

## **FY 2020 Project Grant - Application**

**The Kent County Arts Council (KCAC) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The mission of the KCAC is to *invest, infuse and inspire* the arts for all in Kent County, Maryland. We *invest* in Kent County by re-granting funds from the Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts in two categories: General Operating Grants and Projects Grants. The purpose of a local arts agency is to expand the reach of these Federal and State dollars beyond where they currently reach, touching every corner of our County, and every resident, to the best of our abilities.**

For the fiscal year 2020 grant process, the Board of Directors of the Kent County Arts Council will select a subcommittee to review all grant applications.

Project Grants are only available for nonprofit community based organizations in Kent County, Maryland that are producing an arts related project. Project grants will not be awarded to General Operating Grant recipients, nor for any political or advocacy events/programs, nor expressly religious events/programs. For FY2020, Project Grants will be limited to no more than \$1000 per grant. Only one (1) project grant will be awarded to any given organization in a fiscal year. The KCAC has budgeted \$25,000 for this category in FY20 - a 25% increase in funds over FY2019 (which was also a 25% increase over FY 2018. However, Project Grants are rolling and will be awarded as they come until there budget is used (if you have a spring 2020 event that you will be requesting funding for - do not wait until April to request it.) This will enable the Arts Council to use State and Federal funding to ensure the widest possible access to the arts throughout the county. Community engagement will be a key factor in evaluating all grant applications.

### **Please follow the directions below:**

#### **Introduction**

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide the following information:

- 1) Name of Organization
- 2) Name of Project for which you are seeking support
- 3) Address of Organization
- 4) Name of person filling out this application
- 5) Email of person filling out this application
- 6) Name of Executive Director or Lead Staff Person on this project
- 7) Email of Executive Director or Lead Staff Person on this project
- 8) Phone Number for Organization
- 9) Website
- 10) Mission of Organization

#### **Narrative**

It is critical that Kent County Arts Council grants, which are made up of Federal, State, and County funds (revenue from taxpayers), support access to the arts for all regardless of their ability to pay, access to transportation, physical or mental abilities, and without discrimination based on race, gender, ability, sexual orientation, age, religion, or geography.

With this in mind, please answer the following questions about your arts programming.

(LIMIT one 8.5" x 11" pages, 12-point font. Please use each question as your section header for your answers.)

- 1) What are your organization's mission and vision statements? What is the goal of this particular project?
- 2) Describe how this project increases accessibility to arts & culture for Kent County residents?
- 3) How does your organization demonstrate equity, diversity and inclusion in its membership, programming, board, volunteers and patrons?
- 4) What community need are you addressing through this project? Describe how you will demonstrate that this need is being addressed.

### **Event Publicity**

*The Kent County Arts Council requires placement of its logo alongside other general sponsors on all printed and digital programs and publicity. KCAC should be listed whenever and wherever the Maryland State Arts Council is listed if you are a GFO recipient.*

*The Kent County Arts Council requires that ALL grantee events and programs be posted on the Kent County Government's online Events Calendar.*

- 1) Please list all of your social media accounts (such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) so that the KCAC may properly follow and help share your promotions.

### **Financial Information**

- 1) Please attach a budget for this project ( project only - do not include an organizational budget)
- 2) Please attach a list of other major funders providing general operating support to your organization (funders under \$1000 are not necessary).

### **Other Information**

- 1) Please attach a full list of Board Members with addresses and affiliations.
- 2) Please attached previous evidence of KCAC logo placement on your promotional and program materials (if you have received KCAC funding for this project in the past)

Please Mail or arrange a time to deliver your full application to:

Kent County Arts Council  
Grants Committee  
101 Spring AVenue  
Chestertown, MD. 21620

DEADLINE - There is no deadline for project grants. The process is rolling and active until budgeted funding runs out in any given fiscal year.