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**2009-2010 CITY ARTS GRANTS APPLICATIONS
AVAILABLE THROUGH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION**

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On April 22nd, the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission will make available the 2009-10 grant applications for three grant categories funded by the City of Santa Barbara in partnership with the County Arts Commission: **Community Events & Festivals, Organizational Development,** and **Community Arts.** Ginny Brush, Executive Director of the Arts Commission said, “This is the 26th year of the County Arts Commission contracting with the City of Santa Barbara to provide funding for cooperative cultural arts programs. For more than 25 years the City has made a strong ongoing commitment to stimulate and preserve the cultural life of Santa Barbara through these grants. With the current budget crisis and the decline of funding support from private and foundation sources this year’s grants program will serve as a vital source for local arts funding. This year I anticipate more applicants with greater need for financial support than in recent years.”

This year’s grant format and application procedures have been revised . **All grant applicants are required to attend one of the four Technical Assistance workshops** offered by the Arts Commission. First-time grant applicants are encouraged to submit a draft of their grant for staff review and input no later than noon on May 28th.

Santa Barbara based non-profit organizations that produce and/or manage events, festivals, or innovative programming series are encouraged to apply for the **Community Events & Festivals Grant Program**. The program supports quality community events for residents and visitors that occur specifically between September 2009 (after Labor Day weekend) and May 16, 2010 during the so-called “Off-Season” for tourism. Events that enhance the cultural life of Santa Barbara and attract tourism to the City from outside the area are favored. Promotion and marketing strategies for events should be well-defined and clearly articulated.

The Community Events & Festivals Committee assists in the developing, reviewing and recommending grant proposals to the City Council. The maximum request amount of a **Community Events and Festivals Grant** is \$40,000. The final deadline for submittal of a Community Events & Festivals Grant is **Friday, June 19, 2009**.

The **Organizational Development Grant Program** is designed to encourage the artistic and administrative development, stability, and vitality of Santa Barbara based arts organizations. Funds can be used to support innovative audience development and new programs in all artistic disciplines. Organizations that wish to apply must be located in the City of Santa Barbara, and be a non-profit [501 (c) 3] or under the umbrella of a nonprofit organization. The maximum request amount of an Organizational Development grant is \$18,000. The deadline for submittal of an Organizational Development Grant is **Friday, June 12, 2009**.

Community Arts Grants are designed to support specific projects by arts organizations or individual artists who have a partnership with an arts or educational non-profit organization. The program supports projects that increase accessibility to the arts for underserved communities. The City Arts Advisory Committee encourages proposals that focus on youth and families. Projects considered for this program must occur between October 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010. Recognizing the importance of grassroots organizations and artists’ link to neighborhood, the maximum amount of a Community Arts Grant is \$6,000. The deadline for submittal of a Community Arts Grant is **Monday, June 15, 2009**.

Grant applications for each of these cultural arts grants programs are will be online on April 22nd at www.sbartscommission.org or at the office of the Arts Commission located in the 3rd floor Rotunda Tower of the County Courthouse, 1100 Anacapa Street. Grants may be picked up Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.; call ahead and request a copy at 805 568 3990.

Mandatory *Technical Assistance Workshops* will be held at the Granada Garage 2nd Floor Conference Room with Ginny Brush, Executive Director and Linda Gardy, Grants Contract Manager on Wednesday, May 6th from 4-5 pm, Friday, May 8th from noon – 1:00 pm and Monday, May 18th from 4-5 pm. We've added a nighttime workshop on Thursday, May 14th, from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, location to be determined. If you would like more information on any of these programs or if you wish to have an application sent via e-mail send a message to gardy@co.santa-barbara.ca.us. For more information, call Ginny Brush, Arts Commission, Executive Director at 805 568 3992.