



Our recent partnerships on the downtown murals, new dog park art, and the efforts of existing 501©3 organizations presenting arts and cultural programs, continue to inspire positive conversation in our community and throughout the state. Because of these efforts, our Board is committed to re-granting 10 percent of the funds raised in this appeal to those existing arts organizations. The funds will be distributed for **new programming** in the ARTisTREE District.

A more vibrant district improves the quality of life, attracts more visitors, and provides more options for you and your family. We'll also be pursuing new projects such as a community band!

Annual Grant Program

2019 Application Timeline:

Application released: November 2019

Application deadline: noon (EDST) December 31, 2019

Selection: January 17, 2020

Award notification: February 1, 2020

Support period: January 1 to December 31, 2020

Award amount: Up to \$1,000

Grant applications are adjudicated in a public process that is free from conflicts of interest and assures fairness and professionalism.

Review Criteria

Each application is reviewed and scored by attending board members. Information submitted in the application will be reviewed according to the following evaluation criteria:

- Project Strength (50%)
 - Originality
 - Creativity
 - New initiative
- Organizational Capacity (25%)
- Public Impact and Outreach (25%)

RESTRICTIONS FROM FUNDING

Funding through the Project Support Program will NOT be awarded for the following:

- Applications submitted outside of the online application
- Organizations that are not dedicated principally to the performance, exhibition, and/or presentation of arts and/or cultural programming
- Programs or projects not available to the general public
- Cash reserves, deficit reduction or deficit elimination, penalties, or litigation costs
- Capital acquisitions or expenditures, restoration, or construction costs
- Instructional programs designed to benefit students enrolled in public or private schools, colleges, or universities
- Private functions, benefits, organizational fundraising, lobbying activities, or any non-public activities that are solely for the purpose of fundraising
- Parties, receptions, or costs for food and beverage
- Regranting activities
- Scholarships or prize money
- Trusts or endowment funds
- Activities not associated with arts programs and services
- Religious ceremonies or events advancing a particular religious ideology
- Historic preservation
- Travel/activities taking place outside Decatur County 2019

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS: Grant requests must be matched on a dollar for dollar basis. This match may be 100 percent income, or a combination of at least 50 percent cash plus in-kind contributions. Evidence of the match will be required in the final report documents.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Organizations awarded funding must submit a final report at the end of the grant cycle, including details on how the funds were used and the impact the dollars received had on your organization, the ARTisTREE District and the citizens of Decatur County. Receipts and an actual budget should be provided as well as event photos (in jpeg format) and resulting media clips.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & RECOGNITION REQUIREMENTS Grant recipients must credit the Arts & Cultural Council of Decatur County in printed materials and digitally through website promotion and social media. Logo usage is mandatory, and necessary files will be provided. Failure to comply with this requirement, as outlined in the signed grant agreement, will jeopardize future funding through the Arts & Cultural Council of Decatur County.

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