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## **2014 Fast Track Grant Opportunity**

*Fairfax County, VA* – The Arts Council of Fairfax County announces the creation of a new grant program for Fairfax County non-profit arts organizations.

The Fast Track Grants program aims to fund one-time events or activities that fall outside the regular cycle or scope of Arts Council grants. Fast Track Grants can be used for the following expenses:

- Unforeseen project costs that could threaten an organization's ability to successfully carryout a project
- Equipment lease, purchase or repair that was not anticipated maintenance
- Unexpected artistic opportunity not part of regular season or artistic calendar
- Emergency situation as defined by the organization

Beginning Jan. 8, the Arts Council will accept applications for the non-matching grants. Organizations with an operating budget of less than \$400,000 are eligible to apply for up to \$1,000. Fairfax County arts organizations may receive Fast Track Grants only once per 12-month period.

Applications will be internally reviewed by a panel of staff members and approved by the Executive Committee of the Arts Council Board of Directors. Applicants will be notified of their grant status within 30 days of receipt of the application.

"The new Fast Track Grants program presents an exciting new tool for Fairfax County's small arts organizations to quickly execute programs and services, and fund unforeseen needs," Linda S. Sullivan, president and CEO of the Arts Council, said. "These grants are just one more way the Arts Council can effectively serve our local arts community."

The Arts Council will host a Fast Track Grant webinar for local arts organizations at noon Dec. 11. Registration for the event can be done [online](#).

An application and full Fast Track Grant guidelines are available on the Arts Council of Fairfax County's website ([artsfairfax.org](http://artsfairfax.org)).

The Arts Council awards grants to Fairfax County artists and arts organizations in the following areas: Fast Track Grants, Operating Support, Project Support, Organizational and Professional Development, and Strauss Artist Awards. During FY2013 and FY2014 the Arts Council received funding from the County to award \$491,254 to 62 arts organizations and 3 artists. Grants recipients offered over 2,600 arts programs in all disciplines that reached audiences of more than 1.2 million people in FY2013.

### About the Arts Council of Fairfax County

Founded in 1964, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. It is the only umbrella organization serving and representing all forms of art in Fairfax County. The Arts Council of Fairfax County is the voice of the arts, dedicated to fostering dynamic and diverse local arts, ensuring that arts thrive by providing vision, leadership, capacity building services, advocacy, funding, education, and information.

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