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Fiscal Sponsorship Initiative

What is Fiscal Sponsorship?

Fiscal sponsorship is a beneficial arrangement where a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (the sponsor) supports individuals, groups, or projects (the sponsored) seeking grant funding and tax-deductible donations without needing their own nonprofit status. The sponsor shares its tax-exempt status, thus enabling the sponsored to receive these funds that they'd otherwise need their own 501(c)(3) status to access. Once funding is received, it is directed to the nonprofit sponsor, which then takes on the role of administering and overseeing the funds.

In this arrangement, the fiscal sponsor assumes legal responsibility for the funds, and must ensure that the grant or donations received are used for the intended purpose agreed to by the donor and sponsored. This responsibility includes ensuring all financial reporting requirements of the donor are met.

Fiscal sponsorship is NOT a cash donation or grant. It is a tool to help individuals, groups, or projects access funding. However, the responsibility of securing that funding remains solely upon the sponsored.

What is Court 13 Arts?

Court 13 Arts is a New Orleans based 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Our mission is to forge creative spaces where artists and filmmakers can thrive.

More information is available at court13arts.org

Fiscal Sponsorship Information at Court 13 Arts

Eligibility criteria:

- Project aligns with Court 13 Arts mission
- Must be a full-time artist, no student applications will be reviewed
- Must be a US citizen with social security number or have a production company with a US Federal ID number

Types of projects we sponsor:

- Narrative & Documentary Films, feature or short length
- Video or Multimedia Project
- Individual Art Project

What to submit:

- A clear, well written Project Proposal
- Artist Resume/CV
- Budget top sheet

Application & Sponsorship Fee:

- No application fee is charged to apply
- Court 13 Arts takes an administration fee of 6% of all funds made payable to "Court 13 Arts"

When to submit:

- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis
- Apply by emailing Fiscal Sponsorship Coordinator Marion Forbes at marion@court13arts.org,
CC: fiscalsponsorship@court13arts.org

Filmmaker Responsibilities:

- Provide Social Security and/or Tax ID information to Court 13 Arts once admitted to our fiscal sponsorship program.
- Handle your own production accounting.
- Conform to all guidelines specified in the grant or by the donor when using received funds. After making use of the full grant or donation, or at the end of the calendar year, supply Court 13 Arts with an expense report that indicates how regranted funding by us was spent.
- Maintain proper tax records and financial records, pay all owed taxes, and allow Court 13 Arts to provide tax authorities with the necessary paperwork, both for regular tax preparation and in the event of an audit.

- Ensure that the funds are distributed correctly to Court 13 Arts
- Credit Court 13 Arts as a fiscal sponsor in the end credits of your film, or wherever is similarly appropriate on your multimedia or arts project.

Additional Questions

If you would like to apply or have any additional questions, please reach out directly Fiscal Sponsorship Coordinator Marion Forbes at marion@court13arts.org, CC: fiscalsponsorship@court13arts.org & maddison@court13arts.org.