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Arts Alliance Grant Season is Now Open!

Two Mandatory Workshops Offered for Community Arts Development Grant Applicants

Grant Application Deadline - October 21, 2016

Over the past 29 years, the Charles County Arts Alliance has awarded more than \$650,000 in grant funding to nonprofit organizations and schools in Charles County to support activities in the performing, visual and literary arts. Last year, the Arts Alliance provided nearly \$45,000 in funding to 21 nonprofit organizations and schools. This has helped enhance our county's arts and culture, and inspire our fellow residents to explore the diverse arts community and arts offerings present in our own backyard.

As in previous years, our CCAA Arts Grant Program offers two types of grants: Community Arts Development (CAD) grants for nonprofit organizations, and Arts in Education (AIE) grants for schools. The CAD grants have two sub-categories: General Operating grants for arts organizations, and Special Project grants for non-profit organizations that present activities in the performing, visual and literary arts. Schools may request up to \$800, while nonprofit organizations may be eligible for grants up to \$6,000. All grants have matching requirements ranging from 1:1 to 3:1, depending on the amount being requested. Grant applications are reviewed by a Grant Panel comprised of members of the CCAA Board of Directors and representatives from the community. The grant monies will be awarded at the CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala on Saturday, November 19, 2016.

Our annual grant season is now open with the posting of applications [online](http://www.charlescountyarts.org/grants) on our website at www.charlescountyarts.org/grants, and with hard-copies available through our CCAA Office.

All applicants applying for a CAD grant must send a representative to one of the training workshops, offered on **Wednesday, September 7, at 7:00 pm**, and repeated

on **Saturday, September 10, at 1:00 pm.** The workshops will be held at the United Way House in La Plata (10250 La Plata Road), and will provide instructions and answer questions for all potential applicants for CAD grants. Contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org, to sign up for one of these classes. Those applying for an Arts in Education grant are not required to attend the workshop.

Completed CAD and AIE grant applications with all required copies must be in the possession of the CCAA Office (not postmarked) **no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, October 21, 2016.** The CCAA does not accept responsibility for incomplete, lost, misdirected, or late applications; such applications will not be considered.

Founded in 1987, the mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. For more information on the CCAA Arts Grant Program, call 301-392-5900, or email info@charlescountyarts.org.