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Arts & Culture Creative Grants Available

The Lackawanna County Arts and Culture Department is offering individual artists, non-profit organizations and municipalities the opportunity to apply for a Lackawanna County Arts and Culture COVID-19 Creative Community Grant for a variety of projects that provide the community with positive arts experiences.

The activities can fall into the following categories: virtual projects, "real world" projects that follow CDC, State and County health guidelines, beautification/public art projects, or projects that promote health and safety in a creative way (signage, barriers, stickers, etc.).

Non-profits or municipalities may apply for a collaborative grant with a minimum of three partners. Churches may apply for public and non-religious activities only.

Applicants may apply for a grant in the following grant amounts: individual artists may apply for funding up to \$5,000; projects with two collaborative partners the level is up to \$10,000; and projects with three or more collaborative partners have a ceiling of \$20,000.

The online application portal will open on August 20 on the Lackawanna County website and deadline for submission is September 15.

For more information contact, Maureen McGuigan, Deputy Director of Arts and Culture, at 570.963.6590, ext. 102 or email <u>arts-culture@lackawannacouty.org</u>.

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