



We Want to Dance Spark Grant

Grant Period: October 25, 2018 - June 7, 2018

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Grant Application Opens: September 26, 2018
- Grant Applications Due: October 19, 2018, 11:59pm PST
- Award Announcement: October 24, 2018

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

It's our mission to create inspiring and enriching opportunities for youth to cultivate their full potential through the arts. The spark grant program is designed to connect young people to arts opportunities that fuel their creativity, education, and dreams.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

We Want to Dance is committed to increasing access to quality arts opportunities and to supporting education milestones for young people in Los Angeles' low-income communities. This spark grant is offered to schools, organizations, and groups seeking to launch new projects led by and that engage 2nd-12th grade youth in the arts and or that promote college/post-secondary education opportunities. More specifically, we seek to:

- Challenge young people to develop and implement a youth-led project
- Provide access to unique arts opportunities
- Raise awareness of college and post-secondary education pathways

GRANT RANGE

We Want to Dance offers \$500 - \$1000 grants to projects that best align with our mission. This will be determined by our advisory board members. Not all projects are funded.

GRANT EXPECTATIONS

We will consider projects that have some of the following characteristics:

- Projects led-by 3rd-12th grade youth
- Projects that meet multiple times; not one-day activities
- Projects that promote the exploration of visual and/or performing arts
- Projects that raise awareness of college and post-secondary pathways
- Projects occurring during the grant period (October 25, 2018 - June 7, 2018)

TO QUALIFY FOR THIS GRANT, GROUPS MUST:

- Engage 3rd-12th grade youth from low-income communities in Los Angeles, CA
- Be part of a formal group, organization, or school
- Have a registered project advisor
- Propose a new project fueled by visual and/or performing arts

UNFORTUNATELY, WE DO NOT FUND:

- Fundraising events, capital improvements or expenses
- One day events or trips
- Salaries or compensation for contractors/vendors
- Proposals seeking to sustain an existing project



GRANT PROPOSAL COMPONENTS

1. COVER SHEET

The proposal must include a cover sheet with the:

- a. Project title
- b. Project advisor contact information (name, title, organization/school, address, phone, email)
- c. Youth Leader information (name, grade, title, organization/school)
- d. Project description (200-250 words max).
- e. Grant Amount Requested up to \$1000.

2. NARRATIVE

The narrative (2-3 pages) should include the following information:

- a. Project Description
 - i. What is the planned project? Describe the activities you plan to do?
 - ii. When and where will the activities take place?
 - iii. Who will benefit from this project? Who will participate? How many young people will be engaged?
 - iv. Who will advise your group? Who will lead the project activities?
- b. Project Impact/Objective
 - i. How did you come up with the project idea? What do you hope to achieve by the end of this grant? What is your project objective?
 - ii. How does the project align with our mission?
- c. Project Showcase/Reporting
 - i. How will you share project outcomes with the community? How will it be publicized?

3. BUDGET

- a. How will you spend the funds awarded to you? Please specify all the project-related expenses and how the grant funds will be allocated.
- b. In a short narrative, describe other fundraising efforts or in-kind donation requests you are making.

4. VIDEO PITCH

- a. Record a 1-minute video with the youth leaders pitching this project to We Want to Dance Advisory Board members.

EXPENDITURE & REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (Due June 7, 2018)

1. Gather and submit a digital picture portfolio with at least 15-20 pictures.
2. Submit a final narrative and expenditure report (template will be provided).
3. Submit a 1-minute reflection video.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested groups should submit a grant proposal that includes the components outlined above. Proposals must be emailed to the contact listed below **no later than October 19, 11:59pm PST**.

WE WANT TO DANCE CONTACT

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