

2018 GUIDELINES

Audience Accommodation Matching Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Audience Accommodation Matching Grant provides **up to \$350** to eligible nonprofit organizations 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.

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.
- Applicants must be a cultural nonprofit operating in the Lehigh Valley.
- 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.
- 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: _____

EVENT INFORMATION

Event Title: _____ Date: _____

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) _____

Brief Event Description: _____

AUDIENCE INFORMATION

Identify the audience you are targeting / community of people living with a disability:

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

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

- *If yes, please elaborate:* _____

NARRATIVE RESPONSES

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

1. Where did the genesis for this event arise?
2. Is this the first time you're providing accommodations to this audience? Please describe in detail the accommodation planned for this event to make it more accessible for your target audience and persons with disabilities.
3. How will you promote this event and ensure attendance from your target audience?
4. How will you evaluate the outcomes of the event? 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 the two items listed below with your submission.

- Completed application including additional page(s) for answers to Narrative Responses
- Budget, including a 1:1 cash match of funds requested

Complete your application for an Audience Accommodation Matching Grant by signing below and delivering this application along with all other required materials to the 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**