

Louisiana Decentralized Arts Funding Program Grant Application Guidelines 2017-2018



For Cultural Activities in

St. Tammany & St. Bernard Parishes

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Grants Help

WORKSHOPS

The Commission on Cultural Affairs wants to help applicants develop and submit persuasive proposals. Commission staff will conduct grant workshops in St. Tammany and St. Bernard parishes covering grant categories, eligibility, application requirements, and tips on how to submit a competitive application.

OPTIONAL DRAFT REVIEW & 1-ON-1 HELP

The Community Development Coordinator is available to provide one-on-one assistance to help develop your application prior to the final deadline. Staff will review drafts and provide comments by appointment. Applicants are required to supply a working draft of the 2017-2018 DAF Application.

Dates and times for all workshops and opportunities for assistance are on the last page of this document are published on the St. Tammany Parish Government website at <http://www.stpgov.org/arts-grants>.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (985) 867- 5095 or email arts@stpgov.org.

Application Requirements

- Applications must be on an official Decentralized Arts Funding Program application.
- Applications may be downloaded at <http://www.stpgov.org/arts-grants>. Save to your computer to begin completing the application.
- Applications will be accepted in person or via US mail. Mailed applications must be postmarked by the deadline date, stamped by the US post office.
- Submit full applications (signed application, supplementary documents, and digital artists' samples) to the Commission on Cultural Affairs at the address on page 2.
- **Do not** submit applications to the Louisiana Division of the Arts office (Baton Rouge).

APPLICATION

DEADLINE:

4:00pm

Thursday, June 1, 2017

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Faxed applications
- Hand-written applications
- Mailed applications received seven days after the deadline, regardless of postmark date
- Apple/MAC-formatted documents and media; all documents must be PC compatible with Microsoft Office.

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ONLINE: Grant Process & Glossary

For information on what to do if you receive a grant, visit our website at <http://www.stpgov.org/arts-grants>.

Available online:

- Calendar of workshops and panel review sessions
- Reporting Forms
- Requirements for crediting, documenting and reporting on the grant
- Print-ready logos from the Commission on Cultural Affairs, Louisiana Division of the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts
- Glossary of grant terms
- Links to statewide arts agencies

What is DAF?

The Louisiana Decentralized Arts Fund Program (DAF), initiated in 1995, makes the arts available in every parish in the State of Louisiana by providing grant funding for artists, nonprofit organizations, community groups, and local government agencies.

Funding is allocated to each parish on a *per capita* basis utilizing U.S. census figures. The Louisiana Division of the Arts (LDOA) oversees the program, disbursing funds to each of nine Regional Development Agencies (RDA's), which in turn regrant those dollars to parishes in their region. RDA's develop arts programs to meet local needs, ensuring that decisions about cultural priorities are made locally; applicants compete for funding only with other organizations in their parish.

In St. Tammany and St. Bernard Parishes (Region 9), DAF is managed by the St. Tammany Parish Government's Commission on Cultural Affairs. The department's Community Development Coordinator (CDC) administers the DAF program, providing advice and assistance in developing arts programming.

Decentralized Arts Funding Purpose

- Allocate and distribute the legislative appropriation of funds on a per capita basis to all parishes of the state.
- Expand efforts to make the arts accessible to citizens in all parishes.
- Award grants to organizations and individuals within each parish that meet eligibility requirements.

Goals of the Decentralized Arts Fund Program:

- Support arts programs and events that fulfill local community needs.
- Strengthen arts organizations.
- Encourage professional artists to undertake projects that have meaningful community involvement and build audiences for the arts.
- Encourage a variety of public and private entities within each parish to sponsor arts and cultural activities including classical, contemporary, and traditional arts in eight artistic disciplines: dance, design arts, folk life, literature, media, music, theater, and visual arts/crafts.
- Leverage additional local support for the arts.
- Provide arts activities for community members who have limited arts experiences.
- Provide funding for arts and cultural activities that are open to the public.
- Introduce the grants process to local constituents and help them develop grant writing and grants management skills.

The Louisiana Division of the Arts, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council, is the catalyst for participation, education, development, and promotion of excellence in the arts by overseeing the DAF program and implementing plans of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor's Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

Who Can Apply?

- ✓ **Louisiana non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations** in good standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State
- ✓ **Nonprofit corporations** registered with the Louisiana Secretary of State without IRS tax-exempt status
- ✓ **Local, parish, or state governmental agencies** such as libraries or municipalities
- ✓ **Public or private schools and school boards** (*each school within a system is a separate entity*)
- ✓ **Colleges or universities** sponsoring activities for community participation (not academic, credit-producing, or curriculum-oriented projects) and that increase access to the arts by the public.

What Types of Grants Are Available?

Arts projects are supported within the following arts disciplines only: Dance, Design Arts, Folklife, Literature, Media, Music, Theater, Visual Arts & Crafts, and Multidisciplinary projects. For definitions of each of these categories, see page 9.

***Applicants may apply for only one grant for activities occurring between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018.**

Grant Types

PROJECT ASSISTANCE

- ✓ Provides funds for arts projects that meet specific community needs, up to 100% of eligible expenses
- ✓ Awarded for a minimum \$1,000, maximum \$5,000
- ✓ May apply for funding of only one project
- ✓ Applicants may be arts organizations or nonprofits offering arts programming.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

- ✓ Provides funding for operating expenses such as salaries, rent, utilities, supplies and materials
- ✓ Available to an arts organization with IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status or local art agency whose sole mission is arts support
- ✓ May apply for up to 25% of the previous year's annual operating budget or no more than \$15,000, whichever is less

*A cash match is not currently required, but is highly recommended. **Please note that a cash match will be mandatory for all 2018-2019 DAF grants.**

For complete descriptions and application instructions, see Pages 11 & 12.

Who is Eligible?

- **All applicants must apply in the parish in which the applicant is incorporated.** The official domicile is the organization's address registered with the Louisiana Secretary of State and located in the parish indicated on the Certificate of Incorporation.
- All nonprofit organizations must meet the following requirements in order to apply for a grant:
 - "In good standing" with the Louisiana Secretary of State. To check your organization's status visit: <https://coraweb.sos.la.gov/CommercialSearch/CommercialSearch.aspx> .
 - Do not appear on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Non-Compliant list. To determine if your organization is on the "Non-Compliance" list, visit: https://www.la.gov/reports_data/NonCompliance/nonComplianceList/.
 - Have a DUNS number issued by Dun & Bradstreet. To check for you organizations DUNS number, visit <https://dandb.com/dunsnumberlookup/>.

Entity	Project Assistance:		Organizational Support
Nonprofit arts organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status	Yes	OR	Yes
Local arts agencies	Yes	OR	Yes
Governmental agencies	Yes		No
Schools and school boards	Yes		No
Colleges and universities	Yes		No
Nonprofits (any type)	Yes		No

Who is Ineligible?

- Anyone under 18 years of age as of the application deadline date
- The Commission on Cultural Affairs, as either applicant or a paid provider of services
- Past grant recipients who are not in compliance with DAF
- Organizations who act as support or funding mechanisms for out-of-parish corporations
- Organizations receiving line item support from the state legislature for arts programming related to those line items
- An entity receiving funding from the Louisiana Division of the Arts (LDOA) from the same funding pool

Louisiana Division of the Arts & DAF Restrictions

Artists, organizations, and other entities may apply for funding from the LDOA and DAF; however, some LDOA grants parallel those in DAF and restrictions are in place to ensure eligible grant-seekers are not double-funded from the same grant pools. If an applicant is recommended to receive certain grants from both the LDOA program and DAF, in most cases, the applicant can only accept one. See the table below for specific information.

If a conflict is identified and you have not notified organizations which grant you intend to decline, a decision will be made for you.

LDOA Grant Category	DAF Category	How to proceed if recommended for both:
➤ General Operating Support	Organizational Support	If you are recommended to receive both a General Operating Support grant and an Organizational Support grant, you may only accept one. Select the grant award that is most appropriate for your agency. You must notify both the Commission on Cultural Affairs and the LDOA of your decision <u>in writing by September 1, 2017.</u>

Fiscal Agent Requirements

Organizations lacking the legal status to apply may use an eligible nonprofit organization as a **Fiscal Agent (FA)**. The FA is a 501(c)(3) organization who agrees to submit and sign a grant application on a sub-applicant's behalf, and assume responsibility for the legal and fiscal management of funds granted for use by the sub-applicant.

- Fiscal agents must be domiciled in the same parish as the sub-applicant.
- Fiscal agents may not serve as a Provider of Service within the same project.
- Organizations may serve as a fiscal agent for up to two other sub-applicants in addition to their own applications.
- Organizations currently receiving a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts' General Operating Support Program may serve as a fiscal agent in the Project Assistance category.

Fiscal Agent Fee

It is an acceptable and common practice for FA's to charge the sub-applicant a small fee to offset administrative costs associated with maintaining the sub-applicant's grant (only), such as personnel, time and supplies used. Such an arrangement should be determined prior to submission of the application with expenses included in the project budget. A rule of thumb: fees may not exceed \$100 for any project.

Chapter Organizations/Federal Group Tax Exemption

Requirements

- Organizations must attach IRS nonprofit tax-exempt designation letter for the central organization and documentation from the IRS indicating chapter is under the central organization.
- A chapter organization must apply in the parish in which it is domiciled.
- Chapter organizations using federal group tax-exempt status of a central organization are eligible to apply for project assistance grant funds.

Appeal Process

To appeal, the applicant shall submit a letter to the RDA Executive Director within two weeks of funding decision notification. Such requests must address the following information 1) the decision not to fund the project was based upon insufficient or incorrect information resulting from something other than the fault of the applicant and/or 2) the proposal was not given adequate or appropriate review due to actions of staff or panelists. The following circumstances are not grounds for appeal: 1) submission of an incomplete application, 2) additional information not provided in the original grant application, or 3) recommendations for partial funding.

The letter of appeal will be reviewed and voted on by the Commission on Cultural Affairs board within 30 days of receipt of the letter. Formal correspondence should be mailed to the applicant regarding the outcome of the appeal and copied to LDOA.

Not Funded by the DAF Program

- a. Incomplete applications.
- b. Activities that occur before October 1, 2017 and after September 30, 2018.
- c. Expenses incurred prior to October 1, 2017 and after September 30, 2018 for the proposed project, program or services.
- d. Activities not open to the general public, with the exception of in-school projects.
- e. Activities intended to serve only an organization's membership.
- f. Projects that primarily serve social or religious purposes.
- g. Exhibits or activities that primarily focus on historical topics rather than current folk life traditions.
- h. Projects funded in the same year (or overlapping year) by the Louisiana Division of the Arts' Statewide Arts Grants Program.
- i. Activities intended primarily for fund-raising purposes for one's own organization or events held for the purpose of soliciting financial contributions or pledges.
- j. Functions and events held for the primary purpose of raising funds for another organization's programming activities. This does not include fairs and festivals with the primary purpose of providing entertainment and activities for a community whose ancillary purpose is fundraising.
- k. Accumulated deficits or debt retirement.
- l. Contingency funds.
- m. Acquisition of entire collections of works of art.
- n. Capital improvements including restoration of buildings.
- o. Restoration of historic buildings and sites.
- p. Conservation of non-arts related collections.
- q. Projects used for academic degrees.
- r. Tuition for academic study.
- s. Creation of textbooks or costs associated with recurring curriculum.
- t. Normal, traditional school activities.
- u. Payment of administrative or teaching staff for any school or school system, unless the service to be provided occurs outside of normal school hours.
- v. Artists filling teacher vacancies.
- w. Operational costs to universities.
- x. Food or beverages.
- y. Scholarships, purchase awards or cash prizes.
- z. Fees to children under the age of 18, unless they are members of a professional union.
- aa. Projects managed entirely by persons under the age of 18 at the time of the application deadline date.
- bb. Fines, penalties, or interest on loans or costs of litigation.
- cc. Lobbying expenses.
- dd. Projects and tours to take place outside the state.
- ee. Purchase or long-term rentals of equipment, property, capital improvements or library holdings.
- ff. Fiscal agent as a paid Provider of Service within the same project.
- gg. Licensing fees or dues for chapter organizations.

Project Assistance category:

- Operating costs not directly associated with the proposed project.
- Non-arts-oriented exhibitions or productions and related expenses

Organizational Support category only:

- Non-profit arts organizations without 501(c)(3) status.
- Non-arts organizations
- Colleges, universities, or schools.
- Organizations that received a General Operating Support grant support from the Division of the Arts or Local Arts Agency Grants during the same funding period.

Qualifying Disciplines

The arts disciplines described on this page are provided to give you examples of the kinds of projects you might develop, and recommendations for activities that may complement or enhance an existing project. This is not an exhaustive list, and you are not limited to selecting a project from this list.

DANCE

Dance projects can focus on ballet, modern, jazz or ethnic dance. Dance project grants assist artists and organizations to make quality dance programs accessible to the public and to encourage innovation in dance as an art form.

DESIGN ARTS

Design Arts projects promote excellence in the design field of architecture; landscape architecture; urban design; historic preservation and planning; interior design; industrial design; graphic design; and fashion design.

This program area provides an opportunity for visual arts and design professionals to collaborate on projects involving design practice, media, theory, research, and education about design. Projects may include publications, audiovisual presentations, or conferences. Design arts do not include purchase of plantings, seeds, gardening equipment, construction equipment or building supplies.

FOLKLIFE

Folklife refers to traditions currently practiced within a community that have been passed down informally over time and not learned through workshops, classes, or magazines. Folklife includes Performing Traditions (music, dance, storytelling) and Traditional Arts & Crafts (occupational, festive and food ways traditions). *See definition of folk artist in the glossary.* Folk traditions are created within specific cultural contexts that need to be understood to be appreciated.

Most folklife projects are greatly enhanced with the services of a professional folklorist or other trained cultural specialists such as those with academic training in folklore, cultural anthropology, ethnomusicology or other related fields.

Cultural specialists should be involved in planning and implementation phases of a project. Folklife does not include historical re-enacting or living history. Folklife projects are evaluated for the cultural significance of the art form and the involvement of trained cultural specialists (folklorists, anthropologists, ethnomusicologists, folk artists).

LITERATURE

Literature project grants are intended to support specific projects that present the literary arts to the public and to promote works of poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction. In addition, the category supports not-for-profit small presses and magazines that publish fiction, poetry, creative prose, or literary criticism for production and distribution projects. Such magazines must have been published at least once.

MEDIA

Media project grants provide financial assistance to organizations and artists involved in film, video, radio, or related media. Projects should focus on the development of film, video, and radio as art forms where experimentation, technique and creative processes are included in the project design.

MUSIC

Music project grants assist artists or organizations sponsoring musical programming or the presentation and development of musicians, composers, and/or music ensembles and orchestras in all genres, including band, chamber, choral, ethnic, jazz, new, opera, orchestral, popular, and solo/recital.

THEATRE

Theater project grants are intended to help make high quality dramatic and musical theater available to the public or support development of nonprofit professional and Community Theater, puppetry, mime and storytelling.

VISUAL ARTS & CRAFTS

Visual Arts and Crafts project grants are intended to support projects or services of museums, art galleries, art centers, and other organizations concerned with visual arts. This includes drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, photography, glass, ceramics, fiber, wood, metal, mixed media, and art in public places.

For more project ideas, you can also contact the Louisiana Division of the Arts at (225) 342-8180.

Planning Your Project

1. **Think like a reporter.** Describe your project or organization in terms of who, what, where, when, why, and how you will produce your activities.
2. **Think about the needs of your community and who will benefit.** Does your community want or need the services your project offers? How does your project meet this need? What do you want to achieve in your community?
3. **Review the intent of these grants programs in “What is DAF?”** Is this a logical funding source for your organization?
4. **Review the mission, goals, annual work plan and strategic plan for your organization.** Is it in the public interest for state funds to support you?
5. **Formulate a realistic budget.** Your budget should include all revenue and expenses. The request level should be appropriate for the budget.
6. **Talk to people you want involved in your project or program.** Identify persons in addition to the project director who will implement the grant.
7. **Involve your community in the planning of the project.** Cooperation from your community is vital to a successful project. Develop activities that reflect the community, including those with limited access to the arts.
8. **Find concrete ways to demonstrate community support and collaboration.** Obtain letters of support from sponsors, community leaders, your mayor, legislators, etc.
9. **Document contributions by volunteers.** You must demonstrate that your community supports what you are doing. Assemble information on your volunteers, including names and number of donated hours, and provide this in your budget.
10. **Plan for partial funding.** Given the competitive nature of the grants process, it is likely that an applicant's project will not be fully funded. Plan for ways to revise the project but still accomplish it, if it receives partial funding.

Need Help?

If you'd like assistance preparing your grant application or developing a project in your community, contact us.

See “Grants Help” on page 3 for information on workshops and other assistance.

Preparing the Application

Formatting Requirements

- ✓ Margins must be set at no less than ½” on each side of the page or it will not copy properly.
- ✓ Type Narrative in a common, easily readable, 12-point font, such as Times New Roman or Arial.
- ✓ Single line spacing.
- ✓ Include your organization's name at the top of each page and page number at the bottom.

Writing the Narrative

Read the [Evaluation Criteria](#) for the grant category in which you are applying and format the narrative according to those criteria.

- ✘ **Write in clear, simple language.** Your grant request will be evaluated on the clarity of information presented in the proposal. Avoid using jargon.
- ✘ **Be realistic.** Assess the actual costs, personnel needs, and time requirements for your project.
- ✘ **Be specific.** Assume the reader knows nothing about you, your project, or the organization you represent, except what he or she reads in your narrative. Describe activities citing facts and numbers wherever possible.
- ✘ **Present evidence of adequate research and planning.** Develop concrete plans and specific goals, and refer to them where appropriate in the narrative.
- ✘ **Be consistent.** The budget, narrative, and Provider of Service forms should all relate.
- ✘ **Review project goals and evaluation criteria as you write.** Your descriptions should reflect the intent of your project while addressing evaluation criteria.
- ✘ **Read the Narrative aloud.** Did you inadvertently omit words or any key information? Is it concise? Is it wordy without adding to the description?
- ✘ **Proofread.** Have people who know nothing about your organization or project read your draft. Then have people who were involved in the planning read it. Does it make sense to them?

Project Assistance

The **Project Assistance (PA)** grant program provides funds for a wide variety of arts projects and programs with artistic value that meet specific community needs, up to 100% of eligible expenses for a specific project.

- ✓ Awarded for a minimum \$1,000, maximum \$5,000.
- ✓ May apply for funding of only one project.
- ✓ Organizations applying for Project Assistance may not apply for Organizational Support.
- ✓ For projects occurring between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018.
- ✓ Applicants may be nonprofits or arts organizations with new initiatives (may not be used to support a project considered part of an arts organization's regular program activities).
- ✓ A Provider of Services form must be submitted for each artist involved with the project, listing relevant past work experience and qualifications, including those paid and those unpaid who are essential to the project.
- ✓ **All supporting materials must be submitted on a disc or USB drive. See Checklist, page 14, for details and a list of other required attachments.**

Budget

- ✓ Include income and expenses for the entire project. If applying for funding for a single component of a larger project, your entire budget is still required.
- ✓ Demonstrate community support through in-kind contributions. Multiply the total number of non-professional donated hours times (x) \$10 per hour, and provide this on the budget page of the application.
- ✓ If there are questions about your budget, staff may require your most recent IRS Form 990.
- ✓ A cash match is not currently required, but is highly recommended. **Please note that a cash match will be mandatory for all 2018-2019 DAF grants.**

Narrative

Applications will be scored on the quality of your description of your project based on the evaluation criteria on this page. Prepare a description of your project by addressing each component.

- ✓ **Limited to a maximum of one (1) page, single spaced.**
- ✓ **12 pt font with margins set at no less than ½"**

DESCRIBE:

- **Who** is the applicant? Who is doing the project?
- **What** do you want to do – describe the project in simple terms, listing activities and events
- **Where and when** project activities will take place.
- **Why** you are producing the project, stating short-term and long-term goals. Who will benefit from this project? Include both audience and participants
- **How** members of your community are involved. Are they donors of supplies/funds? Volunteers? Are other businesses partnering with you to produce the project? Name key entities and their relationship to the project
- **How** you will promote the project to the public
- **How** the project relates to your organization's goals
- **How** you will measure the success of your project

Evaluation Criteria

ARTISTIC MERIT		40%
25%	Degree of excellence, innovation, or originality of the artistic product.	
15%	Expertise of the artists involved.	

COMMUNITY NEED		25%
15%	Demonstrated community need for your project, and the degree to which your project will fill this need.	
5%	Evidence of research to validate need (research documentation, studies, statistical data, etc.).	
5%	Degree to which your project contributes to the cultural economy.	

PROJECT DESIGN		25%
15%	The clarity of your goals and plans, evidence that your goals are achievable, with activities that logically support your goals.	
10%	Balanced, appropriate budget.	

ADMINISTRATION		10%
10%	The expertise of persons producing the project and evidence of volunteer, member and/or community support or collaboration.	

Organizational Support

Organizational Support (OS) is available to an arts organization with 501(c) 3 tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service or local art agency whose sole mission is arts support.

- ✓ Provides funding for operating expenses such as salaries, rent, utilities, supplies and materials.
- ✓ May apply for up to 25% of the previous year's annual operating revenues or no more than \$15,000, whichever is less.
- ✓ For activities occurring October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018.
- ✓ Organizations that apply for Organizational Support may not apply for Project Assistance.
- ✓ A Provider of Services form must be submitted summarizing staff and their roles or level of involvement with operations and for paid artists.
- ✓ **Supplemental materials must be submitted on a disc or thumb drive. See Checklist, page 14 for details and a list of other required attachments.**

Organizational Budget

- ✓ Requires demonstrated community support through in-kind contributions.
- ✓ If using volunteer's hours to demonstrate community support, attach a sample page from your volunteer register (sign-in) book. Multiply the total number of non-professional donated hours times (x) \$10 per hour, and provide this on the budget page of the application. Use fair market value for professional services.
- ✓ A cash match is not currently required, but is highly recommended. **Please note that a cash match will be mandatory for all 2018-2019 DAF grants.**

IMPORTANT: Your budget must agree with your prior fiscal year IRS 990 Form.

BUDGET TERMS:

Previous Fiscal Year is the most recently completed fiscal year. Example: If your fiscal year is January – December, your last completed year ended in December 2016. These must agree with IRS Form 990.

Current/Actual Fiscal Year is the current accounting year, not yet ended as of the deadline of June 1, 2017. If your fiscal year runs July to June, the last fiscal year ended June, 2016.

Projected Year is the next fiscal year beginning the first month of your new accounting year. If your fiscal year runs January to December, this would be the 2018 budget. If July to June, this will be July 2017 through June 2018.

Organizational Narrative

Applications will be scored based on the evaluation criteria on page 13. Prepare a narrative description of your organization by addressing each component.

- ✓ **Limited to a maximum of three (3) pages, single spaced, plus one (1) page listing the organization's cultural season (schedule of art exhibits, performances, etc.).**
- ✓ **12 pt font with margins set at no less than ½"**

DESCRIBE:

- **Who** is your organization? Your mission is to...?
- **What** your organization does. Include description of productions, exhibits, festivals, educational programs, etc.
- **Where and when** activities will take place.
- **Why** do you provide your services? Who benefits from your activities; your audience, participants, members, etc.? Is your community served by your organization's programs and services? Are diverse populations involved?
- **How** will you manage your program of work? Who are key staff or how does volunteer management work?
- **How** you will promote activities to the public.
- **How** grant funds will further your mission and long-term goals.
- **How** you will measure the success of your activities.

Evaluation Criteria

ARTISTIC MERIT		45%
25%	Degree of excellence, innovation, or originality of the artistic product	
10%	Expertise of artists or trained cultural specialists involved (artists, folklorists, anthropologists, ethnomusicologists, etc.)	
10%	Selection of programming	

MANAGEMENT		35%
15%	Evidence organization is fulfilling mission, including long-range planning, measurable goals and objectives and activities that support them, anticipated measurable outcomes, and reasonable timelines	
10%	Capacity of the organization to provide program services as proposed	
10%	Balanced, appropriate budgeting	

COMMUNITY OR ARTISTIC NEED		20%
15%	Evidence of community involvement and/or collaboration through memberships, attendance numbers, audience size, paid admissions, etc.	
5%	Demonstrated community need for programs or services the organization seeks to serve according to its mission	

Images presented in this document were provided by previous DAF Grant recipients, by St. Tammany Parish Government, and by the staff of the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs.

Application & Attachments Checklist

- Application Form:** Download from www.stpgov.org/arts, save to your computer, complete all fields, and double check. If prompted for a password to unlock any protected document, enter **application**. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- Project Budget:** Project Assistance applicants must complete a list of anticipated income and expenses for the entire project. Applicants must also fill out the Project Assistance Detailed Budget Notes page.
- Organizational Budget:** Organizational Support applicants must submit budgets for fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018 (projected). Applicants must also fill out the Organizational Support Detailed Budget Notes page.
- Narrative:** Respond to all evaluation criteria following these guidelines and ensure it is properly formatted (see pages 10 - 13).
- Provider of Service Forms:** Complete one form for each paid artist and/or paid group presenting or executing the project. Organizational Support applicants are required to submit a Provider of Service form for staff members. Download additional blank forms at www.stpgov.org/arts.
- Board of Directors list:** provide all board members' names, addresses and professional affiliation. Identify officers and at-large members. *Not required of governmental subdivisions (public schools, libraries, municipal governments, state universities, etc.).*
- Articles of Incorporation from Secretary of State:** documentation indicating the city in which the registered office of the applicant is located. Must be the most recent address as indicated on the Annual Report filed with the Secretary of State. Your organization must be domiciled in the parish in which you are applying for a grant.*
- Proof of Louisiana nonprofit or federal nonprofit tax-exempt status:** attach an IRS letter determining nonprofit tax exemption under Section 501(c) of the Federal Tax Code or a nonprofit letter from the Louisiana Secretary of State's office if the organization is not a 501(c) 3 organization. Governmental subdivisions (public schools, parish libraries, municipal governments, state universities, etc.) are not required to submit proof of nonprofit status.*
- Chapter organizations: IRS nonprofit tax-exempt designation letter** for the central organization and documentation from the IRS indicating the chapter is under the central organization; a Chapter in Good Standing letter or a copy of the Charter for the chapter. A chapter organization must apply in the parish in which it is domiciled. Chapter organizations using federal group tax-exempt status of their central office are eligible to apply for Project Assistance.*
- Sample of Work:** Now required of all applications, you must submit one or two sets of supplemental materials as evidence of artistic merit of the artists providing programming or the diversity of programs offered. All supplements must be digital, i.e., saved to CD, DVD, or USB Thumb Drive. This includes music, photos, brochures, and other supporting information. The discs should be cued at the beginning for the panel. Supplemental materials will be made available to the Community Review Panel electronically.
- Letter of Support:** Schools or projects working with schools must attach a letter from the school board, principal, and/or superintendent. Projects involving other organizations working in cooperation with the applicant should also submit a letter of support.
- W-9 Form - First Time Applicants:** Organizations that have not previously had a contract with St. Tammany Parish Government must attach a completed IRS Form W-9, *Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification*.
- Signatures:** Appropriate responsible parties must sign all assurances on the application.

*If applicant has participated in St. Tammany Parish's archive program, these documents are not necessary. It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm this participation.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT APPLICANTS ONLY:

- 2016 IRS Form 990** or 2015 for organizations with June-July fiscal year.
- 2017-2018 program schedule** for the organization (one page).
- Volunteer registry sample** – a sample page from your volunteer sign-in book (one page).

FINAL CHECKLIST:

- Project occurs between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018.**
- Application hand-delivered by 4:00pm Thursday, June 1, 2017 or postmarked by post office (not metered) by June 1, 2017.
- No staples, binding, or tape on the application.
- ASSURANCES SIGNED (ORIGINAL SIGNATURES, NOT PHOTOCOPIES).**
- KEEP A COPY OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS.**

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Our Mission:

To enrich the lives of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish by nurturing, sustaining, and enhancing the arts.

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2017 – 2018

LOUISIANA DECENTRALIZED ARTS FUNDING (DAF) TIMELINE

Commission on Cultural Affairs, St. Tammany Parish Government

NOTE: Dates subject to change pending budgetary decisions by Louisiana’s House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees. A revised timeline will be published when funding levels are released.

GUIDELINES PUBLISHED	Friday, March 24, 2017
GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS	Tuesday, April 4, 2017 – 10am Parish Administrative Complex Creedmoor Conference Room, 1st Floor 8201 W. Judge Perez Dr. Chalmette
	Wednesday, April 5, 2017 – 6pm Parish Council Chambers - 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville
ONE-ON-ONE CONSULTATIONS St. Bernard Parish	Wednesday, May 3, 2017 –10am -12pm Parish Administrative Complex Creedmoor Conference Room, 1st Floor 8201 W. Judge Perez Dr. Chalmette <i>Contact to schedule appointment:</i> arts@stpgov.org
ONE-ON-ONE CONSULTATIONS: St. Tammany Parish	Thursday, May 4, 2017 – 10am - 4pm Parish Administrative Complex Building C, Grants Conference Room 21410 Koop Dr. Mandeville <i>Contact to schedule appointment:</i> arts@stpgov.org
DOCUMENT ARCHIVING (OPTIONAL)	May 1, 2017 (deadline to deliver documents to be archived) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Certificate of Incorporation ➤ IRS letter determining 501(c)(3) nonprofit tax exemption ➤ Non-profit letter from the Louisiana Secretary of State’s office if not tax-exempt ➤ Articles of Incorporation (complete articles, not certificate) ➤ Bylaws
APPLICATIONS DUE	Thursday, June 1, 2017 – by 4pm St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs Parish Administrative Complex, Building C - 21410 Koop Drive, Mandeville, LA 70471
PANEL REVIEWS	St. Bernard – Thursday, July 13, 2017 – 9am – 11am Nunez Community College Music Room- 3710 Paris Road, Rm. 119, Chalmette
	St. Tammany – Thursday, July 20, 2017 – 9am - 3pm Parish Council Chambers - 21490 Koop Drive - Mandeville
PANEL RESULTS AVAILABLE	Thursday, July 20, 2017 – after 12pm – St. Bernard Parish Thursday, July 27, 2017 – after 12pm – St. Tammany Parish <i>You may call for panel results (we do not call applicants).</i>
APPEALS DUE	Thursday, July 27, 2017 – by 12pm – St. Bernard Parish Thursday, August 3, 2017 – by 12pm – St. Tammany Parish
GRANT AWARDS ANNOUNCED	Thursday, August 17, 2017 – after 9am <i>You may call (985) 867-5095 for final results (we do not call applicants).</i>