, new residents, seniors and economically disadvantaged community members
- Diverse collaborations that lead to artistic innovation

GRANT GUIDELINES

- Eligibility: Not-for-profit organizations including churches and service clubs*
- Grant proposals must be non-political in nature
- Grant proposals from faith-based organizations cannot include proselytizing
- The deadline for grant requests is **4pm on Friday, April 14, 2017**
- An organization may submit an Arts & Culture Grant proposal even if it has or will apply for separate grant funding from Heritage Fund

*Individual artists or for-profit organizations will be eligible for participation if partnering with a non-profit (non-profit would receive funds).

Special consideration will be given to programs and projects that:

- Offer proactive diversity education strategies
- Have a broad community impact
- Provide outreach to a demographic, group or segment of the population where there has been no prior relationship
- Contribute funds to support the grant project
- Include productions/exhibitions that showcase the talents of culturally specific artists
- Incorporate meaningful involvement by leaders/collaborators from diverse groups within the community
- Ensure affordability and accessibility for all members of the community
- Include well-defined strategies for building on or sustaining the collaboration, cross-promotion or presence of diverse groups in the community

Grant Review

The size and number of grants awarded will be dependent upon the quality of proposals received. After reviewing the submitted proposals, Heritage Fund reserves the right to decline funding any or even all of the proposals.

Reporting Requirements

All grantees will be required to submit a final report that describes the outcomes of the grant award and how the funding benefited their organization and/or the community. All grant projects must be completed and final grant reports submitted no later than December 1, 2017.

Questions regarding the Arts & Culture Grants Program?

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