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ARTS AND EDUCATION COUNCIL'S 2021 PNC PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN FEB. 8

Jessireé Jenkins to lead virtual grant seeker workshop on Jan. 25

ST. LOUIS – Jan. 22, 2021 – The [Arts and Education Council](#) announced today that applications for the 2021 PNC Program Grants will open on Feb. 8. PNC Program Grants, underwritten by the PNC Foundation, provide funding for arts and arts education programs that address community needs. A total of \$40,000 in merit-based grants of \$2,500 to \$5,000 will be provided to small to medium-sized organizations in the St. Louis bi-state region that offer arts and arts education programs contributing to the elements of a vibrant community.

Since 2012, the Arts and Education Council, in partnership with PNC Foundation, has awarded nearly 200 PNC Program Grants totaling more than \$340,000 for arts programs in the St. Louis bi-state region.

“We’re excited to kick off another year offering PNC Program Grants, especially as local arts organizations look to begin in-person programming,” said Cynthia Davis, Arts and Education Council director of grants and programs. “We’re grateful for the support of PNC Foundation that is critical to sustaining a vibrant arts community.”

Arts and Education Council Grants and Programs Coordinator Jessireé Jenkins will lead a virtual workshop for potential PNC Program Grant applicants on Jan. 25 at 11:00 a.m. CST. Grant seekers can register for the workshop [here](#).

Applications for PNC Program Grants will open Feb. 8 and are due March 8 at 5:00 p.m. CST. Organizations should demonstrate how the proposed program aligns with the Arts and Education Council’s aim to invest in the elements of a vibrant community. Applications will be reviewed by a volunteer panel of the Arts and Education Council’s Grants and Programs Committee and representatives from the PNC Foundation.

Awardees will be announced in late May. For specific criteria and application information, visit KeepArtHappening.org/Apply/PNCProgramGrants.

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About the Arts and Education Council: *Keep Art Happening*. – The Arts and Education Council ensures the 16-county, bi-state region is rich with arts and cultural experiences for all through programs and services that support more than 70 organizations each year, including: general operating grants, arts incubation at the Centene Center for the Arts, PNC Program Grants, the Creative Impact Fund, the Arts and Education Fund for Teachers, Bayer Fund Rural Community Arts Program grants, Arts and Healing Initiative, the Art Education Fund, the Catalyst Innovation Lab, the Katherine Dunham

Fellowship, the stARTup Creative Competition, Leadership Roundtables, Arts Marketers, the St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association, the Keep Art Happening Scholarship and the St. Louis Arts Awards.

The Arts and Education Council is entirely funded by individual donors, corporations and foundations in the St. Louis region. Since its inception in 1963 as the region's only privately-supported united arts fund, the Arts and Education Council has raised and distributed more than \$100 million in private funding for the arts – a significant contribution that directly impacts the quality of life in our region. The Arts and Education Council meets all 20 Better Business Bureau Charity Standards and has earned the Wise Giving Seal of Approval, a three-star rating from Charity Navigator and a Guidestar Exchange Gold Participant rating.

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