

## ARTS EDUCATION FUND CULTURAL COLLABORATIONS GUIDELINES

Alaska's artists and arts organizations are a rich resource that can help schools and communities become creative places where young people flourish and give voice to their personal creativity.

The Rasmuson Foundation offers grants to encourage genuine collaborations among schools, youth-serving organizations, artists, and arts organizations to provide student access to high-quality arts activities. Grants may be used to establish, expand, or enhance arts and cultural programs for young people either in school or out of school.

**Access Grants** of up to \$1,000 will support high-quality, short-term arts and cultural activities for grades K-12 at a school site during the school day.

*Examples of possible Access Grant activities include:*

- In-school performances
- Assemblies with artists
- Lecture/demonstrations
- Readings
- Workshops
- Artist residencies of one week or less

**Project Grants** are matching awards of up to \$6,000 in support of high-quality arts and cultural programs for youth that emphasize skill acquisition and direct participation in settings outside of the school day. Project Grant funding is available over a three-year period, with the funding amount decreasing each successive year. Applicants may apply for funding for the same project for up to three consecutive years. Applicants in each successive year must demonstrate that the project is pursuing other funding sources. It is expected that the request amount will decrease over the three year period. Eligible programs provide regularly scheduled sessions over an extended period of time.

*Examples of possible Project Grant activities include:*

- An arts organization partners with CampFire to offer dance classes in an after-school program
- A visual artist creates a summer mural painting program for youth in collaboration with a neighborhood community center
- A theatre company partners with a youth detention center to work with teens to create and stage a play about their lives
- A writer partners with a community library to offer an after-school writing lab for kids
- A culture center partners with a school to provide a series of weekend traditional arts workshops

### Eligibility

Nonprofit, youth-serving organizations and Alaskan-based cultural institutions that have received 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service and are classified as "not a private foundation" under section 509(a) of the Code.

Units of government (including public schools), or tribal organizations.

## Grant Amount

*Access Grants:* Applicants may request up to \$1,000 based on the budgeted cost of the proposed activity.

*Project Grants:* Applicants may request matching grants of up to \$6,000 towards the cost of the project for a one year project, or may request funding over a three-year period with the amount of funding decreasing each successive year. (Please see explanation in Project Grant description on page 1.) The applicant must match the award dollar for dollar with cash, in-kind contributions or a combination of both.

## Use of Grant Funds

Grant funds may be used for costs directly associated with the proposed project including artist fees, artist materials, facility rental, rehearsal space, and production fees. Funds may not be used to supplant resources in existing programs, for schoolteacher salaries, regranting, scholarships or tuition assistance; prizes or awards, or for fundraising or benefit activities.

## Selection Criteria

- Artistic quality and/or cultural value of the proposed project
- Level of involvement of all partners in planning the proposed project
- Number of students served

*In addition, the following criteria is applied to Project Grants:*

- Quality of the arts learning experience
- Degree to which students are directly involved in art-making
- Artists, educators and/or other qualified people are involved in the design and implementation of the project
- Plan in place for continuing programs/projects if applicable

## Limitations

Cultural Collaborations grants are limited to one per school or organization per state fiscal year (July 1 –June 30).

## Reporting Requirements

Grant recipients must submit a final report that includes a description of what students saw and/or experienced, how many students participated, and student reactions and perceived outcomes.

## Postmark Deadlines

*Access Grants*

Applications must be postmarked at least 30 days prior to the beginning date of the proposed activity. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds have been awarded. If it is late in the school year, please call to ensure availability of funds before applying.

*Project Grants*

September 15 / December 15 / March 15 / July 15

## How to Apply

Submit a complete grant application by the postmark deadlines listed above, or submit in person to:

Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA)  
411 West 4th Avenue, Suite 1E  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted. Additional Information and/or technical assistance is available from the ASCA, Arts In Education program at (907)269-6682, or toll free in Alaska at 1(888)278-7424.

## Award Notification

*Access Grants:* Within two weeks of application receipt.

*Project Grants:* Within 30 days of application deadline.