



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 7, 2016

For more information, contact Amy Schmidt, ND Council on the Arts, (701) 328-7594

NDCA announces upcoming grant deadlines, changes and consolidations

Application deadline dates for the NDCA grant programs are approaching. Artist-in-Residence, Community Arts Access and Presenter Support grants must be submitted, via NDCA's online grant system, by November 1, 2016, for programs taking place between January 1 and June 30, 2016. Check grant guidelines for draft review deadlines. Early submission is strongly encouraged for all programs.

Beginning January 1, 2017, NDCA will be consolidating the Community Arts Access and the Presenter Support grants into one grant program with two tiers. The combined grant programs will be called the Community Arts Access grant. Also, there will no longer be Spring and Fall grant rounds, the grant will instead be consolidated to a once-per-year, Spring, April 1 application and submission process. Any grant applications for projects/activities taking place from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 must be submitted during the upcoming April 1, 2017, grant round. **Please plan accordingly!**

Beginning January 1, 2017, NDCA will also be consolidating the Spring and Fall Artist in Residency grant rounds into a once-per-year, Spring, April 1 application and submission process. If you would like to implement a residency at your school during the 2017-18 academic school year, an application must be submitted during the upcoming April 1, 2017, grant round. **Please plan accordingly!**

Also, a reminder that the Professional Development, Special Projects and Teacher Incentive grant applications are accepted throughout the year, but must be submitted no later than four (4) weeks prior to the start of the event. Early submission of applications is recommended since grant funds are limited and applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

NDCA's Special Project applications will now be reviewed by a panel four times a year (instead of twice a month). The FY17 grants will be reviewed by a panel in August and November 2016, and February and May 2017, so it is important to plan ahead when submitting an application. Please note that grant award notifications will be sent out within two weeks of the panel's decision. If you have any questions e-mail bklingenstein@nd.gov.

Professional Development grant applications will now be reviewed by a panel at the end of each month (instead of twice a month). Please note that grant award notifications will be sent out within two weeks of the panel's decision. For questions e-mail amschmid@nd.gov.

****PLEASE NOTE that Schools and teachers** wishing to apply for any NDCA grant program must contact the Arts in Education Director, Rebecca Engelman, at rengelman@nd.gov for detailed instructions before registering or starting the online application.

All grantees can read the grant guidelines, view grant availability, and find detailed application instructions on NDCA's website at www.nd.gov/arts/grants. To access NDCA's online grant system, please visit: <https://nd.culturegrants.org>. If you have questions or concerns regarding NDCA's online grant system contact NDCA at (701) 328-7590.

The North Dakota Council on the Arts, Artist in Residence (AIR) Program provides funds for schools and other non-profit organizations to connect artists and North Dakota students and teachers. Activities take place during the regular school year, last three days or longer, and may be scheduled before, during, or after the regular school day. The AIR Program is designed not to replace, but to build upon and enhance a schools' existing art programs and vision for future programming. New Artists who want to participate in Artist in Residence program must be on the council's Arts-in-Education Roster. Applications may be reviewed concurrently with Artist-in-Residence Sponsor applications.

As a community-based grant program, Community Arts Access is designed to benefit nonprofit organizations that present arts programming in small and rural communities in North Dakota. It also supports nonprofit organizations in communities of all sizes whose arts programming makes a deliberate and focused effort to serve a special constituency or an underserved audience in that community.

Presenter Support is designed to benefit nonprofit organizations that are not eligible for other grant programs through the North Dakota Council on the Arts, offers financial support for arts events and programming, and supports organizations in communities with a population of 6,000 or more.

These grants are supported by the North Dakota Council on the Arts, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Funding is contingent on availability of funds.

###

The North Dakota Council on the Arts is the state agency responsible for the support and development of the arts throughout North Dakota, and is funded by the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.