

Gifts & Grants Frequently Asked Questions

Whom does PSHA fund?

PSHA makes grants only to organizations classified as tax exempt under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code and local schools. PSHA does not make grants to individuals or to for-profit organizations. Consideration will only be given to grants for programs administered and conducted in Los Angeles County.

What activities doesn't PSHA fund?

You should check the listing of Ineligible Requests in our Grant Guidelines. In addition to not awarding grants to individuals, PSHA does not fund construction or debt reduction.

What is the size of the grants awarded?

Grant size varies from program to program. Generally speaking, smaller grants are made to support programs that work closely with community-based and direct-service organizations; more substantial grants are made to support larger organizations and services such as symphonic associations.

What is the application deadline this year?

The application deadline is October 15, 2019. We will send an email to you confirming our receipt of your application. If you do not get an email confirmation from us within 10 days of your submission, please contact us via email at grants@pasadenashowcase.org.

How long does it take to get a grant from PSHA?

Notifications regarding Grants will be given by March 31, 2020. Awards are distributed at the Pasadena Showcase House of Design during the month-long event held mid-April through mid-May each year. Successful applicants are invited and encouraged to attend the grant reception; however, if unavailable, the check for the grant will be mailed.

May an organization submit more than one application at a time?

You may submit as many applications as you wish, although organizations are encouraged to prioritize their own needs before contacting PSHA. Each request will be reviewed independently, using the guidelines on the application and in the Grant Guidelines, and evaluated on its own merits.

May an organization receive more than one grant?

Although not typical, PSHA has awarded more than one grant to an organization for different departments, independent projects or different schools within a district.

When may an organization submit a new proposal?

Organizations may submit new proposals each year. An organization currently receiving funding from PSHA is generally expected to fulfill all the terms and reporting requirements of its current grant before it can submit a proposal for a new grant. On occasion, PSHA may permit an organization to submit a new proposal before the current grant has expired to ensure continuity of funding.

What are PSHA's criteria for funding television and other media programs/events?

PSHA will consider support for media-based programs/events only if the content and use of media address or, in some way, advance one or more of PSHA's specific objectives. Proposals involving media will be evaluated using the same criteria and standards applied to all other proposals.

What are PSHA's policies regarding solicitation, invitations, and gifts?

Members of the Gifts & Grants Committee may not accept any gift or gratuity from a grant applicant, other than tickets to an event directly sponsored by PSHA.

Correspondence relating to the grant application should be directed to the Gifts & Grants Chair at grants@pasadenashowcase.org. All other correspondence should be directed to the President at president@pasadenashowcase.org or Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts, P.O. Box 93486, Pasadena, CA 91109.