TCA's Next Budget to Be Determined in Legislative Session

The 85th Session of the Texas Legislature will begin on Tuesday, January 10. Since the Texas Legislature meets biennially, it will make decisions on two years' worth of State budgeting, including TCA's budget for fiscal year 2018 (September 1, 2017-August 31, 2018) and fiscal year 2019 (September 1, 2018-August 31, 2019). As part of the budget process, TCA filed a Strategic Plan and Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR). The format of the LAR allows TCA to request the amount of its current two-year budget as the Base Appropriations Request, and to ask for additional Exceptional Items as additions to the budget for the coming two years. TCA's Legislative Appropriations Request is available in full [here](#). For the 2018-19 biennium, TCA is requesting no exceptional items beyond its base-level funding.

TCA's Legislative Appropriations Request will be considered as part of Senate Bill 1. After the Legislature convenes on January 10, committee appointments will be made. The Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee will review TCA's LAR and discuss all requested amounts. The Legislative Session will end on May 29, 2017.
Upcoming TCA Application Deadlines

TCA has several upcoming application deadlines. As always, the TCA staff is happy to discuss your goals and eligibility to determine which programs are right for you. You may also request that a TCA staff member review your application and provide feedback. Ideally, these requests would be made at least two weeks before the application deadline.

Grant Program: Arts Respond Project
This program provides project assistance grants to nonprofit arts organizations on a short-term basis and may include administrative costs directly related to the project. Projects must address one of the five following priority areas: economic development, education, health & human services, public safety & criminal justice, or natural resources & agriculture.
Activity dates must be: Between April 1, 2017 and August 31, 2017
Application deadline: Midnight on January 17, 2017
Application form: Online
Application Limit: Organizations may submit up to two applications for this deadline. Over the course of TCA's current fiscal year, organizations may address up to four of the priority areas through Arts Respond. Organizations should not submit more than one application addressing the same priority area per fiscal year.
Resources: A link to a recorded webinar about the application process was sent to eligible account holders. grant guidelines, contact TCA staff

Designation Program: Cultural District Designation
This program designates special zones in cities and Texas communities that harness the power of cultural resources to stimulate economic development and community revitalization.
Application deadline: Letter of intent to apply due January 30; application due June 15
Application form: On Cultural Districts Program page
Resources: program guidelines, contact TCA staff

Grant Program: Arts Respond Performance Support
This program provides professional artist fees to Texas nonprofits, schools, colleges, and units of government for hiring an artist from the Texas Touring Roster to do a performance. These applications are funded based on a percentage of contracted fees.
Activity dates must start: Between March 15, 2017 and June 14, 2017
Application deadline: Midnight on February 1, 2017
Application form: Online
Resources: grant guidelines, contact TCA staff

Grant Program: Arts Create
This program provides multi-year operational support to arts organizations with established cash budgets over $50,000. Applicants write their grant for a one-year period, and if funded, will provide an update for the second year. Depending on the availability of funds, the organization’s award amount will be the same for two fiscal years.
Support dates must be: Between September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018
Application deadline: Midnight on March 1 or March 15. Note: deadline varies depending on organization classification. Your specific deadline will be shown in your TCA online account.
Application form: Online
Resources: A link to a recorded webinar about the application process was sent to eligible account holders. grant guidelines, contact TCA staff
Professional Development Webinar Series: Recruiting, Retaining, and Building a Diverse Board of Directors

With the new year come new free professional development webinars from TCA. On February 15 at 2 PM CST, Margie Reese will present Recruiting, Retaining, and Building a Diverse Board of Directors. A webinar invitation will be sent out in early February. As Executive Director of the newly created Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture, Margie Reese is responsible for establishing arts policy, artists training programs and creating new grant making programs to serve Wichita Falls and the surrounding areas.

Margie Reese served as a grant maker for the Ford Foundation in their Office for West Africa as the Program Officer for Media, Arts and Culture. In that capacity, she led the ongoing efforts of the Foundation focusing on heritage preservation, conservation, museum education, governance and cultural policy. Prior to her work with the Ford Foundation, Margie served as General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs; and as Director of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. Margie is a long time board member of Americans for the Arts and served as Chair of the Board's Diversity and Inclusion Task Force. She is an active grants review panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts, and continues to serve as an advisor to the Association of African Museums in Nairobi, Kenya. Margie was recognized with the 2014 National Guild for Community Arts Education's Lifetime Service Award for her lifelong dedication to increasing young people's access to arts learning opportunities, both in and out of school; and for her powerful advocacy and action for equity and diversity. She earned a BS in Speech and Theater from Washington State University in Pullman, Washington and holds a Masters of Fine Arts in Theater from Trinity University in San Antonio. She is a Fellow of the Salzburg Global Seminar in Salzburg, Austria and an adjunct professor at Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland where she teaches Public Policy in the Arts.

If you missed Using Video to Sell Your Programs, our December webinar with the Video Association of Dallas' Bart Weiss, you're in luck! All of the professional development webinars are recorded and available on our Professional Development Vimeo page for free.

Texans for the Arts Foundation to Hold Arts Advocacy Day

The Texans for the Arts Foundation will hold Arts Advocacy Day at the Texas Capitol on Thursday, February 9, 2017. The event will begin at 10:30 AM with a keynote on the "Arts Ripple Effect" by Topos Partnership's Margy Waller, followed by advocacy orientation and training, a noon celebration in the Capitol Rotunda, afternoon visits to State legislators, and a reception hosted by the Texas Cultural Trust.

Full details on Arts Advocacy Day, including how to reserve your spot, are here.
Texas Medal of Arts Awards in February

Our friends at the Texas Cultural Trust will announce the recipients of the 2017 Texas Medal of Arts Awards (TMAA) on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts in San Antonio. The afternoon includes a press conference and VIP luncheon hosted by former Texas Medal of Arts Awards honoree Vikki Carr unveiling the Texas legends and rising stars who will be honored on February 22, 2017 in Austin.

Past honorees have included Eva Longoria, Lyle Lovett, Tommy Lee Jones, Debbie Allen, Willie Nelson, Charlie Pride, and Horton Foote. This year's award recipients will be honored at celebration events on Tuesday, February 21, and Wednesday, February 22, at Texas Performing Arts' Bass Concert Hall in Austin. This biennial event, co-chaired by Peter Holt and Guillermo Nicolas, celebrates the state's legendary artists, entertainers, and art patrons with a series of events, including red carpet arrivals, a star-studded awards show, and a gala dinner. Click here to keep up with announcements and purchase event tickets.

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