



Program Overview:

Tacoma Creates is a voter-approved initiative to increase access to arts, culture, heritage, and science experiences throughout Tacoma by reducing barriers to access and expanding offerings, particularly for underserved youth. Eligible non-profit arts, culture, heritage, and science organizations are able to apply for funding that helps them expand equitable access to public programs, increase opportunities in neighborhoods throughout Tacoma, expand educational options for youth, and build sustainability for ongoing cultural programs that provide value for people throughout the City of Tacoma.

Primary Funding Goals:

- Support public programs in arts, culture, heritage, and/or science that engage community members in Tacoma
- Increase access to these programs, and reduce barriers to participation, especially for historically underserved populations, and within neighborhoods across Tacoma
- Support programming by and for culturally or ethnically specific communities, and/or other underrepresented groups
- Expand access to youth education programs in arts, culture, heritage, and science
- Support the sustainability of cultural sector organizations in Tacoma

Current Application/Funding Cycle:

- Application Guidelines released in January
- Application deadlines in March
- Funding contracts cover July-June program year

Eligibility:

- In general, organizations must have:
 - A *primary purpose* to advance and/or preserve arts, culture, heritage, and/or science
 - Non-profit, 501(c)3 status, or have an eligible fiscal sponsor
 - An official business address within the City of Tacoma
 - Public programming offered within Tacoma city limits
- There are a few special categories with different requirements; eligibility requirements vary for the two funding categories. Details at www.tacomacreates.org/funding-categories.

More Information:

www.tacomacreates.org

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