

## Arts and Healing Initiative Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) *What is the maximum amount of funding an organization can receive?*

\$10,000.00

- 2) *If I am already a grantee of the Arts and Education Council, can I still apply for the Arts and Healing Initiative?*

Yes, however your organization cannot apply with or for the same program that has been previously submitted and awarded.

- 3) *Can organizations use funds to pay a staff members' salary? (i.e. an Art Therapist)*

Salaries can be requested if it is directly related to the success of the proposed program. All budget items must be justified in the budget justification and discussed in the narrative of the proposal.

- 4) *Can only arts organizations apply?*

No, however the focus of the program that you are applying for must be based in arts, arts education, healing, or well-being.

- 5) *Do you recommend that we request the full \$10,000 if our program budget is significantly more than that? Is there a percentage of budget that is recommended?*

There is not a percentage recommended; however, an organization should ask for what is needed to carry out the activities of the proposed program. Budgets and budget justifications are required and will be reviewed in relation to the proposed program.

- 6) *If we personally know someone on the advisory panel, can we still we qualify?*

Absolutely. Our panelists have submitted conflict of interest forms and we will ask them to recuse themselves from deliberation on your submission. We just ask that all parties be transparent about any relationship that exists with the advisory panel and/or A&E staff and board.

- 7) *Will there be feedback provided from the panel?*

Yes, feedback will be provided for all applicants after the funding recommendations have been announced.

- 8) *If our program serves counties outside of A&E's service area, do you suggest that we list them?*

If you happen to serve counties outside of our region, please mention that in your application. We will however be solely focused on what impact your program will have in the areas we serve.

- 9) *How much will you be awarding in total?*

\$100,000 is available for funding this year, therefore this will be a competitive grant funding program.

- 10) *Does the program have to be open to the public or is okay to serve a certain group?*



The goal of the Arts and Healing Initiative is to increase the capacity to heal through the arts. It will be incumbent on the applicant to determine, explain and justify the target population to be served and the method and activities proposed to in the application.

11) *Do we need to have a plan for how we will continue funding the program after the grant ends?*

Yes, sustainability is a factor. We are not looking to fund one-off or one-year events or programs. We are looking for programs that have longevity, impact and replicability. A plan for sustainability beyond Arts and Education Council funds and support is an important area of the proposal.

12) *Can you give us an example of a program that you funded in the past?*

No, this a brand-new funding opportunity for the Arts and Education Council.

### **Collaboration**

13) *In the case of collaboration, who should be the applicant?*

Collaboration is not required, but it is encouraged. If collaboration exists, both entities will need to complete the Memorandum of Understanding. This document can be found in the application and will require the applicant to download the document, be completed by both parties, signed and uploaded as an attachment to the proposal. We cannot say who should be the lead applicant. Just keep in mind that whichever organization applies is who A&E will consider our grantee and all correspondence will be sent to the primary contact person listed in the application.

14) *What advice do you have for an organization applying in partnership with another organization?*

Have clearly delineated division of labor. List all expected deliverables per organization on the Memorandum of Understanding. Be certain that the organizations complement each other and will work in tandem to increase the capacity to heal through the arts.

15) *If two organizations are collaborating do you want financials from each? Should only one of the parties create the account with Login and Password?*

We only need the financials from the applying or applicant organization. Only one party needs to create an account login and password.

16) *Would two applications from the two different organizations be encouraged or discouraged to receive full funding?*

Applications from two or more organizations for the same program are discouraged. Collaborate when possible.

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