JCS Fund DuPage County Public Art Grant Guidelines

Arts DuPage, an initiative of DuPage Foundation, showcases the vibrant local arts community, which generates cultural, economic, and social benefits for DuPage County and its residents. Arts DuPage supports, promotes, and advocates for the arts in DuPage County.

The JCS Arts, Health and Education Fund of DuPage Foundation (JCS Fund) supports instrumental music, cultural, health, educational, artistic and other charitable organizations serving the needs of DuPage County residents. Arts DuPage and the JCS Fund are excited to invite local communities to apply for a grant to support public art!

**Opportunity**

JCS Fund is offering four matching grants of up to $25,000 for public art projects in DuPage County. Public art projects may include permanent or limited time projects in any art medium. Examples include: murals, sculptures, temporary summer art installations. The JCS Fund encourages imaginative ideas.

Projects should be installed or completed by August 31, 2024. Recipients of these grants for permanent projects must commit to repair, maintain and replace any permanent public art to ensure its long-term sustainability.

Director of Arts DuPage Debbie Venezia will work closely with selected community teams to provide guidance, ensure selected artists have the appropriate experience and knowledge to execute, and to help bring public art projects to fruition.

**Goals of the Public Art Opportunity**
- To create excitement and engagement in the local arts scene to enhance the identity of DuPage County.
- To showcase public art that reflects the strengths of DuPage County’s diverse communities.

**Eligibility**

DuPage County governmental agencies (municipalities, park districts, school districts, townships, libraries).

**Grant Amount**

Up to $25,000 matching grant. Local communities will be responsible for procuring funds to match the grant amount awarded.

**Review Criteria**

Criteria for consideration includes:
- artistic goals & impact
- project leadership & partners
- originality & feasibility
- public visibility
- community engagement
- strength of project
- community readiness for public art

**Application Process**

The online application is available on the [DuPage Foundation grant portal](#). The application deadline is **Thursday, June 1 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Questions:** Please contact Debbie Venezia, [debbie@dupagefoundation.org](mailto:debbie@dupagefoundation.org) or 630.598.5299, with any questions related to creating a public art project.