

City of Wilsonville
2024/2025 Community Cultural Events and Programs Grant Guidelines

Purpose

The grant is intended to aid Wilsonville non-profit organizations to produce projects, programs, or events that promote arts, culture, history, and heritage; and for festivals and special events for the benefit of the Wilsonville community. The grant program seeks to stimulate participation in local culture.

Types of Projects to be Considered

- A new project or event that would further arts, culture, history, or heritage for the benefit of the Wilsonville community.
- An annual Wilsonville event with the introduction of new or expanded attractions or partners that engages Wilsonville's artists, craft persons, and creatives.
- Media advertising, public relations, or marketing campaigns/projects in support of arts, culture, history, or heritage projects or events.
- Program improvements that increase access to arts, culture, history, and heritage for special populations including newcomers to Wilsonville, low-income residents, ethnic minorities, and others that may not feel included in community life.

Applicant Criteria

- 1) Applicant must be a qualified tax exempt or non-profit organization.
- 2) Only one City grant per fiscal year (July – June) will be awarded to any one organization.
- 3) Project/event must take place within the Wilsonville city limits
- 4) An organization that is awarded a grant will only be considered for a grant in future funding cycles if the previously awarded grant project has been completed and complied with grant procedures, including filing a final financial statement and project evaluation.

Funding

Funding for this grant program is \$25,000, which is disbursed to multiple organizations. The funds are made available from the City of Wilsonville general fund.

Process

The online application for the City of Wilsonville Community Cultural Events and Programs Grant will be the primary way of communicating project funding intentions to the grant review committee. Be sure to include all important information you want the board to be aware of in this application.

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting of the City's Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission to make a brief presentation. The presentation will be limited to a maximum of three minutes. The best use of this time is to emphasize the importance or impact of your project, service, or program, not to recap or review your written material.

This meeting is scheduled on: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 6:00pm.

- Please be sure that your request satisfies the conditions of the grant and that you provide all the information requested. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Evaluation Criteria

The City of Wilsonville's Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission will review applications and make funding recommendations to City Council according to the criteria and the intent of the grant program.

Items to Address in Application

- 1) The project must demonstrate a clear need for financial assistance. Factors such as all other available financial resources and the organization's total budget will be considered.
- 2) The project must demonstrate potential to further arts, culture, history, or heritage. Consideration will be given to the uniqueness and quality of your project.
- 3) Projects receiving grant funds must be completed by September 1, 2026
- 4) The project must provide evidence of equal matching resources other than the grant.
 - Matched resources may be in the form of in-kind donations or cash.
 - Matching funds must be documented and must be committed prior to the distribution of grant funds.
- 5) Annual events must show continued access to additional supporting funds other than City resources.

Important Financial Information

- 1) The total maximum amount to be granted is limited to \$25,000. Full funding is rare due to the number of applicants competing for the available funds.
- 2) If an organization is awarded and accepts funds less than their request, they will be expected to fulfill the project as presented in their application or notify the City of alterations of the goals of the project. If a project is cancelled for any reason, any grant funds must be returned to the City of Wilsonville.
- 3) Upon receipt of grant funds, the administering organization agrees to be bound to the commitments of their application. If it is determined that grant monies are used for any item not specified within the grant application, or in the timeline specified, the funds in question must be returned to the City of Wilsonville.
- 4) The organization receiving grant funds and the officers named in the application are jointly and severally responsible for the final financial report required with approved applications.
- 5) The final report must include financial income and expense statements related to the project and a copy of any publicity or printed materials that include the statement acknowledging the source of funds. List your achievements, and accurately verify attendance and/or people served.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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