



General Guidelines for Grant Applications

The Kent County Fund for the Arts will award up to \$10,000 in grants in 2010 to public institutions and qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or equivalent documentation of non-profit status from the IRS in Kent County. Applications are now being accepted from schools, clubs, and civic/community organizations for programs that help to foster growth of arts organizations in Kent County, as well as those organizations that support the arts.

Organizations applying for grants from the Kent County Fund for the Arts must complete the information requested. Your brief replies to the questions contained within will provide concise, standardized information from which to make comparisons of organizations and programs.

The Kent County Fund for the Arts is a fund created by the generous support of members of the greater Kent County community and the Greater Dover Committee, as well as a generous contribution by Rosemary M. Twilley, in Memory of Joshua M. Twilley, Esq. The fun assets are managed by the Delaware Community Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and are administered by the Kent County Fund for the Arts Advisory Board. The Kent County Fund for the Arts is interested in Enhancing the resident's quality of life, Educating and broadening perspectives, and Economic impact through arts events.

What We Support

The Kent County Fund for the Arts supports organizations and programs that help foster growth of arts organizations in Kent County. We are especially interested in initiatives which:

- Encourage new acquisition
- Bring arts activities into Kent County (e.g. bringing a show or exhibit into the region).
- Sponsor single or seasonal productions

What We Don't Support

The Kent County Fund for the Arts generally does not make grants for the following:

- Capital Support (e.g. bricks and mortar, new lights, projectors, etc.)
- General operating expenses.
- Start Up Costs.
- Lobbying or any other activity of a political nature.
- Endowment or debt reduction.
- Travel for individuals or groups such as bands or classes.

How to Apply

Proposals must be submitted on a 2010 Kent County Fund for the Arts application form, which provides the Advisory Board a concise way to compare the diverse applicant pool.

Applications must be postmarked by May 14, 2010 and mailed to:

Kent County Fund for the Arts
3500 South DuPont Highway; Dover, DE 19901
Kent.County.Fund.for.the.Arts@gmail.com

Any questions about the grant application form or process should be directed to Joshua Twilley at Kent.County.Fund.for.the.Arts@gmail.com (no phone calls please)



Grant Making Policy

The Kent County Fund for the Arts Advisory Board oversee all grant making and award grants for charitable purposes to public institutions and non-profit organizations having a 501(c)(3) or fiduciary responsibility with a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Agencies must serve Kent County and its residents without discrimination based on race, religion, gender, age or national origin.

Grant Guidelines

Proposals are considered on the basis of how they help to *foster growth of arts organizations in Kent County, as well as those organizations that support the arts. The fund believes and supports the following ideals:*

- Arts as a means of enhancing the quality of life*
- Arts as a means of educating/broadening perspective*
- Arts as a means of developing the community*

An emphasis will be placed on performances and exhibits.

The Kent County Fund for the Arts is particularly interested in proactive, preventative and future-thinking proposals. Programs or projects that encourage collaboration and partnerships, are results-driven, that include an evaluation component, and that leverage other community funding will be most successful.

Annual Grant Cycles

The Kent County Fund for the Arts conducts one annual grant making cycle in June. Occasionally we make proactive grants, at which time the Advisory Board chooses a specific initiative fund with the goal of making a significant impact upon a problem, opportunity or organization.

Our Review Process

When we receive your completed grant application, the staff evaluates it for conformity with guidelines. Qualified proposals are then presented to the Advisory Board for consideration. You will be notified within 90 days as to the acceptability of your proposal. Initial acceptance of your application does not guarantee funding. Organizations with accepted proposals may be contacted to schedule a site visit with a member of the Advisory Board and/or staff. You will be notified of the final status of your request in August 2010.

If You Receive a Kent County Arts Grant

Grant recipients should utilize the Kent County Arts logo in all public material and brochures created pertaining to this grant awarded. The Kent County Arts logo can be found at www.greaterdovercommittee.com under the Kent County Art Fund icon. Grantees are encouraged to distribute a news release announcing the grant and describing the project or program to be carried forth with Kent County Fund for the Arts funding. We request a written summary of grant-related activities within 12 months after receiving the grant money.

Funds are limited; an organization that receives funds for three consecutive years is not eligible for funds the following year, but may reapply in subsequent years.