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**Durango Arts Center Announces Call for Proposals for
2017 City Arts & Culture Grants
Deadline: December 5, 2016**

(Durango, CO)—The Durango Arts Center (DAC) is accepting funding requests from local nonprofit organizations for 2017 program support through the City of Durango's Arts & Culture Block Grant. DAC serves as the administrator, pass-through agency of this Block Grant under the city's Community Support Funding program. Funds are requested through the city's annual budgeting process and are intended to strengthen cultural programs that provide significant enrichment and economic vitality for the community. Alongside outdoor recreation, Durango's diverse nonprofit cultural sector is considered to be a strong community asset for residents and visitors alike, defining the town as a regional destination for truly unique experiences in dynamic performances, music, visual arts, film festivals and heritage sites.

Detailed guidelines and application form for this year's Arts & Culture Grants are available at www.durangoarts.org/arts-culture-block-grant/. The deadline for submissions is Monday, December 5, 2016 and should be sent electronically to Cristie Scott at cristie@durangoarts.org. Funds will be awarded for use during the calendar year of 2017.

To be eligible for funding consideration, applicants must hold a 501(c)3 (or fiscally-sponsored) designation, having operated in good financial standing for at least 2 years within or directing program services to residents of Durango. Grant proposals are reviewed for funding recommendations by a volunteer panel of community members with professional and/or personal experience related to local cultural activities, such as artists, arts administrators, historians or educators. Once awarded, grant funds are reimbursed upon program completion and submission of a results report demonstrating community impact and appropriate use of public funds. A listing of past grant recipients can be viewed at www.durangoarts.org/arts-culture-block-grant/.

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ABOUT DAC

DAC is a multi-faceted hub for community arts that hosts and promotes contemporary visual and performing arts, arts education, dynamics exhibits, an active Docent program and the annual Durango Autumn Arts Festival. Over the years, DAC has built its reputation as a local arts industry leader and has been working diligently to ensure that the arts continue to thrive in the Four Corners region and beyond.

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