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2005-2006 MINI GRANT GUIDELINES

The Salt Lake City Arts Council’s **MINI GRANTS** provide flexibility for limited funding requests that may arise during the year. Mini Grants are available to nonprofit organizations who develop a project during the year out of special circumstances or unusual opportunities. The funding for this category is limited. In general, grant awards will be \$500 or less.

Organizations funded through General or Project Support are ineligible for Mini Grant funding. The Mini Grant category is not an alternative for submitting late applications or missing deadlines in other categories. Applications for Mini Grants are reviewed quarterly, and may be submitted to the Arts Council on August 29, 2005; November 28, 2005; February 27, 2006; or May 30, 2006. Only one Mini Grant may be awarded per year to eligible applicants.

WHAT ARE THE MINI GRANT DEADLINES AND WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED?

Mini Grants are evaluated quarterly. Tentative Mini Grant application deadlines for 2005-2006 are as follows:

For Projects Scheduled During:	Quarterly Deadline:
October 2005 - September 2006.....	MONDAY, August 29, 2005
January - September 2006.....	MONDAY, November 28, 2005
April - September 2006.....	MONDAY, February 27, 2006
July - September 2006	TUESDAY, May 30, 2006

Applicants should contact the Grants Officer to confirm these dates. Decision of the Grants Committee will generally be announced 10 days following each date listed above.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for a Mini Grant, the applicant must:

- Be a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization in existence for at least one year.
- Request support only for arts projects.
- Show evidence of effective and accountable management.
- Make an effort to present quality arts programming, address good management practices and compensate participating artists.
- Be based in Salt Lake City.

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- Mini Grants must be at least equally cash matched (1:1) with the exception of grants awarded for capital expenditures (e.g., permanent equipment) which must be matched 2:1. Matching funds may be anticipated at time of application but must be received and obligated by the ending date of the grant as indicated in the application.
- In addition to project budget information, applicants for Mini Grants must include in their application the organization's total estimated current budget, showing all revenue and expenditures anticipated.
- Services must be performed within the Arts Council's twelve month (grant year) period beginning no earlier than October 1, 2005 and ending no later than September 30, 2006.
- Programs for which support is requested must take place in Salt Lake City.
- Applicant must submit copy of IRS tax-exemption letter and a current list of Board of Directors/ Trustees, including their community affiliations.
- Recipients of Mini Grants must make available four free admission tickets — when applicable — to the Salt Lake City Arts Council for on-site evaluations of program activity.
- Only completed forms will be reviewed. Applications submitted that are determined to be incomplete at the time of application may be ruled ineligible for funding.

REVIEW CRITERIA

The following criteria are considered during the review and approval process for applications in this category:

- Artistic quality;
- Ability to administer and implement the project, including the development of a realistic budget;
- Projected income that reflects cash and in-kind contributions from a broad range of sources;
- Constituency served and number of people served through this project;
- Effective and accountable management practices;
- Community impact as evidenced by community support, public profile, types of programs and services offered;
- Demonstrated need for support;
- Payment of professional fees to artists;
- Programs and services open to the public and not restricted to members only;
- Access for underserved and alternate constituents (e.g., disabled, ethnic, senior, at-risk youth, lower income, rehabilitative, etc.);
- For nonprofit corporations, a community-based board of directors or trustees;
- Completeness and clarity of application.