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Arts and Culture Giving Circle Request for Proposals

The Greater Cincinnati Foundation invites your organization to apply for funding. The deadline for proposal submission is **Friday, November 3, 2017 by 5:00pm**. The invitation to submit a proposal in no way guarantees a grant award. This is a competitive process.

Funding Focus

GCF and a group of passionate donors have joined together to offer this Request for Proposals (RFP) to support the arts and cultural community in Greater Cincinnati. Additional financial support for this RFP comes from the Abraham, Katie, Eleanor and Natalie Feld Memorial Fund, a field of interest fund established to support “cultural and educational purposes” in the region.

Purpose:

- To support increased access to arts and cultural programming to educate and/or enhance the quality of life for individuals of all ages, abilities and income levels in our region.

Result:

- Increase the number of individuals who have the opportunity to experience the power of the arts to promote and/or enhance personal development, art appreciation and quality of life.

Use of Funds

Funding may be used to help launch a new program; support, expand or strengthen existing programs; or build organizational capacity. Funding may also be used to support capital expenses that are integral to the delivery of the program. Funding will not be awarded for campaigns, events or fundraising.

Criteria

- Applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations providing programming that relates directly to the above-mentioned funding focus.
- One-year grant requests up to \$25,000 will be considered.
- Preference will be given to programs that:
 - Bring innovative arts programming to the community
 - Demonstrate collaborations with other partners
 - Provide clear performance measures demonstrating effectiveness
 - Offer realistic sustainability plan



- Grants will be made to organizations with efforts based in the Greater Cincinnati region which includes the counties of: Hamilton, Butler, Warren, and Clermont in Ohio; Boone, Kenton and Campbell in Kentucky and Dearborn in Indiana.

Application Process

Respond to this RFP via [GCF's online grantmaking system](#) using the "GCF Responsive Grant Application." After creating a new account and/or logging in to an existing account, complete all required fields and submit by the deadline listed in this RFP.

Upload the following five (5) required documents in the final section of the application:

- Project budget (including budget detail)
- Current income statement & balance sheet
- Most recent audit or 990
- Current board list
- List of key staff for program success, including their role and qualifications.

RFP Timeline

Key Steps	Date
Proposal Deadline	November 3, 2017 by 5:00pm
Decision Communicated	Mid-December
Funding Received	Mid-December

Questions

Please direct any questions that you may have to Helen Mattheis, Director of Grantmaking, at 513-768-6118 or mattheish@gcfdn.org. This is the GCF staff person leading this RFP process and should serve as your primary contact. Thank you for considering partnership with The Greater Cincinnati Foundation and we look forward to learning from your submission.

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