

BONNER COUNTY FUND FOR ARTS ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

ABOUT THE BONNER COUNTY FUND FOR ARTS ENHANCEMENT

The Bonner County Fund for Arts Enhancement was created to enhance the arts in Bonner County by providing funds either to develop a community education component of existing arts programs or to help fund new arts programs whose major emphasis includes a strong educational focus.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

- Organizations and entities located in Bonner County that meet one of the three following criteria:
 - Organizations with a 501c3 non profit status under IRS code 170
 - Public educational institutions
 - Government entities including local governments and libraries
- Occasionally the Arts Enhancement Fund will fund projects initiated by organizations that do not have federal tax-exempt status. However, the organization must secure a federally qualified exempt sponsor.

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

Grants are limited to programs that are committed to providing more than just entertainment. Eligible programs will focus on demonstrating how the arts encourage creative thinking and critical thinking, stimulate economic vitality and enhance the quality of life in a community. Also encouraged are programs that place the development of a particular art form in the cultural, economic, and/or political environment in which it was created. The entire range of what is commonly considered “the arts” can receive a grant from this fund, including performance art, visual art, and the literary arts. Lecture series and seminars aimed at the general community also qualify.

In 2017, over \$30,000 is available to be awarded in grants. Grants up to \$10,000 will be considered. Although in extreme or emergency circumstances, this limit may be waived by the fund advisors.

The advisors to the Fund will consider grant requests for activities and projects that:

- Reach a broad segment of the community or school population
- Focus on providing information, education, and programs designed to increase awareness of the importance of understanding the arts as an integral part of a vital community
- Celebrate the value of artistic diversity for the quality of life in Bonner County

Projects ineligible for funding include:

- Projects that benefit a private individual
- Capital projects
- General operating expenses such as salaries, benefits, or general organizational budget items
- Fund raising projects
- Travel for individuals
- Attendance at conferences
- Political activities or those designed to influence legislation
- Religious organizations for the sole purpose of furthering that religion
- Grants to individuals

Applications will be favored if they include the following features:

- Collaboration with other community groups
- Provision of matching or in-kind funds
- Project sustainability
- Meeting an urgent or ongoing community need
- Adding an educational component to existing arts programs
- Letters indicating community support

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ALLOWED

One application per organization will be accepted. However, individual educators are considered as “one organization” allowing for more than one educator at a school to apply for a grant. Past grant recipients are welcome to apply and non-profit organizations may apply every year regardless of previous funding.

DEADLINES

- Grant requests must be submitted by April 30th
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered
- Grants outside the cycle will be considered in emergency cases. (The fund advisors will make this determination).

HOW TO SUBMIT

Submit grant applications online to the Idaho Community Foundation. Application may be found at: http://idcomfdn.org/DA_Grants.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the application or the grants process, please contact Community Impact Officer Elly Davis at 208-342-3535 or edavis@idcomfdn.org.