

CULTURAL COUNCIL OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY GRANTS PROGRAM

CALL FOR ARTS PANELISTS

The Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County has been awarding grants to artists and arts organizations since 1976. Over \$150,000 are allocated each year through a competitive peer panel scoring process. The process convenes panels representing geographic, stylistic, cultural and gender diversity.

We seek panelists who will contribute the following qualities:

- Artistic experience as a creator, administrator, or supporter of the arts.
- Experience in non-profit sector and/or arts management, including, but not limited to, organizational planning, accounting, development, or marketing.
- Knowledge of Santa Cruz and its arts community.

Time involved

Serving as a panelist demands a substantial time commitment. Panelists must review, read, and comment about each proposal, and occasionally interview the applicants. Panelists must also attend a one-hour training session after which they will take the grants binder home to review and pre-score. The second meeting lasts from 4 to 6 hours and could take place over a period of two days (depending on number of applications received.) During this meeting, panelists will review support materials (slides, DVD, CD,) discuss each application, and finalize the scores.

Conflict of interest

The Grants program makes every effort to make the Grants Panel process fair and equitable by screening potential panelists for conflict of interest. We use a questionnaire and brief interview to clarify connections between panelists and organizations that would cause panelists to be biased for or against any of the applications being reviewed. All prospective panelists will be asked: "Would an observer question your ability to be impartial about a specific application and applicant?"

How to be a panelist

Submit a brief resume or biography
Complete Grants Program Panelist Application Form below
Attend the orientation workshop

If you have questions, please contact Nabil Ghachem, Grants Program Coordinator, at (831) 475-9600 x 16 or grants@ccscc.org

**CULTURAL COUNCIL OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
GRANTS PROGRAM PANELIST APPLICATION FORM**

APPLICATION FORM

If you would like to serve as a review panelist for the Cultural Council Grants Program competitive process, please complete the following form and submit it with your resume. You can also download it from our website www.ccsc.org, "CALL FOR PANELISTS" and e-mail it to Nabil at grants@ccsc.org

Applicant's information:

Name:

Address:

City:

State

Zip Code:

Home phone:

Work phone:

E-mail:

Check the box that most appropriately reflects your background:

- Artist Arts Administrator/Manager Tech/Design
 Other: please describe

The following are required qualifications for Panelists. Please check all that apply to you:

- Artistic experience as a creator and/or performer of the arts
 Familiar with nonprofit organizations through administrative or other work
 Expertise in management, organizational planning, marketing or development
 Knowledge of Santa Cruz and its arts community
 General supporter of the arts
 Personal sense of integrity and fairness

Based on applications and availability, Grants Program Staff will select final panelists. Please submit the completed application form and a one-page resume or bio to:

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