

City of Lawrence, Kansas
2007 Outside Agency Funding Request Form
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AGENCY NAME: Lawrence Arts Commission
PROJECT/ACTIVITY NAME: Operating Budget for 2007
CONTACT PERSON: Dr. Marlene Merrill
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AMOUNT REQUESTED:

When does the fiscal year for the program being funded begin?
January 2007

Has your organization received funding from the City previously?
Yes

If so, what was the source and amount of funding received?
\$21,700

Description/Justification

(Using 300 words or fewer, describe the program for which funding is being requested, the importance of the program, and why City funding is needed.)

Programs for which funding is being requested includes the following:

Annual Downtown Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition:

Our outdoor sculpture exhibit is the longest running program of this type in the nation. The exhibition and how it is sponsored by the city of Lawrence is nationally regarded as a model. The outdoor sculpture exhibition truly makes art visible to all citizens and visitors and establishes Lawrence as the "City of the Arts". In May 2006, we will install eight new sculptures which were selected from some 40 entries in downtown Lawrence. These sculptures will remain in place until April 2007. On May 27, 2006 we will celebrate this year's opening with a tour presented by the juror for the exhibition and a reception. All citizens are invited; we meet at the Lawrence Art Center at 5:30 PM that evening. The funding requested supports a contract between the artist and the City including small honorariums for each artist to bring their work to Lawrence and an honorarium for the juror who recommend to the Arts Commission the finalists for the exhibition.

Annual Grants program:

This program provides innovative programming for artists' projects in visual, music, theatre, and/or literature based on need and benefit to the community and as art. Priority is given to start-up projects for up to \$1000. This is a program that potentially impacts and benefits the entire community. This year (2006) we supported a drama program for preschool youth, a city-wide Jazz project, a dance project. In 2006 we fully funded three projects and partially funded an additional 4 projects. A presentation at an upcoming City Commission meeting will introduce to the City these deserving artists's projects.

Annual Phoenix Awards Recognition Program:

Each year Lawrence citizens are invited to nominate local artists for outstanding achievement in the categories of: music, visual arts, performing arts, arts education, literary arts,

video/digital arts, and exceptional artistic achievement. A local artist is commissioned to design and produce the awards that are presented. On the 4th floor of City Hall is a display case with the awards from prior years. The Phoenix Awards are presented in November.

Developmental Workshops for Artists:

This past year two workshops were presented. We sponsored workshops on such topics as management of an arts project, grant writing for the arts, etc. In these difficult times for artists, education is important.

Web-site link to provide on-line applications and present information about the Arts in Lawrence.

- 1. Description of funding support received from all other sources such as the United Way, Douglas County, USD 497, state/federal grants, and private funding.

The Lawrence Arts Commission has no other sources of financial support.

- 2. Total budget for the agency, number of personnel, and how the requested funding would be used (e.g., personnel, equipment, material, etc.).

The Lawrence Arts Commission is made up of 11 volunteers appointed by the major. The Arts Commission is charged to forward recommendations to the City commission regarding construction or renovation of public buildings, purchase of artwork for the City and sponsorship of local art activities. This Commission has been involved in the Percent for Art program and the programs described above.

Lawrence Arts Commission Budget

<u>Program</u>	<u>Funded in 2006</u>	<u>Funded in 2007</u>
Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit	\$12,500	\$18,500
(justification) We will install eight new sculptures in May; this is down from twelve a couple of years ago. The larger honorarium to each artist will increased competition for the exhibition. The artists not only pay for all the materials for the art piece but are responsible for the delivery and pick-up of artwork. With increased costs of art supplies and travel we would like to continue to offer this honorarium. Other budget funds go to advertise for nominations, etc.		
Local Grants	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,000
(justification) In 2005 we were able to fund ten grants out of 28 submissions. This year we funded or partially funded seven projects. There were many deserving projects that increased funding would allow us to support. The final grant reports speak about the benefits of these projects upon individual's growth and wide-spread benefits to the community.		
Phoenix Awards	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200
(justification) These awards recognize the work and community contribution of local artists and arts educators. A local artist is commissioned to design and produce the awards. A Community presentation is done at the Lawrence Arts Center.		
Developmental Workshops	\$ 200	\$ 200
(justification) Each year we receive requests from artists to provide programs that help educate artists. Grant writing and management of a project are necessary skills for a successful artist to possess. The \$200 would be used to pay costs to provide a program and pay a small honorarium for a professional to conduct the workshop.		

Web-site hosting/Development \$ 0 \$ 300
This item would pay the costs for Web-site services; It would permit development of a site to provide on-line applications and present information about the Arts Commission programs.

Administration \$ 800 \$ 800
(justification) These funds are used for brochures, miscellaneous advertising, printing, photocopy, mailing costs and orientation materials necessary for our programs.

TOTAL \$ 21,700 **\$ 30,000**
The Lawrence Arts Commission works diligently to be efficient and fiscally responsible. We work hard to keep program costs with the allocation granted.

3. Does the agency anticipate the need to request funding beyond 2007?

The need for continued funding beyond 2007 is vital to the continuation of the programs sponsored by the Lawrence Arts Commission and approved by the City Commission. The Lawrence Arts Commission has no other sources of financial support.

Our "City of the Arts" is becoming nationally recognized. The Lawrence Arts Commission believes that the arts are a necessary part of our great community. It is a part of what makes Lawrence a very special place to live because the arts enhance our quality of life and sense of community. We thank you for your time and consideration of our request form.

This request should be supported (maximum of three pages) with the following information:

Additional information may be provided within the **three (3) page limit**.

Submit this form and any additional supporting materials electronically by April 10, 2006 to Debbie Van Saun, Asst. City Manager, via email to dvansaun@ci.lawrence.ks.us