

The Cliff Dwellers Arts Foundation

Grant Guidelines

To increase the effectiveness of our grant making and to render the process more transparent to our benefactors and applicants, The Cliff Dwellers Arts Foundation has developed new grant guidelines and an on-line application process. We will continue to offer grants primarily to arts organizations operating in the Chicago area although individual artists working or living in the Chicago area are also welcome to apply. Grants normally do not exceed \$2000 each.

MISSION

The Cliff Dwellers Arts Foundation was founded to forward one of the primary goals of The Cliff Dwellers: to support the Arts. By providing funds to artists, musicians, dancers, authors, poets, and Arts organizations, the Foundation hopes to help foster a vibrant artistic community in the Chicago area. All of the money received and given out by the Foundation is donated by Club members and the input of the membership in the form of suggestions or recommendations of worthy organizations is encouraged.

PRIORITIES

The Cliff Dwellers Arts Foundation focuses on providing educational opportunities for creative development and in assisting with the production and presentation of programs that promote dialogue, raise awareness, or reach new and/or underserved audiences.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

Potential for impact: the project makes a meaningful contribution to discourse and/or the field; expands knowledge; is a catalyst for future inquiry; raises awareness of an understudied issue; promotes diversity in subject matter, participants, and audience. The project or specified portion of the project can be primarily funded by a grant of the size offered. Feasibility: the project has clear and realistic goals, time frame, work plan, and budget

ELIGIBILITY

Ineligible costs:

Scholarship aid or pursuit of an academic degree (to an individual -- organizations wishing to fund the above are eligible)

Debt or expenses incurred prior to the date of grant request Endowment

Capital Expenditures

HOW TO APPLY

Eligible candidates interested in applying for a grant from The Cliff Dwellers Arts Foundation are invited to submit an Application Form and the supporting documents requested therein. The Application Form is available for downloading at the Arts Foundation page of the Cliff Dwellers website (<http://cliff-chicago.org/foundation/>).

DEADLINES

Grants are awarded twice each year. The Spring Deadline for grant applications is the last Friday in March, and the Fall Deadline is the last Friday in September (e.g. the Deadlines for the application in 2025 are March 28 and September 26). Proposals can be emailed with all required documents attached to artsfoundation@cliff-chicago.org, or sent in the mail to the address noted on the application form (must be POSTMARKED by the deadlines noted above). Grant decisions will be made in mid-June and mid-December, respectively, and applicants, whether or not they are successful, will be notified by mail shortly thereafter.