

Tips for Writing Your Cultural Facilities Grant

Applicants should consider the following topics for discussion in the application narrative:

- 1. Scope of Work:
 - What are you going to build, renovate, or purchase exactly? Be specific as if you were speaking to a contractor including square footage, number of floors, rooms, windows/doors, stalls, seats, lights, etc. What are the individual elements of the construction or renovation?
 - How will grant and matching funds be spent?
 - What is the project timeline? When will it begin and end? Does that timeline fit within the grant period?
- 2. Project Budget and Matching Funds:
 - How are you going to pay for it?
 - How have you identified the expenses in budget categories?
 - Do the budget categories cover all the items in your Scope of Work?
 - Who are your donors?
 - Who is your project team? Will you have paid staff dedicated to overseeing the project, working with the contractor and reporting on the progress?
- 3. Need for Project and Project Impact:
 - Why is your project needed? This should include a look inside your organization. How will this project help you achieve your institution's mission?
 - Will this project increase or decrease your expenses or income?
 - Will you need to hire more staff?
 - How fiscally stable is your institution? Do you have an endowment or a plan to establish one?
 - How will your project impact the community? This is a look outside of your organization.
 - Who will benefit from your project? What is the demographic of your audience?
 - Does your project reach underserved communities or populations?
 - How do you plan to conduct outreach, education, and evaluations to further your goals and mission?
 - What is the economic impact of your project for your institution, local community, and larger region?