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Washington D.C. - U.S. Rep. John Murtha today announced that guidelines and applications for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) 2008 grants are now available on-line at www.arts.gov.

The NEA is a federal agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts - both new and established, bringing the arts to all Americans, and providing leadership in arts education. Annually, the agency awards more than \$100 million in matching grants to non-profit organizations in all 50 States. In 2006, the agency awarded at least one direct grant in all Congressional districts.

Grant Information

The NEA awards grants to non-profit organizations for arts projects that are of national, regional, or field-wide significance; that tour in several states; or that provide an unusual or especially valuable contribution because of geographic location. Grants are awarded also for local projects that can have significant effects within communities or that are likely to serve as program models.

Funding is available for projects in the following fields: dance, design, folk & traditional arts, literature, media arts (film, radio, television), museums, music, musical theater, opera, presenting, theater and visual arts. The NEA also awards grants to local and State Arts Agencies and to Regional Arts Organizations.

Funding Categories

Access to Artistic Excellence: Projects that foster and preserve excellence in the arts and provide access to the arts for all Americans. An organization may request a matching grant from \$5,000 to \$150,000. Application deadlines: March 12, 2007 and August 13, 2007.

the arts to underserved populations. Matching grants are for \$10,000. Application deadline: June 1, 2007.

Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth: Projects that enhance the quality of, and access to, arts education for children and youth. Matching grants are from \$5,000 to \$150,000. Application deadline: June 11, 2007.

For Application Assistance

To download grant application forms and to review application deadlines, please visit . Applications should be submitted electronically through Grants.gov, the federal government's online application system.