



*A grant opportunity funded by the  
Community Foundation for the Alleghenies'  
Summer 2018 Youth Philanthropy Internship  
through The Heinz Endowments*

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**Applications Due: Thursday, August 2, 2018, at 11:59 P.M.**

## **Funding Opportunity:**

The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies' Summer 2018 Youth Philanthropy Internship Program is requesting applications from I.R.S. designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, governmental entities, or religious organizations to fulfill a community need. We are seeking an organization to create or expand a program that will work to engage the community in developing a deeper appreciation for the arts while also offering a unique experience that is available to the youth in our region. This program should afford individuals with the opportunity to expand and enhance their artistic and cultural awareness and allow them to gain valuable leadership and communication skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

As community members who have actively participated in various arts programs, the team of interns who are issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) believe in the importance of youth engagement in the arts and how it can act as a vehicle for stimulating a community of different individuals sharing a common interest. Furthermore, we encourage youth arts engagement in all forms, whether performance or visual, and encourage any program that believes and supports our mission to apply.

We hold youth arts engagement in high esteem and believe that these types of programs can bring people of all backgrounds and ethnicities together, while recognizing the important benefits the arts can contribute to a community such as our own. For example, not only do the arts improve skills in reading and math, but it advocates social development, creativity, self worth, and personality adjustment.

It is anticipated that one or two organizations will be awarded a portion or all of a \$25,000 grant; however, budgets should not be inflated to reach this amount.

## **Statement of Need:**

Throughout the site visits and presentations of our Youth Philanthropy Internship, we have recognized that area arts programs are lacking funding and involvement. After hearing about the importance and impact the arts have made on so many people, our team was moved to make a difference with the arts in our community. During our meetings with area leaders, several advocates highlighted how they have seen the arts completely change individuals' lives; these personal testimonies struck a chord in each of our hearts and led us to believe that the arts hold the power to solve issues not only on a personal level, but also resolve problems within our region.

Through research, we have found that students involved in the arts are encouraged to stay and succeed in school; are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement; and average roughly 100 points higher on the SAT, according to *Americans for the Arts*. Such statistics serve as just a few examples of what the arts can do for the youth in our communities.

Within our region, we have found a gap in arts education, specifically for our generation of teens. Far too often, people in our region assume that teens actively participate in arts programs within their schools; however, with recent budget cuts and a lack of government funding, we have discovered a disconnect with teens and local art programs. By implementing a program targeted at area teens, our team envisions opportunities arising for students that they might not have otherwise experienced within their home districts.

Even though 93 percent of Americans believe that the arts are vital to providing a well-rounded education, not everyone has the chance to be involved in a well-funded arts program, thus enhancing our mission. By funding an area arts program, we are not only exposing youth to new opportunities, but also providing a safe and educational environment for students to enjoy. We believe that an outlet through the arts is necessary for area youth to broaden their respect for visual and performing arts and gain a deeper appreciation for our community.

## **Primary Goals:**

- Expose and engage area youth in the arts
  - Develop a greater appreciation for the arts throughout the region
  - Expose the area to new cultures and ideas
  - Enable students from various school districts to work together to accomplish an end goal
  - Shed light on the importance of the arts and the impact a single program can make on multiple lives
  - Develop speaking, communication, social, performing, and artistic skills
  - Create or enhance an entertaining and safe program to serve as an outlet for area students
  - Be marketable to school districts and administrators
  - Provide area youth the opportunity to contribute to their community through the arts
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## **Preferences (not limitations):**

- Have the potential to include all four (4) counties served by the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies (Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, and Indiana)
  - Demonstrate sustainability for multiple years
  - Encourage students to step outside of their comfort zones
  - Help students forge lasting friendships
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## **Who May Apply:**

***Applications may be submitted by a single agency, but partnerships and collaborations will also be considered. The agency/lead agency must meet the following criteria:***

- A 501 (c)(3) organization in Bedford, Cambria, Indiana, and/or Somerset County.
- In full compliance with federal, state, county, and local requirements and laws pertaining to nonprofits, including the USA Patriot Act and other counterterrorism laws.
- There will be no discrimination of any sort within the organization.

**How to Apply:**

***Applicants must submit the following:***

- Agency information and answers to the application questions (below)
- Detailed project budget including line item expenses and all sources of revenue
- Organization’s most recent annual financial statements
- Organization’s most recent audit
- List of board of directors
- IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter

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**Agency Information:**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact’s Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact’s Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Project Information:**

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Request (Up to \$25,000): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship with other organizations relevant to this project (if applicable):

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Please complete the following questions in a separate document.

**Questions:**

1. Please describe the proposed program and how it will help to address the need that we have identified.
2. Is this an existing program that will be enhanced or a new program?
3. Describe what makes your organization/program unique.
4. Give a detailed description of your organization's goals, mission statement, and major accomplishments.
5. Will your organization partner with anyone for this program? If so, who are they and what is their specific role for this program?
6. How many full-time staff members does your organization employ? Will any new paid employees or non-paid volunteers be added to work on this program?
7. What is the timeline of your program, and what are some benchmark goals that your organization would like to achieve over this time period?
8. Describe how the program will be sustained after the grantmaking period.
9. How will the project impact the arts and/or the individuals in our region?
10. How will a youth perspective be incorporated into the design and implementation of this program?
11. How do you plan to recruit, retain, and engage people for the program; is there an intended number of people you would like to participate in the program?
12. What challenges do you expect to face, and how you will address them?
13. If the full amount of the grant request is not awarded, how will the project be impacted?
14. Please provide any additional relevant information you think is important.

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**Formatting:**

- Times New Roman; Size 12 font; Double-spaced
- Title Page
  - *(Includes: Organization Name, Project Name, Contact Information)*
- No maximum page limit

**Please drop off or mail proposals to:**

Community Foundation for the Alleghenies  
Attn: 2018 Youth Philanthropy Internship Program  
116 Market Street, Suite 4  
Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15901

(814)-536-7741

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**Or submit them electronically to:**

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**Questions?:**

(814)-270-4520

or

[ewingardypi@gmail.com](mailto:ewingardypi@gmail.com)

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**Grant award winners will be personally notified by Wednesday, August 8, 2018, and recognized publicly on the evening of Thursday, August 9, 2018, at the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies' Founders' Day Event.**