

Arts Education Funding Pool – Criteria

Sample Projects:

- Start-up funding and networking support to help launch a Cultural Arts Committee (in a specific school and/or across a school district);
- Funding for special resources that have a long-term benefit in the arts/music/theatre/dance classroom, i.e. special equipment, videos/prints, body of musical scores, research materials, exhibit areas;
- Funding to provide access to professional performances and/or exhibits that directly connect to arts learning/classroom curriculum (transportation, tickets/admission);
- Funding to hire outside arts professionals to enhance existing program or start a new one;

Panel will prioritize:

- Schools demonstrating high degree of support for arts learning (on-site arts specialists, financial support, programming that has grown over the years);
- Projects with demonstrated support from school leadership (principal, teacher, parents involved);
- Potential long-term benefit of one-time funding (permanent assets to arts program, equipment, instruments etc.);
- Demonstrated support for teaching and measuring the arts standards;
- Project/programs that have funding from at least one other source. Funding can be cash or in-kind.

Who can apply:

- Principal of a Kent County school;
- Chair or president of a PTA or PTO or Cultural Arts Committee with nonprofit incorporation status in a Kent County school, or parent of a student in a school without a PTA or PTO;
- Teacher in a Kent County school.

We will not fund:

- Basic classroom supplies that are normally the responsibility of the schools (crayons, paints, paper pencils, etc.);
- Ongoing performances or exhibits that are part of extra curricular activities or clubs not directly linked to classroom studies.

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Please note that there are two deadlines

First Deadline: September 15, 2008 decisions made in November 2008

Second Deadline: November 14, 2008 decisions made in January 2009

(You may apply for one or both funding deadlines.)

Please remember that approval of applications may take up to 60 days.

When applying, make sure that you choose the most appropriate deadline for your project.

All applications must be received by 5pm on the date they are due