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## **OSAGE NATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES ARTS MATCHING GRANTS**

Osage Nation Foundation's Arts Matching Grants applications are now being accepted and must be received by September 1, 2012 to be eligible. "This new arts grant program is an exciting step for the Osage Nation Foundation," said Bill Webb, Executive Director of the Foundation. "Over the past several months, we have received various requests for funding for worthy programs. But we simply didn't have the dollars available to fund them. With this appropriation, we are able to now begin to bring significant funding to qualified projects." The purpose of the Osage Nation Foundation's Arts Matching Grant is to provide opportunities for Osage artists and arts-focused organizations to promote the arts, which are an intricate part of Osage and Native American Culture. Each qualifying individual or organization will be eligible for a matching grant up to a maximum of \$25,000.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICATION**

Applicants must be individuals, foundations, museums, businesses or organizations with a connection to an arts discipline, including but not limited to, visual arts, dance, writing, publishing, photography and arts education. Individuals are not eligible to apply for Osage Nation Foundation's Arts Program Grants. Applications and support materials must be complete and received by the due date. Funds acquired from the Osage Nation Government, its entities or its wholly owned businesses may not be used as matching funds for this arts grant. Organizations are limited to one application per calendar year. While in certain instances more than one related exhibition or performance may be included in the proposal to establish an overall audience strategy, an organizations entire season of programs cannot be funded.

### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE**

Application forms may be downloaded from the Osage Nation Foundation's website at [www.osagefoundation.org](http://www.osagefoundation.org). All projects must take place between August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013.

All applications must be received by the Osage Nation Foundation by no later than September 1, 2012. Applications must be faxed to (817) 796-1816, emailed to [bwebb@osagefoundation.org](mailto:bwebb@osagefoundation.org) or a hard copy mailed to Osage Nation Foundation, P.O. Box 92777 Southlake, TX 76092.

### **WHAT THE ARTS MATCHING GRANT FUNDS**

A wide range of artistic projects are eligible for funding in this category, but not limited to:

- performance or a small series of performances
- visual art exhibition

- literary reading or series
- discipline-specific festival
- film or motion picture
- community-based residency with a professional artist or ensemble
- small-press publication or literary magazine issue
- arts program utilizing one or more professional artists in a healthcare setting or engaging people with disabilities
- commissioning and premiere of new work

## **PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING**

The first priority of the Osage Nation Foundation's Arts grant program is to provide operation or program support to qualified arts organizations including theaters, symphonies, galleries, art guilds, choral societies, dance companies, writers groups and arts festivals, among others. The second priority of the Osage Nation Foundation's Arts grant program is to supports arts learning and arts in education programs conducted by qualified artists. These can be artist residencies in schools, after school summer camps, or adult arts learning classes. The third priority of the Osage Nation Foundation's Arts grant program is to community, civic and municipal organizations. These programs must be conducted by qualified artists.

Anyone with questions or needing more information can contact Bill Webb or Katy Laskey at the Osage Nation Foundation at (405) 415-0383 or emailing [info@osagefoundation.org](mailto:info@osagefoundation.org).

## **ABOUT THE OSAGE NATION FOUNDATION**

The Osage Nation Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, was established in 2005 by the Osage Nation for the charitable purpose of lessening the burdens of the Tribal Government by providing charitable services to the Nation and its members. The mission of the Foundation is to promote and enhance the general welfare of the people of the Osage Nation by supporting cultural, educational, health, historical, community, and other appropriate activities and programs. The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors which is responsible for executing the mission and objectives of the Foundation.

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