

# 2020 IPCF AND MIRZA/ARTS & CULTURE GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

## DESCRIPTION

IPCF's Mirza/Arts & Culture Grants are open to programs and projects that focus on art, music, and theatre education and enrichment, and the performing and visual arts. The David and Kay Williams Music Education Grant focuses on providing creative music experiences for K-12 students using *innovative technology* and uses the Mirza/Arts & Culture Grant application.

Applications may be submitted from February 1 – February 28, 2020

Applications will only be accepted through online portal. No paper applications or electronic submissions will be accepted.

If you apply for an Mirza/Arts & Culture Grant, you may not apply for the identical program to the IPCF General or Shulman Jewish Education and Life Grants which run on the same timetable as the IPCF/Mirza Arts & Culture Grants. You may, however, apply to multiple grant categories if the applications are for distinctly different programs and fit the criteria listed for the particular grant category.

- \$62,138 is available
- Funding requests should be for a minimum of \$500 (the range of grant awards in 2019 was \$1,000 to \$4,000; the average grant award was \$2,182.) To see programs that were funded previously, visit <https://ilprairiecf.org/grant-recipients>.
- Applicants are required to use a budget document developed by the IPCF's grants committees; budget document can be downloaded at <https://ilprairiecf.org/resources-2>; Word and Excel files are available under the Grants tab
- **Submission deadline is February 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (Central Time)**
- Grant applicants will be notified of the outcome of their grant request by April 30, 2020
- Grant funding is for the period of June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021
- Those organizations awarded grants will be sent a Grant Agreement; the Executive Director, CEO, or President of the Board must sign and return this document which outlines conditions and requirements for accepting the grant award.

Grant awards will be distributed beginning in May 2020.

## REQUIREMENTS

### ***Grant Eligibility***

- Program must deal specifically with art, music, and/or theatre education and enrichment, and/or the performing, visual, and literary arts; funding may support a new or existing program
- Applicants must have tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, operate under a fiscal sponsor that is a 501 (c) 3 organization, be a local unit of local, county, state or federal government or be a tax-exempt religious organization as recognized by the IRS

- Program must be available to residents of McLean, DeWitt, Livingston or Logan counties; however, programs do not have to serve all four counties
- Program must be operated and organized in such a manner that no applicable anti-discrimination laws are violated; program must not proselytize for a particular religion or cause
- Organizations that have received past grants from Illinois Prairie Community Foundation must be current on all grant Final Reports
- Executive Director, CEO or President of the Board of an organization applying must approve the application

***Criteria Given Greatest Consideration***

- Has potential to be on-going and self-sufficient beyond the time of funding
- Offers creative and innovative solutions to address the identified need by building on proven practical methods
- Utilizes clear methods of measuring and reporting results with emphasis on objective, quantifiable measurements
- Is cost effective as reflected by the number of participants served vs program budget

***What Is Not Funded***

- Non program-related expenses (Grant Committee prefers not to fund personnel expenses)
- Endowment campaigns
- Annual fund raising events and expenses
- Capital improvements or expenditures
- Conference or continuing education expenses
- Scholarships

***Important Dates***

**February 28, 2020** – Applications due by 5:00 p.m.; no applications will be accepted after that time.

**April 30, 2020** – Applicants notified of the Grants Committee’s and IPCF Board of Directors’ decisions

We regret that not all projects can be funded. A denial should not be viewed as a negative reflection on an organization, but rather a reflection on the number of applications received and the amount of funding available.

**Questions?** Contact Michele Evans, Grants & Communications Director, Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, 309-662-4477 or [mevans@ilprairiecf.org](mailto:mevans@ilprairiecf.org).