

2018 GUIDELINES

Accessible Engagement Matching Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Accessible Engagement Matching Grant provides **up to \$1,000** to eligible nonprofit organizations that engage a group of people living with a disability through teaching an artistic practice that culminates with a public performance or exhibition.

Features of this grant opportunity are:

- Grants are awarded continuously throughout 2018.
- Application is for events that have not yet occurred. The activities period, including public event, is from January 1, 2018 -- December 31, 2018.
- Applicants can receive one (1) Incentive Grant per calendar year. Submissions must be 10 weeks prior to the project beginning.
- Event must be an arts activity that reflects of the Arts & Access mission and goals.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be a member of the Lehigh Valley Arts Council.
- Applicant must be a cultural nonprofit, experienced and skilled at working with a community living with disabilities. NOTE: Project's target audience may be a different community living with a disability.
- Project must be an arts activity, take place in the Lehigh Valley over a minimum period of seven (7) days, and culminate in a public performance or exhibition.
- Applicants are required to have all staff and volunteers involved in the project complete customer service training for serving their project's targeted community living with disabilities.
- Applicants must submit budget outline income and expenses of the event, including the requested amount and matching funds.

FUNDING PROCESS

- Applications are submitted electronically through email to PPA@LVArtsCouncil.org or in person to 840 Hamilton Street, Suite 201, Allentown, PA 18101.
- Applications are reviewed by the Arts Council's staff. Award notices are made within two weeks of receiving application.
- Grants are distributed once the required customer service training has been completed and received by the Arts Council.



ABOUT ARTS & ACCESS

In March 2017, the Board of Directors of the Lehigh Valley Arts Council adopted the following vision statement: "To be the leader of arts advocacy in the Lehigh Valley and ensure access to the arts for people of all abilities. Within that spirit of greater inclusion, the Arts Council is offering three **Incentive Grants for Greater Inclusion** in 2018 to cultural nonprofits to encourage adopting cultural access as a core value of their organization.

2018 APPLICATION

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Grant Request Amount:
\$ _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applying Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Job Title: _____ Email: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: _____

Public Component: Exhibition Performance Date: _____

Brief Project Description: _____

Target Audience / Group of People Living with Disabilities:

- People with Cognitive Limitations *Please elaborate:* _____
- People with Physical Limitations _____
- People with Sensory Limitations _____

Have you identified which human service organization will help you to produce this project? Yes No

- *If yes, please elaborate:* _____

Primary Teaching Artist: _____

NARRATIVE RESPONSES

Please attach separate page(s) for responding to the following questions.

1. Where did the genesis for this project arise?
2. What competencies have you or your staff gained in the realm of cultural access in the past two years that identifies your organization as a strong candidate for this grant? *Address any training, previous programming with accommodations, and experienced personnel, etc. in your response.*
3. How will you promote this project and ensure attendance to the public component?
4. How will you evaluate the outcomes of the project? What metrics will you use?
5. Please explain how this award will help to build your capacity to provide continued access in the future?

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED INFORMATION

Please make sure to include all four items listed below.

- Completed application (pg. 2) including additional pages for answers to Narrative Responses
- Schedule of Activities, including dates, times, and locations of all practices and public component
- Credentials of Teaching Artist(s)
- Budget, including a 1:1 cash match of funds requested

Complete your application for an Accessible Engagement Matching Grant by signing below and delivering this application along with all required materials to the Lehigh Valley Arts Council's office listed at the bottom of this page.

Applicant's Printed Name

Date

Applicant's Signature

**Lehigh Valley Arts Council
840 Hamilton Street, Suite 201, Allentown, PA 18101**