

WAAC SMALL GRANTS APPLICATION 2011

The mission of the Wilson Area Arts Council (WAAC) is to encourage and enhance arts education for all students in the Wilson Cluster. We are pleased to announce a "Small Grants" program to support the efforts of arts education in our Cluster's schools (Wilson HS, Jackson MS, Robert Gray MS, Hayhurst School, Maplewood ES, Capitol Hill ES, Rieke ES, Stephenson ES, and Markham ES).

GRANT CRITERIA:

Our "Small Grants" will fund school-based programs or needs that help to strengthen arts education in our schools. Grants are available for up to \$350.00 for the following:

1. School-based programs, projects, or needs that support visual arts, drama, band, choir, dance, music, or anything that would be considered part of an arts education.
2. When looking at any competing applications for our limited WAAC "Small Grants" budget, preference will be given to proposed programs/needs/projects that:
 - start or build on a new program that has a likelihood of continuing beyond the grant
 - help connect the school to the community
 - benefit students in more than one school in our Cluster
 - positively impact one or more type of "arts" (e.g. dance and drama)
 - positively impact a high number of students
 - match or augment WAAC funds from the school's or PTA's budget, OR private donations
 - have compelling educational merit
 - have full support from the school administration
 - have community and/or student appeal

WAAC will not consider providing grants to support ongoing or new FTE positions paid through PPS.

WHO MAY APPLY:

- Teachers & school staff
- Principals & school leadership teams
- School Parents (Local school foundations, PTAs, Site Councils, School Leadership Teams)

TO APPLY:

Please fill out the attached application form with your grant narrative (we recommend not longer than 2 pages) and return it to WAAC **no later than 5:00 PM, Wednesday, February 16th, 2011.** We request that you mail one copy with signatures to the address below and email liz.garnand@gmail.com with an electronic version of your proposal. (Decisions are targeted to be made by February 28, 2011.)

Wilson Area Arts Council
PO Box 80263
Portland OR 97219

WAAC SMALL GRANTS APPLICATION:

Please type in the following information:

Name of Program:

Key Contact Person Title:

E-mail:

Phone:

School Site(s):

School Address:

Street:

City Zip:

Total Amount of Budget: \$

Total Amount Requested from WAAC: \$

Any funding being provided by another organization? \$

Please respond to the topics listed on the next page.

Your signature confirms this proposal addresses PPS district policies:

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Principal signature (required):

Signature: _____

Name: _____

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: If WAAC does not award a grant to your school*, we may wish to promote and solicit donations for your cause. Please indicate below whether or not you give permission to WAAC to publish in our newsletter a description and goals of your program/need to solicit for donations:

Yes ___ No ___ (we would call or email first to ensure the need is still there)

Comments if any: _____

(*Note: our reasons to decline may include choosing a competing grant, our limited WAAC funding and/or based on lack of fit with WAAC's mission and Small Grants' criteria).

WAAC SMALL GRANTS NARRATIVE:

1. Overview of the request: Please describe your program, including approximately how many students will be positively impacted by this grant.
2. Please let us know how this effort will strengthen arts education in your school. Please refer directly the criteria listed below and answer anything that may help us compare your request to our criteria:
 - start or build on a new program
 - help connect the school to the community
 - benefit many students
 - positively impact one or more type of "arts" (e.g. dance and drama)
 - match or augment WAAC grant with the school's or PTA's budget, OR private donations
 - have compelling educational merit
 - have full support from the school administration
 - have community and/or student appeal
3. Are other organizations and community partners involved? If so, please describe.
4. Describe how you will publicize your WAAC "Small Grants" program or use of grants money.