

# 2012 Anacortes Arts Festival Giving Program

## Giving Philosophy

The Arts Festival strives to impact the entire Anacortes community through its range of giving by advancing arts education, increasing participation in arts activities and better linking the arts community to Anacortes. The Festival endeavors, over time, to fund a well-balanced group of grant requests and projects, some self-initiated, that involves a diverse group of people and diverse art activities. **Scholarships are no longer available.**

## General Giving Guidelines

- In the case of capital items, submit an estimate.
- Grants are awarded for one year from the date of issuance or contact the office to make special arrangements.
- A Follow-up Report detailing the use of the grant funds is required.

## Giving Calendar

Grant Application Deadline: **March 13, 2012**

Notification of grant approval: **April 10, 2012**

## Grant Application

Applicants are asked to describe their project, its cost, its purpose and its benefit to the community on an application form available at the Festival office and on its Web site. Organizations will be asked to briefly share their mission & goals. Individuals will be asked to describe their program or project and how it relates to the Festival's grant priorities.

## Giving Committee

If you have questions or need more information prior to submitting your application contact Jack Darnton: [jdarnton@goanacortes.com](mailto:jdarnton@goanacortes.com) or 360-293-3122.

**Types of requests** that have been funded in the past:

- Royalty fees for a special community theater production
- Funds for commissioned art at public venues
- Youth education classes and projects
- Purchase of musical instruments
- Funding for cultural arts series

## Giving Priorities

In 2012, the Anacortes Arts Festival Giving Program will focus on Arts Education. We encourage visual and performing artists, arts organizations and arts programs to develop projects, activities, special events and classes that benefit the Fidalgo Island and Guemes Island community. Grant requests where people and programs work cooperatively are encouraged, along with those where people are able to participate in the arts.

**In 2012**, the Anacortes Arts Festival Giving Program will also be looking for grant requests that will bring additional art to the Fidalgo Island and Guemes Island community and enhance the cultural richness of the community.

**Successful projects** display some or all of the following characteristics:

- Target Fidalgo Island and Guemes Island residents as participants and/or audiences.
- Provide creative opportunities for Fidalgo Island and Guemes Island artists.
- Foster successful collaborations that benefit arts organizations and artists.
- Invest in capital items that will allow direct artistic use by many people over a long-term period.
- Involve matching funds
- Have a link to the Anacortes Arts Festival, such as an exhibit or performance.
- Are initiated by tax-exempt organizations registered under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Note:** *Grants are not limited to 501(c)(3) organizations. Groups and individuals with projects, program requests that are in line with the Festival's Giving Philosophy may apply. These requests face strict disclosure and record-keeping requirements.*

(The Anacortes Arts Festival gives low priority to grant requests that provide basic maintenance and operation funds.)