

City of Lawrence, Kansas

AGENCY NAME:	Lawrence Arts Center, Inc.
PROJECT /ACTIVITY NAME:	Program and Scholarship Support
CONTACT PERSON:	Ann Evans, Executive Director
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PHONE NUMBER:	843-ARTS
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	\$30,000

When does the fiscal year for the program being funded begin?            1-Aug-06

Has your organization received funding from the City previously ?    ?    Yes

If so, what was the source and amount of funding received ?

Special Recreation Fund    \$25,000

**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.)

The Lawrence Arts Center has served the community with arts programs and services for over 30 years and in 2002 moved into the wonderful new community arts center built as a public-private partnership. With the commitment to making arts programs accessible for all members of the community, it is imperative to seek support for scholarships. As the participation in the programs has increased so has the request for scholarships. During the last year, we awarded over 360 scholarships for for \$34,000. The requests have increased with the new center.

The Center brings together individuals of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to develop themselves through arts experiences in all disciplines. Programs in the performing and visual arts are added to meet the growing needs. Each week over 3,500 people come through the doors of the Center. The galleries are filled with creative works ranging from that of young children to professional artists. The Art, Dance and Drama Education Programs present over 450 classes annually with an enrollment over 9,000 children and adults taught by 80 artist/teachers. The Arts Based Preschool has 140 children enrolled, and 450 take classes and workshops. LAC teachers teach 120 children in the Headstart Program and 10 at Little Nations Academic Center.

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

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.
2. Total budget for the agency, number of personnel, and how the requested funding would be used (e.g., personnel, equipment, material, etc.).
3. Does the agency anticipate the need to request funding beyond 2007?

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

Submit this form and any additional supporting material electronically by April 10, 2006 to Debbie Van Saun, Asst. City Manager, via email to: [dvansaun@ci.lawrence.ks.us](mailto:dvansaun@ci.lawrence.ks.us)

**City of Lawrence**  
**2007 Outside Agency Funding Request**  
**Agency Name: Lawrence Arts Center**

**1. Description of funding support received from all other sources:**

**2006-2007 PROJECTED REVENUES**

Arts Education Program	\$222,900	
Arts-Based Preschool Program	167,000	
Dance Program	219,800	
Drama Program	211,000	
Exhibition Program	85,250	
Arts in Action	12,000	
User Fees	45,500	
Gallery Shop	28,000	
Miscellaneous	4,400	
<b>TOTAL EARNED REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 995,850</b>
Kansas Arts Commission	\$ 25,000	
National Endowment for the Arts	7,500	
Kansas Career Work Study	5,000	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT</b>		<b>\$ 37,500</b>
Corporations & Businesses	\$153,300	
Individuals	71,400	
Foundations	44,500	
Scholarship Donations	26,600	
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE SUPPORT</b>		<b>\$ 295,800</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES</b>		<b>\$1,329,150</b>

The projected revenue represents the annual increase in program growth based on past revenues generated. Program participation has increased with the opening of the new Center. A major emphasis for the Board and staff is increasing private donations.

Funding is also provided by the City of Lawrence for the Center, utilities, snow removal, and major maintenance. This generous support has been very important to the growth and development of the Center and is sincerely appreciated. The city building and city support have been significant in making the arts accessible to all individuals of this community and in breaking down the historic image that the arts are for only the patrons.

**2. Total Agency Budget is \$1,455,600**

The Center's personnel include fourteen full-time employees - Executive Director, Art Education Program Director, Dance Program Director, Drama Program Director, Preschool Teacher/Director, Exhibition Program Director, Director of Business Operations, Development Director, Technical Director, Maintenance Manager, Administrative Assistants (2), Education Program Coordinator and Custodian. There are part-time receptionists, custodian and program aides. The Center has 80 part-time teachers, dancers, and artists, many with M.F.A.'s, for the education program, dance program, drama, preschool and youth theatre.

The requested funds make it possible for scholarships to be provided and low tuition fees maintained so that the programs are accessible to the general public. The scholarship requests have increased. As the number of program participants increase and broader audiences are reached, the request for scholarships increases. Scholarships are available for all classes, preschool and Summer Youth Theatre. In the last year over 360 scholarships for a total of \$34,000 were awarded. The monies will also be used for the education personnel and program supplies.

**3. Does the Lawrence Arts Center anticipate the need to request funding beyond 2007? Yes**

## LAWRENCE ARTS CENTER PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Committees of board members, staff, teachers and participants are meeting evaluate programs and participation to provide the best programs that respond to the interest of the community. The new facility has allowed for program expansion of the exhibition, performance and education programs. An important component of the planning and evaluation is the program income and expenses.
- The Summer Youth Theatre program offers students K-12 an extensive theatre program and a great opportunity for an educational and fun summer activity. A staff of fifteen theatre professionals directs 250 young people in six productions, plus all of the technical aspects of these productions. This is one of the only, if not the only, organized summer programs which brings young people from all neighborhoods together to work, learn and socialize, thus making the Center a “teen center.” The program has been expanded in the new facility and the City Youth Theatre developed during the academic year. Last summer 2,800 attended 16 performances of the Summer Youth Theatre. In 2005, National Endowment for the Arts grant was receive for program and scholarship support. Productions in 2005 included Les Miserables and To Kill A Mockingbird. The summer of 2006 will feature The Three Penny Opera and The Caucasian Chalk Circles both by Bertolt Brecht. The young program will explore The Tales from the Arabian Knights and Destry Rides Again, a Western musical.
- The 940 Dance Company, formerly the Prairie Wind Dancers, the Center’s professional teaching dance company, has a new name and a new artistic director. The company continues to help dance thrive in Lawrence. They annually offer a concert in celebration of the residents, staff, family and friends of First Step House, a project begun in 1996; perform for the Healing Through the Arts Project; perform in The Kansas Nutcracker; sponsor the Choreographer’s Showcase, in its 14th year; present a Young Concert and present the New Works Concert. This year the company touring included 34 performances for Kansas City’s Young Audiences for 7,000 elementary students, as part of Modern Dance Night at the Folly and Dance in the Park in Kansas City, as well as residency work in several Kansas communities.
- Over 6,000 students, ranging from toddlers to university graduate students to professional and business people are enrolled in 450 Arts Education Program classes and workshops this year, taught by 60 professional artist/teachers. Offerings include acting, drawing, ceramics, calligraphy, guitar, sculpture, poetry, creative writing and more. The Center strives to offer programs of the highest artistic quality, which are challenging and reach all segments of the diverse community. Classes are offered for USD #497 After School Programs, Boys and Girls Club, HeadStart, Cottonwood, and home-schooled students.
- The Seem-to-Be Players became a part of the Center in 2000. The Players and the Arts Center’s Family Drama Series presented 15 children’s theatre performances with an audience of 2,200 at the Center. The professional company tours regionally and nationally and this year presented Amelia Earhart: First Lady of Flight and The Ugly Duckling for elementary students in more than 60 performances in 13 states for more than 120,000 students and families. In addition, the company presented The Diary of Anne Frank for middle school and high school audiences in 13 states for more than 45,000 students in over 30 performances. The drama program had 250 children and adults enrolled in 20 classes and workshops and presented 8 performances with an audience of 1,000.
- Last year over 10,000 people attended performances, lectures and events presented by arts organizations including the Accredited Music Teachers Association, English Alternative Theatre, Mandolin Quartet, Haskell’s Thunderbird Theatre, Lawrence Chamber Orchestra and EMU Theatre, individual artists and community organizations Chamber of Commerce, 100 Good Women and the City of Lawrence.
- The Dance Program has grown to 2,400 enrollments yearly and offers over 70 classes each session. Besides offering comprehensive dance classes in ballet, modern, jazz and tap, the dance program special performance opportunities, ethnic classes, ballroom classes and special young child classes art taught by a staff of over 20 outstanding teachers. The Center offers classes for Cottonwood clients,

First Step House residents and at 6 sites as part of the After School Program in partnership with the school district and the Boys and Girls Club. Summer Dance Workshops and the Master Class series are taught by dance artists from the Kansas City Ballet. The Peanut, Pretzel and Popcorn Companies, the Lawrence Ballet Ensemble and the Lawrence Youth Ballet Company presented 6 performance events for audiences of 1,000. The Kansas Nutcracker involved 140 professional and community dancers and actors and a 13 member professional mandolin orchestra. Directed by a strong staff of Lawrence professional, they performed this uniquely Kansas version of the holiday tradition for 6 sold-out performances of 1,600.

- The Arts-Based Preschool Program combines visual and performing arts experiences for children ages 3 to 5 with appropriate arts activities for the interest and developmental level of the children. The arts activities engage children in the process of self-expression, which encourages creativity, movement, originality, language and communication. The program has 140 students enrolled in 7 classes taught by 8 teachers with education and experience in the arts and early childhood education. Classes are offered 2, 3 or 5 days/week, morning or afternoon and are 2 ½ hours per class. Classes and workshops ages 2 to 5 are also offered with 470 students enrolled. LAC preschool teachers teach at Children's Community Center/Head Start, Little Nations Academic Center, and Baldwin Parents-as-Teachers as part of the Outreach Program.
- In partnership with the Northeast Kansas Juvenile Detention Center, the Center has developed a successful arts program for the young people who are in residential care at the Center and for those who are under house arrest and come to the Center for classes. The program offers these juveniles challenging opportunities to express their creativity and feelings while having a positive interaction with a professional artist who respects the abilities of these young people
- The Gallery Exhibition Program features 1,000 artists in 16 exhibitions each year ranging from the Lawrence Public Schools annual exhibition, with 400 student artists, to one person shows by local, regional and national artists including Nancy Bjorge, Ivan Fortushniak and Jane Voorhees. Exhibitions this year included the Lawrence Art Guild All Member Show, Lawrence Photo Alliance, "Convergence: Canadian and U.S. Women Artists," Selections from the Emprise Bank collection. The Lawrence Indian Art Show was moved to the Center in 2003.
- To recognize excellence and encourage achievement by writers who live and work in the area, the Raven Bookstore and the Center sponsor the Langston Hughes Creative Writing Award, with the tenth awards given February 1, 2006.
- The Center initiated the Roundtable for the Arts and Culture, of over 40 local arts organizations, which meets monthly to communicate about arts programming.
- The "Arts in Action" magazine was first published by the Center in August 1994. It is published quarterly and has an edition of 33,000 to meet the needs addressed by the Roundtable members during planning sessions. The magazine is the cooperative effort of the arts organizations.
- The Center provides program space, information services and administrative support to the Accredited Music Teachers Association, Lawrence Art Guild, Lawrence Potters Guild, Lawrence Chamber Orchestra, Lawrence Quilter's Guild and Lawrence Photo Alliance.
- The Center's volunteer auxiliary, Hearts for the Arts, holds the very successful Children's Holiday Shoppe in December. They donate funds to the Arts-Based Preschool, Summer Youth Theatre, Prairie Wind Dancers and Exhibitions as well as for scholarships.
- The Center received the 1991 Kansas Governor's Arts Award in recognition of the outstanding program development and program quality. This was the first and only time that a local arts agency has been awarded this honor. The Center's Director received the award in 2002 and former board member, Marilyn Dobski, received it in 2003.
- The Center receives annual support from over 700 family and individual members as well as 140 business donors.
- The 2006 Lawrence Art Auction has been generously supported by 230 local artists donating 260 works auctioned April 8, 2006.