



FY2017 Maryland Traditions Project Grants

Maryland Traditions is a program of the Maryland State Arts Council that receives funding from the National Endowment of the Arts through its Folk Arts Infrastructure Initiative. This statewide program supports communities to discover, share, preserve, and sustain traditional arts and culture. Maryland Traditions works directly with individuals and cultural institutions to encourage the vitality of living traditions and folk arts and shares information through publication, interpretation, presentation and outreach.

Maryland Traditions Project Grants support research and programming that add significantly to Maryland communities and organizations by documenting, preserving, sustaining, and presenting Maryland's traditional arts and culture. Maryland Traditions seeks to build sustainability for traditional arts and culture in the state. Program staff and partners will actively work with Maryland Traditions Project grant recipients in providing technical assistance and connecting the project to other activities and resources.

Eligibility:

Eligible applicants for Maryland Traditions Project grants are not-for-profit arts and non-arts organizations, as well as colleges, universities, and units of government.

Review Criteria:

- Value of the project in sustaining traditions
- Project design
- Artistic and cultural significance
- Ability of the applicant to carry out and evaluate the project
- Project impact for the identified community
- Financial feasibility

Our review panel was composed of regional folklife experts Maria Gabriela Aldana (Creative Alliance), Junious Brickhouse (Urban Artistry), Dr. Olivia Cadaval (the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage) and Blaine Waide (National Council for the Traditional Arts).

Funding Amounts:

All grant requests for the Maryland Traditions Project grant program were for \$5,000.

Funding Recommendations:

We received seven applications in this tenth year of the Project Grant program for projects to take place between July 2016 and June of 2017. Five applications were recommended for funding:

Maryland Traditions Project Grants FY2017 Funding Recommendations			
Organization	County	Project Description	Funding Recommendation
Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts	Baltimore City	BOPA staff will research, archive, and launch a new web-based public platform to explore the history and living tradition of the Baltimore Mural Project.	\$5,000
Chestertown RiverArts	Kent	The "Humans of Kent County" project will tell the stories of the unique human beings—young and old—living in Kent County through photographs, interviews showcased online, and four exhibits across the county.	\$0
Creative Alliance, Inc.	Baltimore City	Dia de los Muertos Traditions, produced by Creative Alliance and Artesanas Mexicanas, honors Day of the Dead beliefs and its folkloric art forms through workshops, walking tours, a	\$5,000

		video documentary, and commissioned altar-making.	
Nanticoke Historic Preservation Alliance, Inc.	Dorchester	The Handsell 2016-2017 Native Culture Events series promotes local native culture through cultural interpretation, demonstrations, and workshops at the replica Chicone Village located at Handsell in Vienna.	\$5,000 (pending additional materials)
Towson University – Asian Arts & Culture Center	Baltimore	The "Karaoke Spring" project will illuminate the art and culture of karaoke and engage audiences in dialogue through an interactive gallery installation and public programs.	\$5,000
Wide Angle Youth Media	Baltimore City	Project will document the neighborhood traditions of Baltimore City communities through audio and images that will be distributed through FM 88.1 WYPR and preserved through the Enoch Pratt Free Library and the	\$5,000

		Maryland Folklife Archives.	
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