

FUNDING Opportunities

For cultural organizations, funding is an ongoing challenge. Here in Central Florida, we are fortunate to have access to grant opportunities; following are some state and local resources.



United Arts of Central Florida

United Arts supports arts and cultural organizations and projects providing a variety of cultural experiences for residents and visitors in Central Florida. For updates and guidelines, visit UnitedArts.cc/grants, or join our e-mail list by contacting Mary Giraulo at Mary@UnitedArts.cc or 407.790.7844.

MINI GRANTS

Mini Grants are designed to help fund events by organizations that have completed at least one season of cultural programming in Lake, Orange, Osceola or Seminole counties. Maximum \$2,500; \$1:\$1 match.

Important Dates

- Aug. 1, 2016, 5 p.m. Deadline for applications - projects beginning Sept. 1
- Feb. 1, 2017, 5 p.m. Deadline for applications - projects beginning March 1
- May 1, 2017, 5 p.m. Deadline for applications - projects beginning June 1

OPERATING SUPPORT GRANTS

Cultural nonprofits with at least three seasons of programming are eligible for these grants. Applicants must be based in Lake, Orange, Osceola or Seminole counties. Maximum 8-9% of three-year average budget, depending on budget size. Budgets under \$25,000 must apply for Mini Grant instead. New applicants should contact grants staff for eligibility.

Important Dates

- June 2016 Application available
- June & July 2016 Free workshops optional (UnitedArts.cc/United-Arts-Events)
- Aug. 18, 2016, 5 p.m. Deadline for applications
- Jan.-Dec. 2017 Grant period

Florida Division of Cultural Affairs

Division grants support Florida's cultural organizations. For updates visit www.Florida-Arts.org/programs, or contact 850.245.6470.



Important Dates

- June 1, 2016 General Program Support, Specific Cultural Projects
- June 1, 2016 Cultural Facilities
- Sept. 12, 2016 Fast Track Projects
- March 14, 2017 Fast Track Projects



Orange County Arts & Cultural Affairs

For updates, visit www.UnitedArts.cc/grants, or contact Trudy Wild at Trudy@UnitedArts.cc or 321.972.9837. Or visit orangecountyfl.net/CultureParks/FundingOpportunities.aspx.

CULTURAL TOURISM FUNDING

Eligible groups include cultural nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations for event(s) in Orange County that: 1) enhance the Orlando area's arts and cultural identity; 2) present quality arts and cultural experiences; and 3) promote tourism. Maximum request is \$150,000; \$1:\$1 match required.

Important Dates

- May 2016 Application available
Must attend one workshop:
May 11 (3:30-5 p.m.)
May 17 (8:30-10 a.m.)
May 19 (6-7:30 p.m.)
- June 21, 2016 Deadline for Nonprofit Search portrait; input due to Central Florida Foundation
- July 21, 2016, 5 p.m. Deadline for applications
- Nov. 1, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2017 Grant period (event must occur between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2017)

CULTURAL FACILITIES FUNDING

Some nonprofits and/or governments are eligible to receive funds for acquisition, construction, renovation, or equipping cultural museums or auditoriums in Orange County. Requests of \$25,000 to \$500,000; \$1:\$1 match required.

Important Dates

- Nov. 2016 Application available
- Dec. 2016 Must attend one workshop (UnitedArts.cc/grants)
- Jan. 3, 2017 Deadline for Nonprofit Search portrait; input due to Central Florida Foundation
- Feb. 3, 2017, 5 p.m. Deadline for applications; UnitedArts.cc
- June 1, 2017-Feb. 28, 2019 Grant period

BLOCKBUSTER FUND

For information about mega-projects in Orange County, contact Terry Olson at 407.836.5040 or Terry.Olson@ocfl.net. **oam**