In an effort to enrich the creative landscape in DuPage County, the JCS Fund is offering a Visual Arts and Music Mini-Grant opportunity for not-for-profit arts organizations and governmental agencies. Entities may request up to $2,500 for locally-developed, high-quality visual arts or certain music projects that reflect the strengths of our diverse community.

Goals of the Mini-Grant Program are:
- To raise the visibility of DuPage County’s robust arts and culture ecosystem
- To create excitement and engagement in the local arts scene to enhance the identity of DuPage County.

Program Description
Mini-grants are designed to provide quick access to funds to support:
- Visual arts projects that relate to drawing or painting in any medium or related arts activities. Examples of project types include exhibitions, public art, pop-up galleries, community murals, master classes, arts projects created by or for seniors, and cultural heritage projects.
- General music programs that benefit preschool and elementary school-aged children.
- Instrumental music programs that benefit senior citizens.

Eligibility
DuPage County 501(c)(3) organizations and governmental agencies. An organization can only receive one JCS Fund Visual Arts Mini-Grant in a calendar year. Receiving a mini-grant does not preclude an organization from applying for a DuPage Foundation Community Needs Grant.

Grant Amounts
$500 - $2,500

Applications / Decisions
Applications will be reviewed quarterly starting March 31, 2021 until the grant funds are exhausted.

Review Criteria
Special consideration will be given to organizations that have not received funding from the DuPage Foundation in the past.

Artistic Goals & Impact    Originality & Feasibility
Artistic Experience & Skill Community Engagement
Project Finances           Strength of Project
Partnerships, In-kind or Matching funds

Application
The JCS Fund Visual Arts and Music Mini-Grant online application is available on the DuPage Foundation’s website at www.dupagefoundation.org under Grants/JCS Fund.