Provo RAP Local Arts Grants

Grant Program:

The Provo RAP Local Arts Grants are designed to use a portion of the RAP tax fund to support high quality arts projects in Provo City. Interested groups or individuals can apply for grants up to $5,000. Only one application will be accepted per organization each year. All applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Provo Arts Council and grants will be distributed according to the amount of funds available (approximately $25,000 in 2018). Qualifying cultural arts disciplines include visual arts, performing arts, literary arts, and arts education. The Provo Arts Council is interested in both large scale and individual art projects.

All applications must be received by Provo City by 5:00pm on the June 1. Grants recipients will be announced by the June 15 of each year. Distribution of grant funding will not be made until after July 1st of each year and after the organization has submitted the required agreement and W-9. Grant funds must be spent by last day of the following June. If proposed project is not completed, reimbursement may be sought.

Criteria:

The Provo RAP Local Arts Grants will be reviewed on the basis of the following criteria:

- The quality of the artists, arts organizations, arts education providers, works of art, or services that the project will involve, as appropriate
- The artistic and/or cultural significance of the project
- The potential impact on local artists and the local arts scene, as well as the general population of Provo City
- The potential to celebrate Provo’s creativity and cultural heritage, invite mutual respect for differing beliefs and values, or to enrich humanity
- The ability to carry out the project based on factors including the appropriateness of the budget, the quality and clarity of the project goals and design, the resources involved, and the qualifications of the project’s personnel
- The potential to reach underserved populations such as those whose access to arts experiences are limited

Qualifications:

Qualifying organizations requesting funds must be a nonprofit entity with 501(c)(3) status at the time of the application from deadline. Artists or groups that are not 501(c)(3) cultural arts organizations may request funds through a fiscal organization that has their 501(c)(3) status as long as there is a signed agreement between the two groups. Email ProvoCityArtsCouncil@gmail.com for a list of local 501(c)(3) organizations that are willing to sponsor grantees.

All qualifying organizations may apply for funding once per calendar year. However, as long as they are not the primary presenter on more than one application, groups can be the fiscal sponsor for multiple projects. Late submissions are not accepted.

Final Report:
Each funded organization must submit a report detailing how it expended the funds it received pursuant to these policies and procedures by March 31 of the next year. The purpose of the final report is to account for grant funds distributed to cultural organizations. Future funding may be withheld due to inadequate, incomplete, or non-submitted reports. Photos and other documentation of the project provided by the grantee will be made available to the public via social media and our website.

**Grant Awards:**

Grant selection is competitive. Grant applications will be reviewed by The Provo Arts Council and approved by the Provo City Council. Depending on the funds that are available, the Provo Arts Council may sometimes only award partial funding for projects. Unfortunately, not every application will be funded.

**Funding Limitations:**

RAP funds are governed by state code and have limitations on their use. RAP funds granted to cultural organizations may not be used for capital construction expenses, payments into an endowment fund, expenditures for programs outside of Provo, activities not available to the general public, political lobbying, fundraising expenses related to capital or endowment campaigns, or for other expenses not related to the organization’s primary cultural purpose or directly related to or for the direct benefit to the residents of Provo City.

RAP grant funding for cultural organizations may not be used for the following expenditures:

- Accumulated deficits or debt retirement;
- Capital improvements;
- Public Schools and/or school programs or hiring of temporary or permanent staff in any school or school system;
- Lobbying Expenses;
- Scholarships, purchase awards or cash prizes;
- Non-arts related magazines or newspapers;
- Broadcasting network or cable communications systems;
- Performances, events and activities that take place outside of Provo City;
- Activities intended primarily for fundraising;
- Non-arts related recreational, rehabilitative, or therapeutic programs;
- Social service programs;
- Fireworks;
- Rodeos;
- Activities that are primarily religious in purpose;
- Start-up organizations;
- Private Foundations.

Members of the Provo Arts Council cannot apply for funding for their own projects or for organizations for which they work.

**Questions:**

If you have any questions about the program, please contact ProvoCityArtsCouncil@gmail.com.