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County's Council on the Arts to Fund Area Projects

Scranton, Pa---Want to host a summer picnic? Have a Fall Festival? Now you can. The Lackawanna County Majority Commissioners have now extended their knowledge of the arts and culture in the region and, through a special offer, will bring these opportunities to other surrounding municipalities.

The Lackawanna County Council on the Arts will award up to \$500.00 to each county governmental division for an arts project that the municipality believes the people in the town, borough or city would enjoy. The chairperson of the municipal governing body can then request the grant for the project by submitting a letter to the Department of Education and Culture.

The letter must include the following criteria:

- Who would benefit from this project?
- What other individuals or groups will partner and work with you (if any)?
- What is the description of the project requested to be funded? ***(Limit 20-40 Words)***
- When will the proposed project take place? ***(Must occur between June 1, 2005 and December 31, 2005)***
- Where will the project take place?

- Who will oversee the project and insure that it happens?
- How will you promote the project?
- How will you evaluate your success?
- Who is the contact person?

Once the letter is received and verified that its contents fulfill the above criteria, the contact person will be notified that the request was approved. Upon approval, an invoice for payment must be submitted to the department.

“The Lackawanna County Commissioners agree that the leaders of each of the 40 municipalities in the County have an idea of what artistic activities their residents will find especially appealing,” said Regina M. Peters, Executive Director of the Lackawanna County Council on the Arts.

“To achieve our objective, we are offering this grant which the municipalities can use for any activity they wish...from a Saturday evening band concert to a children’s visual art display. Arts and culture is who we are and we encourage our municipal officials to take advantage of this grant for the benefit of the people,” added Peters.