

2017 GREATER INCLUSION MATCHING GRANT OPPORTUNITY



Arts & Access Always became a permanent program of the Lehigh Valley Arts Council in 2017. Through grants, marketing, and professional development support, the Arts Council encourages cultural nonprofits to expand access with their programming.

For funding support, cultural nonprofits may apply for *ONE* of the following:

A

A matching grant of up to \$500 to contract a professional artist with a disability to perform, exhibit, design or produce a public arts event.

B

A matching grant of up to \$300 to accommodate for the first time an otherwise underserved segment of the community with disabilities, including but not limited to, individuals with cognitive limitations, sensory limitations, or physical limitations.

Grant Criteria:

1. A cultural nonprofit may request a matching grant for one of their events, such as:

- An open captioned (OC) and/or an audio described (AD) performance, exhibition or public event
- An American Sign Language (ASL) performance or public event
- A performance or exhibition presented in a sensory-friendly environment for people with autism

2. Deadline to apply: July 31, 2017.

The event must occur between September 1 to December 31, 2017.

3. The event should reflect the Arts & Access Always mission and goals:

Mission:

- To engage all citizens of the region, intentionally securing the participation of persons of all abilities, regardless of physical, sensory, or cognitive limitation, both as audience members and/or providers in the dance, theatrical, musical, visual, literary, and media arts.

Goals:

- Expand cultural access to all people and build more awareness of the challenges and barriers that exist for people with disabilities to participate in cultural events.
- Help the cultural community recognize the needs as well as the abilities of persons with disabilities; comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and build audiences for cultural events.

4. Applicants must commit to providing customer service training to box office staff and volunteers from a human service organization that works with the disability community you are attempting to reach.

5. A total budget outlining the income and expenses of the project that includes the requested amount and matching funds should accompany the application.

6. If you are contracting a professional artist with a disability, please include their biography and artist statement.

To request financial assistance to produce an accessible event or to learn more about Arts & Access please visit **www.ArtsAndAccess.org**

**2017 GREATER INCLUSION
MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION**
for events between 9/1/17 – 12/31/17



Applying organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact person: _____

Position: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Grant type:

Artist Contract

Audience Accommodation

Event title: _____

Planned date(s) of event: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____ Is the venue ADA compliant? _____

Ticket prices: _____

Type of event:

- A performance or exhibition of work created and/or performed by artist(s) with a disability.
- An open captioned (OC) and/or an audio described (AD) performance or exhibition.
- An American Sign Language (ASL) performance or event
- A performance or exhibition of work presented in a sensory-friendly environment for people with autism.
- Other (Please specify) _____

Identify the audience you are targeting:

- People with Cognitive Limitations People with Physical Limitations People with Sensory Limitations

Please elaborate: _____

Identify the accommodations you will provide (check all that apply):

- American Sign Language Handicapped Access Sensory Friendly Environment
 Audio Description Open Captioning Other _____

Have you provided a budget for the event that identifies the source of matching funds? Yes No

If you are contracting an artist, please include a biography and an artist statement in your submission.

Please feel free to attach separate pages if needed for responses.

1. Please describe in detail the accommodations planned for this event to make it more accessible for your target audience and persons with disabilities?
2. Is this the first time you're hiring an artist with a disability or providing accommodations to this audience?
3. How will you market to your target audience? Identify which human service organization(s) you are partnering with to produce this event?
4. How will you assess the success of the event? Please explain how this award will help to build your capacity to provide continued access in the future?

To request financial assistance toward producing an for Arts & Access event between September 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, complete this application and submit it to the Lehigh Valley Arts Council's office by July 31, 2017.

Applicant Signature

Date

Submit completed application to Lehigh Valley Arts Council

mail: 840 Hamilton Street, Suite 201, Allentown, PA 18101

email: ppa@lvartscouncil.org

fax: (610) 437-5952

