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#### CULTURAL TRUST GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

HELENA – Applications for the Cultural and Aesthetic Project grants are now available from the Montana Arts Council at <http://art.mt.gov/>. Applications must be for cultural and aesthetic projects, including but not limited to the visual, performing, literary and media arts, history, archaeology, folklore, archives, collections, research, historic preservation and the construction or renovation of cultural facilities. These grants are made every two years through funding from Montana's Cultural Trust. The grant period runs from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017 and online application deadline is August 1, 2014.

Applications are divided into one of the three categories below:

Special Projects – For events of limited duration, planned expansions of organizations, or projects that generate new sources of revenue.

Operational Support – Available to organizations who meet specific criteria.

Capital Expenditures – For construction or renovation of cultural facilities, historic preservation or the purchase of art or artifacts.

A 16-member citizen's advisory committee will review proposed projects and make funding recommendations to the 2015 Montana Legislature, which makes the final decisions on all Cultural and Aesthetic Project grants.

Guidelines and a link to the online application are available on the Montana Arts Council website:

<http://art.mt.gov/>