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Fanny R. Wurlitzer Foundation Fund Grant Guidelines

SUMMARY & DEADLINES

Through the Fanny R. Wurlitzer Foundation Fund (FRWFF), the DeKalb County Community Foundation provides grants to nonprofit and public sector organizations primarily in Illinois involving music education. Preference is given to 501(c)3 organizations. The FRWFF Board of Advisors approves grants in response to applications submitted to them during two grant application cycles.

Applications for Wurlitzer Foundation Grants are accepted during two grant periods each year. **Applications are due by midnight on March 1 or September 1** and become available two months prior to the deadlines. Please contact Arts & Culture Consultant George Buck, george@dekalbccf.org, with questions or for more information.

GRANTMAKING PRIORITIES

FRWFF Board of Advisors believes that it is necessary to invest its limited funds where they will have the greatest impact on music education. Priority will be given to:

- Promote and enhance organizations whose services benefit the residents of Illinois. Applicants that meet the criteria but are from the greater Chicagoland area outside Illinois will be considered if funding is available.
- Assist organizations to better respond to clearly defined unmet music education needs of underserved populations.
- Programs and projects that enhance cooperation and collaboration among organizations.
- Leveraging funds and in-kind support, such as using "seed" money, "match" and "challenge" grants and funds from multiple sources.

PROJECTS GENERALLY NOT FUNDED

While the FRWFF remains flexible in supporting music education, in general, FRWFF grants are not intended to support:

- Religious purposes (However, grants may be given to religious organizations for programs or projects that are consistent with the FRWFF grant priorities).
- Music performance not related to education.
- Purchase of advertising.
- Capital debt reduction or operation debt reduction.
- Political campaign support or attempts to influence legislative issues of any government body.

APPLICATION TIMING

Organizations can only receive one grant per every 12 months. Please plan your grant request accordingly.

APPLYING FOR A GRANT

To apply, organizations must complete an online FRWFF grant application at dekalbccf.org. No hard copy applications will be accepted. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions near June 1 in the spring grant season, and November 1 in the fall grant season. Applicants will be notified by phone, mail, or e-mail. The FRWFF Board of Advisors may contact applicants for further information.

GRANT FOLLOW-UP

All recipients of a FRWFF grant must complete a grant agreement within 48 hours of the grant date and a grant report within ten months of the grant date as directed by the DeKalb County Community Foundation. Grant agreements and grant reports are completed online. Please note: Applicants will be unlikely to receive funding for the cycle following a late grant report. If unforeseen circumstances are likely to cause delays, contact Arts & Culture Consultant George Buck, george@dekalbccf.org.

GRANTMAKING NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of actual or perceived race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex and gender identity, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, physical or mental ability, pregnancy, veteran status, military obligations, marital or parental status, political affiliation, or any other improper criterion be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available by the Community Foundation, and any other program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated for grants, cooperative agreements, and other assistance administered by the Community Foundation.

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