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**75 Organizations to Compete for Cuyahoga Arts and Culture (CAC)
Project Support Grants;
Public Review Process to be Held**

Cuyahoga Arts and Culture (CAC) announced today that 75 Cuyahoga county-based nonprofit organizations will compete for approximately \$1 million from CAC's annual Project Support (PS) grant program through its Grant Application Panel Review to be held next week.

The Panel Review of the eligible Project Support grant applications will be held Wednesday and Thursday April 23 & 24 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Gallery at Trinity Commons, 2230 Euclid Avenue in downtown Cleveland. The Panel Review will conclude with a grant policy discussion scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Thursday, April 24. The Panel Review and policy discussion are open to the public.

The PS grant applicants represent a diverse group of organizations from across Cuyahoga County, including local governments, educational organizations and community development corporations that were not eligible, or did not apply for CAC's primary grant program, General Operating Support (GOS) last fall.

CAC's Executive Director Catherine Boyle explained that the PS program was open to a wide range of organizations that provide arts or cultural programming for the public. Eligibility was determined by whether the organization was located in Cuyahoga County and properly documented its nonprofit status, submitted required budget and financial information and showed that it has provided arts or cultural programming to the public on a regular basis. Several applicants were not eligible to proceed to the Grant Application Review Panel.

The Panel consists of nine arts and cultural professionals from outside Ohio who have been appointed by the CAC Board of Trustees. During the Panel Review the panelists will deliberate and score each application. Grant awards will be announced when the CAC Board of Trustees has met and reviewed the Panel's recommendations and then approved the grant awards according to the published PS grant guidelines.

The 75 eligible organizations were able to request up to \$50,000 for arts or cultural projects, activities or programs that are open to the general public and take place in Cuyahoga County between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. Any organization ultimately receiving a PS grant must match the CAC funds with other public and/or private sources of earned and/or contributed income.

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