

## **Decorative Arts Society (DARTS) Grant Summary**

The Decorative Arts Society (DARTS) is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit membership group committed to improving the lives of women and children in Orange County. DARTS invests in organizations and programs that help and empower women and their families to achieve their potential as responsible contributing members of our community.

Our members appreciate design and decoration, and are interested in learning about current trends as well as historic perspective. For its membership and guests, DARTS sponsors an annual lecture series on the decorative arts featuring experts in the fields of interior design, architecture, landscape design and other decorative arts.

Each year proposals are received from nonprofit organizations seeking funds for programs that promote our mission. These proposals are evaluated on multiple parameters, including:

- Definition of specific purpose
- Relevancy to our core mission
- Thoroughness of operational planning
- Clarity of anticipated outcomes
- Fiscal transparency
- Governance
- Leadership
- Impact

DARTS grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Unfortunately, funding is limited, and we regret being unable to fund all of the many worthy proposals we receive.

PLEASE REVIEW THE GRANT SUMMARY AND APPLICATION CAREFULLY AS APPLICATIONS, WHICH ARE INCOMPLETE, CANNOT BE CONSIDERED.

### **Criteria**

The requesting agency must be a non-profit organization successfully serving Orange County communities for a minimum of three (3) years, with a focus on women and children. We do not provide support for:

- Operating budgets
- Capital campaigns
- Individuals

Organizations may apply for a specific project, or program grant, but definitive goals and anticipated outcomes are essential.

### **Application Process**

Grant applications are available on-line on December 1 on our website ([decorativeartsociety.net](http://decorativeartsociety.net)).

Proposals must follow our application format precisely as presented.

Proposals must be postmarked by February 15 in order to receive consideration for funding. Late or incomplete applications regretfully cannot be accepted. Please review the application carefully to insure it is complete.

The evaluation is a two-step process. A preliminary screening is used to identify proposals to be selected for further study and site visitation. Selection of successful proposals will be announced in early May.

### **Grant Funding and Follow Up**

Grant funds will be distributed at a luncheon in June.

It is anticipated that agencies will carefully monitor the progress of the funded project, and be prepared to provide a fiscal and operational update by December 15.

Funded agencies may be asked to make a very brief presentation to members at one of the lectures in our series.

### **Funding Period**

Agencies must reapply each year.

Agencies may not be funded for more than three consecutive years without an interim year.

### **Application**

Again, we urge you to review the application thoroughly and insure that your proposal includes all requested information and attachments. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

Please mail two copies of the completed application and one copy of all accompanying documents postmarked by February 15 to:

Decorative Arts Society  
PO Box 1414  
Newport Beach, CA 92659

Questions?

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