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News from: Cultural Funding Program

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City Arts Grant Applications Now Available

Application Deadline for Arts Education, Arts Organizations and Individual Artist Grants is May 4

Oakland, CA — The City of Oakland has announced that applications are available for its 2015-2016 Cultural Funding Program grants supporting arts and cultural activities in Oakland. Interested artists and arts organizations may access the grant guidelines and application forms online at <https://screendoor.dobt.co/city-of-oakland-california>. Four free workshops for applicants will be offered by program staff in April 2015. The submission **deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015.**

“Our vibrant arts scene is an essential part of what makes Oakland so special,” said Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf. “Cultural Funding Program grants are an important way that the City helps to support and nurture our arts community and give our young people exposure to the arts in school. I hope the artists and educators whose work enriches our community will take advantage of this unique program.”

The Cultural Funding Program offers funding support in three separate project categories during fiscal year 2015-16: individual artists, nonprofit arts organizations and arts education residencies in Oakland schools. While the exact amount of funds available for grants will not be known until City Council adopts the next policy budget in June, for the past few grant cycles almost \$1 million in grants have been awarded annually. All applicants must be Oakland-based, and all arts activities must be presented in Oakland between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016. The Cultural Funding Program relies on a competitive panel process to determine award recipients and funding allocations. Grant recommendations must be approved by the Funding Advisory Committee and Oakland City Council before contracts are awarded.

The Individual Artist Project category awards grants of \$4,999 to Oakland-resident individual artists producing publicly accessible arts activities in Oakland. Activities funded in the past include performing arts, classes and workshops, exhibits and literary production. Non-profit Arts Organization grants support project expenses (up to 20 percent to a maximum of \$20,000) of Oakland-based nonprofit organizations producing publicly accessible arts activities in Oakland. The Art in the Schools grants support up to 50 percent of the cash expenses of artist residences at Oakland public school and charter school sites. These activities must occur before, during or after school hours, and will result in a long-term, in-depth interaction between professional artists and a group of students.

Free applicant workshops will be offered throughout April. All grant seekers are strongly encouraged to attend a workshop before applying. Advance registration is required; applicants should email dpate@oaklandnet.com to confirm attendance.

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The following free How-To-Apply Workshops are scheduled:

Tuesday, April 7, 5:30 p.m.
Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Hearing Room 2

Tuesday, April 14, Noon
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Tuesday, April 14, 5:30 p.m.
Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Hearing Room 2

Saturday, April 18, Noon
Geoffrey's Inner Circle, 410 14th Street, Oakland

The Cultural Funding Program is administered by the City's Cultural Arts & Marketing Division. For more information, please visit oaklandculturalarts.com or contact Program Coordinator Denise Pate at (510) 238-7561 or dpate@oaklandnet.com.

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