



Harper Court Arts Council
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Harper Court Arts Council Announces New Grant Program

The Harper Court Arts Council is pleased to announce its grant program and inaugural request for proposals. Guidelines and application materials may be found on the Council's website at www.harpercourt.com. Grant applications will be accepted through December 15, 2008 for consideration in the current round of grants to be awarded.

General Information

The Harper Court Arts Council is a private grant making foundation originally established in 1990 to promote artistic activity in the Hyde Park community. The sale of the Harper Court Shopping Center in 2008 provided assets to revise and expand the Council's grant making program.

The dual purpose of the grant program is to support economic development and arts and culture programs serving the Hyde Park and Kenwood communities. Priority is given to organizations with operating budgets under \$1 million and for specific projects rather than for general operating support. Requests should address how the organization's activities will improve the lives of residents in Hyde Park and Kenwood.

Organizations must meet the following criteria to be eligible for consideration:

- A current 501(3) determination letter from the IRS
- A three-year operating history subsequent to incorporation
- A minimum of one paid staff member
- Located in or serving the Hyde Park or Kenwood communities

Grants are expected to range in size from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per year, and the Council will only consider one grant proposal per 12-month period from an organization. Potential grantees are expected to complete the Council's application form and provide all requested materials. Organizations that receive grants will be required to submit a full narrative and financial report on the use of their grant before a new request will be considered.

Submission of Grant Request

Application guidelines and forms may be found on the Council's website, www.harpercourt.com. Requests will be considered only if a full proposal and all required attachments are submitted.

In order to be considered at the next grant committee meeting, proposals must be postmarked or received at the Council's office not later than 5:00 PM on or before Monday, December 15, 2008. Organizations will be notified of the status of their request to the Council by the end of December.

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During this first round of grants, the Council has limited availability to meet with potential grantees. Questions left by voice message or email will be returned as promptly as possible.