2019 Mediacom Arts and Culture Grant Guidelines

For Requests up to $5,000

*One Application per organization unless it is acting as a fiscal sponsor.

Objectives

The purpose of the Mediacom Arts & Culture Grant is to enhance the mission and programming of an organization and improve the arts and cultural experience for the citizens of Dubuque.

Who may apply?

To be eligible to apply:

1. Organizations must be either a public agency (part of city, county, or state government) or a private, nonprofit, tax-exempt organization within the city limits of Dubuque, Iowa.

2. Private nonprofit organizations must be incorporated at the time of application and have received recognition of tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In some cases, an eligible tax-exempt organization may act as a fiscal sponsor for an organization that has not yet secured tax-exempt status.

3. “Non-arts organizations” do not have the arts as their primary mission. They include pre-K, elementary, secondary schools, and, in some cases, colleges and universities; senior centers; parks and recreation departments; civic and community service organizations; professional associations; public libraries; public broadcast stations; health and human service agencies; and other public agencies and private nonprofit tax-exempt community-based organizations.

4. Individual artists who partner with a non-profit organization residing within the Dubuque city limits.

5. Grant sponsored events must take place within the city limits of Dubuque.

Eligible activities

Mediacom provides funding to Dubuque arts and “non-arts organizations” to support a distinct aspect of the organization’s arts activities, such as a one-time event, a single production, an exhibition, an educational seminar, or series of related arts activities, such as art classes or training sessions. Projects may include, but are not limited to: concerts, theater productions, visual art exhibits, presenter touring programs, artist residencies in schools or other community settings, or a broad range of arts-related services for Dubuque, Iowa citizens, artists, arts organizations, and communities.

Restrictions

The Mediacom funding cannot be used for:

1. Cash reserves; deficit reduction, or deficit elimination; or Grants to eliminate previously incurred debt
2. Annual fund drives
3. Endowment funds
4. Events in private dwelling places or other locations not open to the general public;
5. Consumable supplies and materials not directly related to the project;
6. Capital acquisitions (purchase of artwork,); capital expenditures (i.e., office equipment); restoration, or new construction of buildings;
7. Costs of receptions, food, or beverages;
8. Activities not associated with arts programs and services;
9. Activities that are solely for the purpose of fundraising; private functions, religious services, lobbying activities, or any non-public activity.

Recognition requirements

Applicant will provide, to the satisfaction of Mediacom, appropriate recognition of the operational support provided by Mediacom. The Mediacom logo will appear in all printed programs and/or publicity material where other funders are recognized. To what other extent would you be willing to recognize Mediacom? Logos will be provided when grant is awarded to the organization.

Maximum request: Up to 50% of allowable project expenses or $5,000 whichever is less.

Minimum request: The minimum request is $1,500.

Application deadline: The application deadline is July 31, 2019.

Local match requirement: Grants over $2,500 must have 50% cash match

Questions

Please contact Katie Decker, Grants Management Coordinator, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque

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