DCa **DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS**
City of Los Angeles

**FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO
PRESERVE JOBS IN THE ARTS IN LOS ANGELES**
Applications Available July 14
Application Deadline August 17
Grant Awards Announced by October 1

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission and the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) have each received $250,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). In accordance with the NEA guidelines, these funds will provide grants to nonprofit arts organizations in the region to preserve jobs in the arts sector. These local arts agencies were the only two that received funds to re-grant in the state of California.

Arts organizations eligible to apply for NEA Recovery Funds from the Arts Commission or DCA must have:

- Received a Los Angeles County Arts Commission **Organizational Grant Program 2.5** award in FY 2007-08 or FY 2008-09 or FY 2009-10 (indicated by a contract number that ends with "0708" or "0809" or "0910"), and/or
- Received a DCA **small, mid-size or large budget organization grant** award in FY 2007-08 or FY 2008-09 or FY 2009-10. In addition, DCA is prioritizing applications from arts organizations that have lost revenue due to the Los Angeles Unified School District's freezing of its Arts Community Partnership Network (ACPN) as well as from Arts Service organizations. Arts organizations eligible to apply to DCA must have a most recently completed fiscal year budget of between $20,000 and $1.5 million and be headquartered in the City of Los Angeles.

Combined, the two agencies anticipate awarding approximately 25 grants ranging from $15,000 to $45,000 each.

Eligible projects are limited to salary support, full or partial, for one or more positions and/or contractual fees for personnel (not including artists) that are critical to an organization's mission and that are in jeopardy or have been eliminated as a result of the current economic climate. Salaries, wages, fringe benefits, and fees that are incurred in connection with development or fundraising are not allowable project expenses (for this program or any other federal funded grant making program).

The Arts Commission and DCA have designed a collaborative grant application and review process to maximize the impact and ensure rapid deployment of Federal funds in the region. These arts agencies are using one electronic application form and all applications will be reviewed by the same peer grant review panel. Eligible organizations need to submit only one application to apply for funding.

The Recovery Funds grant application, guidelines and grant workshop details can be found on the Arts Commission's Web Site, www.lacountyarts.org or the DCA's Web Site, www.culturela.org. The deadline for applications, which are submitted electronically, is Monday, August 17, 2009 at 11:00 p.m. Potential applicants are urged to read the guidelines thoroughly. Questions should be addressed to either the Arts Commission at grants@lacounty.gov or the DCA at dca.grants@lacity.org.

A Grant Workshop on how to apply to Recovery Funds will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Representatives from arts organizations that are eligible to apply for funds are encouraged to attend.

The California Arts Council (CAC) received $502,400 of Recovery Act funding from the NEA to redistribute to California arts organizations to sustain jobs in the arts and creativity sector. CAC Arts Recovery Grant applications will be available on July 23, 2009, with a deadline date of August 24, 2009. Arts organizations eligible to apply for CAC Recovery Act funds must be a qualified CAC grantee in any given year since 2002-2003. A list of organizations eligible to apply for CAC Recovery Act funds is available at: www.cac.ca.gov/arra/eligiblegrantees.pdf.

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