



**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ARTS COMMISSION
CULTURAL ARTS GRANT APPLICATION
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

TO: Area Arts Organizations

FROM: Chair, Newport Beach City Arts Commission

DATE: December 1, 2020

Attached is an application for a cultural arts grant from the Newport Beach City Arts Commission. The City of Newport Beach distributes funds to arts organizations, enabling them to expand arts programs offered to the Newport Beach community.

To apply, arts organizations are required to meet the following criteria:

- a) Only arts *organizations* are eligible; we do not award grants to individual artists.
- b) Arts organizations must propose projects/programs for funding that directly benefit children and adults living in Newport Beach, and schools only within the City's geographic boundaries. Collaborative events, such as public performances or programs implemented in conjunction with the City of Newport Beach are also eligible for grants.
- c) The Arts Commission funds only arts projects/programs which will be presented before the designated dates (to be announced), not general operating expenses.
- d) Because of COVID-19 related restrictions on public gatherings, arts organizations that received cultural arts grants during 2019-20 will not be required to complete and return their **Cultural Arts Grant Completion Report** until the arts organization presents the grant-funded programming.
- e) All applications must be typed or word-processed and complete with requested attachments. You may reformat on the computer as long as the font and pagination appear the same.

To be considered for a Cultural Arts Grant, the application must be completed according to the instructions and received at the Library's Administrative Office by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2021**. *This is not a postmark date.* The address to email and mail or deliver is:

Address: Newport Beach Public Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
Newport Beach, CA 92660
Attn: Cultural Arts Office

Email: arts@newportbeachca.gov

The Newport Beach Arts Commission strives to satisfy as many grant requests as possible. We encourage your submittal however appreciate your cognizance of budget constraints as we work to address a growing pool of grant applicants.

If you have any questions, please call the Cultural Arts Office at (949) 717-3802.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING GRANT PROPOSAL

City of Newport Beach Cultural Arts Grants

Members of the City Arts Commission will review each application, assign funding, and present their recommendations to the City Council. It is the City Arts Commission's intention to distribute funds to qualified organizations with strong projects and programs that will serve the Newport Beach community. Grants are awarded on the merit of the project or program as outlined in the grant application.

The Cultural Grant Application will not be considered if:

- It is not received in the Library Administrative Office at the Newport Beach Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach, 92660 by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2021**. *This is not a postmark date.*
- It is not submitted in the format requested or if it is incomplete.
- The organization does not meet the eligibility requirements as per the cover letter.
- The proposed project does not fall within the scope of the guidelines.
- You received a cultural grant last year and have not filed your completion report, even if you have not completed some of the components of the project/program.

The best proposals will:

- **Respond directly** to the questions listed. Clear, concise responses will bring out the best features of the proposal and highlight the **goals and objectives** of the project or program. Be sure to include all requested material. Do not assume that the Arts Commission will have knowledge of facts that are not described in the proposal. The proposals will be judged entirely and exclusively on their contents, not on prior knowledge of the organization.
- Use each narrative section and the budget form to **tell the City Arts Commission why it should select your organization's proposal**. Tell why your project/program stands out in the benefits that it offers to the citizens of Newport Beach and why this need is best met by *your* organization and proposal.
- Not include material in excess of what is requested- it will not be seen by the City Arts Commission.

DATES TO REMEMBER

12/01/2020	Application period opens.
01/11/2021	Grant applications are due.
02/01/2021	Subcommittee's recommendation is submitted to staff for inclusion in monthly agenda packet.
02/11/2021	City Arts Commission approves grantees for recommendation to City Council.
02/23/2021	Recommendations made to City Council.
05/13/2021	Grant awards disseminated.
TBD	2019-20 Cultural Arts Grant Completion Report due.
TBD	2019-20 Grant funds must have been spent or encumbered.
01/14/2022	2020-21 Cultural Arts Grant Completion Report due.
01/14/2022	2020-21 Grant funds must have been spent or encumbered.

If there are questions about any part of the proposal or the application, please call the Cultural Arts Office, at (949) 717-3802.