



TOWN OF POOLESVILLE
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GRANT APPLICATION

Introduction

The Commissioners of Poolesville's Grant Program is a funding source designed to assist non-profit organizations in projects and/or events specifically intended to benefit the Town of Poolesville and its citizens. Commissioner grants are funded through Poolesville's General Fund and are appropriated contingent upon the availability of funds. The Following is information on "mini" and "major" grants and instructions for completing the grant application package.

Mini Grants

Applications for "mini" grants must not exceed \$1,000.00. These grant application packages are accepted during the months of January and July and are awarded contingent upon project eligibility and availability of funds. Each applicant is required to give an oral presentation to the Commissioners in conjunction with the written application.

Major Grants

Grants exceeding \$1,000.00 are considered major and are accepted and reviewed during the Town's budget process. Application deadline for major grants is January 31 of each year for awards granted in July of the following fiscal year. Awards are contingent upon project eligibility and availability of funds. Each applicant is required to give an oral presentation to the Commissioners in conjunction with the written application.

Project Eligibility

All applications are evaluated based on the organizations clear demonstration of how the event/project will:

- Benefit the citizens of Poolesville;
- Address specific needs in the Town and for its citizens;
- Help build and strengthen the community;
- Meet the objectives for which funding is requested; and
- Involve as much possible local citizens and resources.
- Funds cannot be used as a pass through donation to organizations.

In addition to the above criteria, the successful applicant shall demonstrate specifically how the funds will be spent. **Requests for donations to programs must primarily benefit Poolesville citizens.** Funding requests for events designed to raise money for programs outside Poolesville, must detail event expenditures, how funds will be utilized and how the event ties to the criteria above.

Grant Terms and Conditions

All grant funds generally must be spent in the fiscal year awarded. A written report detailing expenditures and project/event success must be submitted to the Commissioners of Poolesville prior to the end of the fiscal year in which the funds were allocated.

Recipients of funds are required to provide appropriate acknowledgement of the Town's assistance in any advertisements or publications.

1. Applicant Information

Full legal name of organization: **Riverworks Art Center, Inc.**

Address: **19215 Beallsville Road, Beallsville, MD 20839**

Name of Authorized Point of Contact: **Sandy Wright, Board Treasurer**

Phone: **301-922-8507** Fax: | *E-mail:* **sandy@aldenfarms.net**

501(C)(3), status if applicable: **granted, EIN 87-4638897**

Whom or what purpose does your organization serve:

Riverworks Art Center was established to provide a meeting place for artists to come together to learn, to be inspired and to support each other as well as space for the community to view, support, and enjoy visual and performing arts. The non-profit provides programming and support for artists to grow and understand their practice, to develop collaborative work, and to expand their opportunities to share. It seeks to promote the health and wellbeing of the artist community through facilitation of artist groups, dialogues, and mentorships.

2. Type of Project and Purpose

Type of project/event: Riverworks Arts Center will develop the "Old Methodist Church" historic property at 17605 West Willard Rd. Poolesville, along with a small addition and outdoor stage, to serve as a nonprofit arts center, creating a venue where performing, written, and visual artists can perform and exhibit their work sharing with the community; offering opportunities and programming for exploration, collaboration, and education for the curious, emergent, and professional artists among us; and reviving a cultural Heritage Site that celebrates place, local history, culture, stories, and creativity.

We plan a beautiful setting with an outdoor stage surrounded by gardens and conservation landscaping demonstrating effective yet beautiful stormwater management. The arts center will be a launching pad for other cultural activities in town, including a sculpture walk and murals, in addition to an interpretive history and story trail. The building will offer indoor/outdoor stages and gathering space, perfect for exhibits, lectures, performances and roundtables.

Purpose, how will your project/event positively impact the citizens and/or businesses in Poolesville:

In partnership with numerous nonprofit, local business, and civic partners, the arts center will offer cultural events, inspiration, and avenues to well-being to a diverse group of local residents, furthering Poolesville's renowned community connection. The arts center will create opportunities for community engagement, elevating Poolesville and Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve, attracting county residents and visitors for increased visibility and economic activity for local businesses and other cultural endeavors.

3. Project Location, Date & Time Information

Project Location: 17605 West Willard Rd., Poolesville

Date: We hope to break ground in and be event-ready by the end of 2023.

Time: _____

4. Funding Request Information, Itemize expenditure types and amounts (How funds will be spent)

We request \$10,000 in funding to support the project. The estimated construction budget is \$1,900,000 plus \$340,000 in state of the art sound, stage, lighting and other equipment. Any amount of financial support for the project from the Town of Poolesville will be greatly appreciated and will be critical to showing the town's unequivocal support for the project in our requests for funding from federal, state, county and other organizations.

5. Results

Who will prepare financial reports showing expenditures and how will the success of your project/ event will be measured: Riverworks' Executive Director, with the support of Riverworks' Board of Directors will prepare financial reports showing expenditures. The success of the project will be measured in the number of performances and events held each year on the property and the number of community members and others engaged in such performances and events.

/s/ Sandy Wright, Board Treasurer

Feb. 5, 2023

Signature of Authorized Person For the Organization

Date

Approved

Denied

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____