

Okaidja Afroso Ghanaian Culture and Music Residency

2019 Seward Community Foundation Mini-Grant Program

Seward PTSA

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Application Form

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Organization Information

Name of Organization*

Seward PTA

Organization's EIN*

92-0134935

Comment: GuideStar check confirmed. - LH

Organization Type*

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501(c)(3)

Organization's Location*

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Yes

Benefits to Area (optional)

If your organization is not located in the area but you believe your proposed project/program will benefit area residents, please explain how.

Mission Statement*

What is your organization's mission statement?

The overall purpose of PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Description of Organization (optional)

Please provide any additional information about your organization that you wish to share.

The PTA partner's with many other local organizations to, among other things, bring quality, participatory art experiences to the community of Seward, with a particular emphasis on youth and schools.

Previous Grant Award Details (if applicable/known)

Please list the project title and date of your most recent grant award, if applicable/known.

Seward Moose Pass Imagination Library's Monthly Book Delivery Costs

Comment: *The Seward PTSA has a number of current grant awards out that were awarded in the 2019 annual cycle:*

2019 SCF grant \$3,325: Kids to Slopes 2020 (report due 5/1/20)

2019 SCF grant \$12,207: Seward Community Bike Park (report due 5/1/20)

2019 SCF grant \$2,500: Seward Moose Pass Imagination Library's Monthly Book Delivery Costs (report due 5/1/20)

-LH

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Project/Program Information

Project/Program Name*

Okaidja Afroso Ghanaian Culture and Music Residency

Project/Program Start Date*

When will your proposed project/program begin?

11/11/2019

Project/Program End Date*

When will your proposed project/program end? **Please note that awarded grant projects must be completed within one year of receiving a grant.**

11/16/2019

Project/Program Description*

Please describe your proposed project/program, including a discussion of the community need and if you are planning to collaborate/partner with other community organizations or entities.

We are proposing to bring Ghanaian musician and cultural ambassador Okaidja Afroso to Seward for a week in November to conduct an artist residency at Seward Elementary School. This residency will expose every student at Seward Elementary to Ghanaian culture, with an emphasis on music, rhythm, and dance. All classes will get at least one hands-on lesson period with Okaidja. Additionally, two grade levels will work more intensively with Okaidja throughout the week, working toward a performance on Friday during an all-school assembly featuring Okaidja and the students. In addition to this intensive residency at Seward Elementary, Okaidja will provide a single workshop for the high school, as well as an evening workshop open to the public. Finally, he will perform an evening concert in the community as well.

We are collaborating with Seward Elementary School, the Seward Music Association, and the Seward Arts Council to pursue this workshop. The music program at the Seward Schools is greatly reduced from what it once was, with a single teacher serving the elementary and middle school. At the High School, there is only a loosely organized music program that meets once a week during non-classroom hours. This residency will help expose students to professional-level performing arts and music, as well as giving them a unique exposure to African culture.

Project/Program Goals*

Please describe the goals of your proposed project/program, including what outcomes you hope to achieve.

The goals are to:

Provide students with hands-on music and rhythm experiences
 Provide students with exposure to a foreign culture, the culture of Ghana
 Provide community members with an opportunity for a unique percussion workshop
 Provide a performance for the Seward Elementary School students which will include some of their peers
 Provide a professional evening concert in Seward

Project/Program Benefits*

Please describe the benefits of your proposed project/program. What will improve on in the Seward/Moose Pass area as a result of this project/program? Who and how many individuals will benefit from this program/project?

At Seward Elementary school, more than 200 students will have direct, hands-on interaction with the artist. Approximately 70 of those students will have a more intensive interaction with the artist, resulting in a performance, which provides them invaluable stage experience in front of their peers. An unspecified number of people will have the opportunity to learn rhythm from a professional musician at a public workshop, which could potentially lead to ongoing drum circles or other connections between community members. When a community dances, sings, and drums together, how can that not be a positive?

Measuring Success*

Please describe the outcomes that will define if your project/program is successful, including how your organization plans to track and report on these outcomes. Please also describe how your proposed project/program will continue beyond the original grant term, if applicable.

Program will be photo-documented so it can be shared through social media and other means. The student performance itself will be considered a success, regardless of the "skill level" that is achieved. Workshops like this are as much about the PROCESS of learning, experiencing, thinking, doing, as they are about the PRODUCT that results. Teachers who participate in the program will be asked to fill in a brief survey about their opinion/experience of the residency. Results of this survey will be compiled and shared with funding organizations.

Project/Program Budget

Total Project/Program Budget*

\$8,000.00

Amount Requested*

Please note that individual grant amounts will be awarded up to \$1,000.

\$1,000.00

Project/Program Budget Form*

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Project/Program Budget Form

In the box below, please describe the line items from the budget worksheet in detail.

SCF-Project-Budget-Form_PTA Okaidja.xls
 \$1000 housing (6 nights at \$160.00 per night) -- donated in kind by Pfeiffenberger family
 \$7000 program fee for Okaidja Afroso (Five days residency at Elementary School, including public evening workshop, highschool workshop, and community concert)
 Seward Elementary has committed to \$1000
 Seward PTA has committed to \$1500
 Seward Music Association has been solicited for \$2000
 Seward Arts Council has been solicited for \$2000
 We hope to raise \$700 in admissions to the evening concert
 We are asking the Community Foundation for \$1000

Optional Documentation

Other Useful Information (optional)

Please provide any other useful information that could help the SCF Grants Committee evaluate your grant application. If desired, you can also upload letters of support and other documentation below.

Learn more about Okaidja's school residencies and outreach here:
<https://okaidja.com/outreach/>

Electronic Signature

Authorized Signature*

By typing my name below, I certify that the information provided in this grant application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of my organization.

I authorize The Alaska Community Foundation to verify any information submitted as part of this application. I also agree to allow any information on this application (unless otherwise noted) to be released for publication.

Jim Pfeiffenberger

Title*

PTA member

Date*

09/05/2019

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File Attachment Summary

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Example: Item A	(requested amount)	(other available funding)	(total for line)
Housing	0	1000 (in kind)	1000
Artist program fee	1000	6,000	7000
			0
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Totals	1000	6000	8000

Sources of other funds	Amount	Status of funds (already secured, uncertain, etc.)
Seward Elementary	1000	secured
SewardPTA	1,500	secured
Seward Music Association	2,000	requested
Seward Arts Council	2,000	requested
Concert receipts	700	uncertain

"Our Flag Flies in Washington" Mural installation.

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Seward Arts Council

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Organization Information

Name of Organization*

Seward Arts Council/Seward Mural Society

Organization's EIN*

92-0076287

Organization Type*

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6700.

501(c)(3)

Comment: GuideStar check confirmed for Seward Arts Council. - LH

Organization's Location*

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Yes

Benefits to Area (optional)

If your organization is not located in the area but you believe your proposed project/program will benefit area residents, please explain how.

[Unanswered]

Mission Statement*

What is your organization's mission statement?

The Seward Mural Society is committed to creating public art and promoting cultural tourism in Seward. We bring the unique character, beauty and history of Seward to life. Seward Mural Society is a visual arts arm of the Seward Arts Council.

Description of Organization (optional)

Please provide any additional information about your organization that you wish to share.

Seward Mural Society started in 1999 as an experiment in group art creation, and mural painting. Soon after the first mural was painted, we formed the Society made up of visual artists, and art enthusiasts. There was no shortage in topics to paint and illustrate, with the rich history and natural beauty of the Seward area. Early on we began asking well known Alaskan artists to come and design mural projects as Master Artists.

Seward was designated "Mural Capital of Alaska" in 2008. As of 2019, we now have nearly 30 murals painted as a society, and others that we facilitated or supported with materials, advice, etc. The Seward Mural Society is committed to keeping the murals maintained, and replacement of older ones in need.

Previous Grant Award Details (if applicable/known)

Please list the project title and date of your most recent grant award, if applicable/known.

Seward Mural Society was awarded a mini grant several years ago in 2017 for the Aviation Mural.

Comment: Seward Arts Council sponsors different projects and have a number of outstanding awards and current applications:

2018 SCF mini-grant \$450: Room Rent for community band practice (report due 11/1/19)

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2018 SCF mini-grant \$1000: Skip and Marie Fletcher Winter Family Movie Series - 'Earn a Ticket' program (report due 1/3/20)
 2019 SCF Mini-grant submitted: "Our Flag Flies in Washington" Mural installation
 2019 SCF Mini-grant submitted: "Halloween Dinner Theater"
 - LH

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Project/Program Information

Project/Program Name*

"Our Flag Flies in Washington" Mural installation.

Project/Program Start Date*

When will your proposed project/program begin?

09/01/2019

Project/Program End Date*

When will your proposed project/program end? **Please note that awarded grant projects must be completed within one year of receiving a grant.**

07/01/2020

Project/Program Description*

Please describe your proposed project/program, including a discussion of the community need and if you are planning to collaborate/partner with other community organizations or entities.

We need to remount a mural in a new location.

"Our Flag Flies in Washington" is a mural about the Jesse Lee Home and Benny Benson designing the Alaska State Flag. The mural was originally mounted on the Seward Elks Building on 5th Avenue, and hung there for a few years. The building was sold to new owners (Blackwater Railroad), and this summer, the mural was taken down for a private Mural project, recently completed. (It looks fabulous!)

So we are asking for a grant for installation of this nice mural in a new location.

This move of the mural to a new location was not expected, and we don't have monies in our budget for it at this time.

Project/Program Goals*

Please describe the goals of your proposed project/program, including what outcomes you hope to achieve.

Seward Mural Society is dedicated to keeping good care of all our murals. We have had to move several projects over the years.

"Our Flag flies in Washington", is an important mural pertaining to unique Seward history, and we want to see it up again as soon as possible.

Project/Program Benefits*

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Many of our murals are historical, and educate tourists, visitors, and instate residents of the unique place Seward as a community holds in the state. Residents and visitors enjoy and appreciate the public art all around town. The murals have become an attraction and something to see when visiting Seward.

10,000 individuals/visitors benefit (we all do)

Measuring Success*

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Basically, the Mural will be seen again and enjoyed on the mural walking tours.

We are planning on reprinting our Mural brochure next year, and are looking for a new sponsor. The brochures are very popular, and given

out at the Chamber of Commerce, and various business through out the community.

The average life of our murals, is now over 20 years.

Whenever I'm in town, I see many many people taking their pictures with the murals.

We go thru 20,000 brochures every 2-3 years. I'm not sure how we would track that. Ideas?

Project/Program Budget

Total Project/Program Budget*

\$1,750.00

Amount Requested*

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\$1,500.00

Project/Program Budget Form*

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Project/Program Budget Form

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SCF-Project-Budget-Form 2.xlsx

Our 2018 mural was recently mounted on 5th Ave. Fitness downtown by Harmon Construction. The cost is shown on invoice provided. This is a realistic estimate of what a mural costs for mounting. Jaffa Construction has donated funds for the remainder of costs of install.

***Comment:** Please download out "Project Budget Form" and fill it out with your request, upload it, and resubmit your application. This way you can show the cost from the billing estimate with the funds you are requesting, and the source of the additional funds needed to complete the project. - LH*

Optional Documentation

Other Useful Information (optional)

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Here is the invoice from Harmon Construction for the cost of hanging a mural of similar size. We have some of the treated lumber so the cost should be slightly less.

Install estimate for Mural 2019.docx

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Jennifer Headtke

Title*

Seward Mural Society

Date*

08/26/2019

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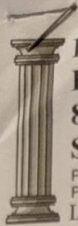
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Installation and materials	\$1500.00	250	\$1750.00
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Totals	\$1500.00	250	1,750

Sources of other funds	Amount	Status of funds (already secured, uncertain, etc.)
Local sponsor (Jaffa Constructio	\$250.00	Already secured





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STATEMENT

Statement Date: 07/12/2019

TO **MARVIN TAPSFIELD**
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PROJECT **2019040**
MURAL
231 FIFTH AVENUE
SEWARD AK 99664

Invoice#	Due Date	Description	Amount	Paid/Credit	Now Due
25776	08/05/2019	T&M Billing	1,763.74		1,763.74
Totals:			1,763.74		1,763.74

Current	1-30 Days	31-60 Days	61-90 Days	91+ Days	Retention
1,763.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Please Pay This Amount _____ **\$ 1,763.74**

Contract Summary Total Invoiced to Date _____ **1,763.74**

Terms: All invoices are due and payable within 5TH of receipt. A service charge of 18.00 % annually will be computed on all amounts overdue on regular statement dates. Please make checks payable to HARMON CONSTRUCTION INC. Thank you for your prompt payment. Any Questions Please Call Mande.

Seward Elementary Art Program

2019 Seward Community Foundation Mini-Grant Program

Seward Elementary School

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Organization Information

Name of Organization*

Seward Elementary School

Organization's EIN*

92-0030923

Organization Type*

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6700.

School

Organization's Location*

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Yes

Benefits to Area (optional)

If your organization is not located in the area but you believe your proposed project/program will benefit area residents, please explain how.

Mission Statement*

What is your organization's mission statement?

The mission of the Seward Elementary Art program is to introduce principles of fine art techniques and foster independent student practice through a combination of professional instruction and workshop sessions.

Description of Organization (optional)

Please provide any additional information about your organization that you wish to share.

Seward Elementary School is a public school with approximately 300 students ages pre-k through 5th grade. Students who attend Seward El have opportunities for enrichment through music classes, after school programs, and extra curricular activities. In the past, students have had access to art education, however this is no longer the case. Our objective is to reestablish a rigorous art program at Seward Elementary for upper elementary students.

Previous Grant Award Details (if applicable/known)

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Project/Program Information

Project/Program Name*

Seward Elementary Art Program

Project/Program Start Date*

When will your proposed project/program begin?

09/23/2019

Project/Program End Date*

When will your proposed project/program end? **Please note that awarded grant projects must be completed within one year of receiving a grant.**

12/20/2019

Project/Program Description*

Please describe your proposed project/program, including a discussion of the community need and if you are planning to collaborate/partner with other community organizations or entities.

Seward Elementary School Art Program is a partnership between Tara Swanson's 5th grade class and artist Marissa Amor. The program will allow students from Swanson's 5th grade class to receive monthly art instructions from a professional artist. Each session will focus on a new skill. Students will workshop the new skill using techniques taught to them by the artist. Students will have an opportunity to showcase their work at the beginning of the following session and will receive feedback from instructors and peers. There will be four lessons during the Fall semester. Students will practice independently in their sketchbooks and will also be given workshop time during class to hone their skills.

Project/Program Goals*

Please describe the goals of your proposed project/program, including what outcomes you hope to achieve.

The objective of this program is to introduce students to art instruction from a local professional. Students will be able to learn techniques and skills,

Project/Program Benefits*

Please describe the benefits of your proposed project/program. What will improve on in the Seward/Moose Pass area as a result of this project/program? Who and how many individuals will benefit from this program/project?

Exploration and instruction in the arts cultivates problem solving skills, strengthens math and engineering principles as students visualize the manipulation of space with a variety of materials, and promotes personalized learning through individual exploration and refinement of their skills. Exposure to arts education sharpens critical thinking skills, improves attendance, and promotes self-directed learning. As of now, there is no established art program at the elementary school level. Art instruction is implemented by

general education instructors at their discretion and as time allows. A structured art program would benefit the community by fostering critical thinking skills in our young learners and easing the transition to upper grades. They will be more suited to cultivate a personal practice or deepen their study of arts in the future. Students who have meaningful connections to their art practice gain confidence through self-expression and may become more engaged in other aspects of the Seward community and our schools.

Measuring Success*

Please describe the outcomes that will define if your project/program is successful, including how your organization plans to track and report on these outcomes. Please also describe how your proposed project/program will continue beyond the original grant term, if applicable.

Students will keep track of their work through sketchbooks. Students will also collaborate on larger-scale class-wide projects. Beyond the grant term, students will have access to available supplies and materials to continue their independent practice and workshops. Students would not have access to professional instruction after December (the end of the program) unless we choose to continue the program for a second semester. Success will be measured by students engagement with their work, skill building, and their observed behavior and engagement in school and at home.

Project/Program Budget

Total Project/Program Budget*

\$777.25

Amount Requested*

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\$527.25

Project/Program Budget Form*

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Compressed charcoal	64.68
Kneaded erasers	40.5
Cotton swabs	6
India Ink 16oz	64
Quill dip pens: holder	44.7
Quill dip pens: nibs	38.1

Masking tape	31.45
Fixative Spray	District Catalog
Acrylic Paint	District Catalog
Drawing Pencils	District Catalog
Sketch Books	District Catalog
Labor	488

Totals 777.43 0

Comment: *Project budget form includes the costs of the project, but is unclear in what items are being requested for an award of \$527.25. - LH*

Optional Documentation

Other Useful Information (optional)

Please provide any other useful information that could help the SCF Grants Committee evaluate your grant application. If desired, you can also upload letters of support and other documentation below.

Electronic Signature

Authorized Signature*

By typing my name below, I certify that the information provided in this grant application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of my organization.

I authorize The Alaska Community Foundation to verify any information submitted as part of this application. I also agree to allow any information on this application (unless otherwise noted) to be released for publication.

Tara Lee Swanson

Title*

5th Grade Teacher

Date*

08/19/2019

Please complete the grant application process by clicking the [Submit Application] button below.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- SCF-Project-Budget-Form Swanson.xls

