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## PURCELLVILLE ARTS COUNCIL ISSUES CALL FOR LOCAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS TO APPLY FOR FUNDING

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. January 18, 2019**— Local non-profit arts organizations (those with 501(c)3 status) are invited to submit requests for funding to the Purcellville Arts Council by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019 for arts activities that will be held in Purcellville between July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. To help fund qualifying activities approved by the Purcellville Arts Council, the Town of Purcellville is applying for a grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts' Creative Communities Partnership Grant Program. The Town will match the amount awarded through that program. A total of up to \$9,000 will be distributed to independent arts organizations that have applied for and been awarded support for arts activities within the town.

Eligible arts organizations that are interested must submit their applications by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019. Applications may be completed online or printed and mailed.

Eligible applicants must be organizations that focus primarily on the arts (i.e. production, presentation, or support of dance, literary arts, media arts, music, theater or visual or related arts); are incorporated in Virginia; have their headquarters and home seasons, or activities equivalent to a home season, in the state; have 501(c)3 status; and are for arts activities that will be held in Purcellville, Va. between July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Please note that funding cannot be provided for payment to performers for specific performances.

The Purcellville Arts Council will review the funding requests and make their recommendations on the distribution of the funding to the Town Council at its March 11, 2019 meeting. These recommendations will be included in the Town's proposal to the Virginia Commission for the Arts' Creative Communities Partnership Grant, which is due April 1, 2019.

The application for this grant is now available online on the Purcellville Arts Council page of the Town of Purcellville website: <a href="https://purcellvilleva.gov/669/Purcellville-Arts-Council">https://purcellvilleva.gov/669/Purcellville-Arts-Council</a>. Eligible art organizations may either apply online or mail the completed proposal with all of the required documentation to Purcellville Arts Council, Attn: Creative Communities Partnership Grant, 221 S Nursery Ave, Purcellville, VA 20132 by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019. For more information, email Amie Ware, Division Manager, Purcellville Parks and Recreation Division at aware@purcellvilleva.gov.

For more information about the Virginia Commission for the Arts' Local Government Challenge Grant program, visit <a href="www.arts.virginia.gov/grants">www.arts.virginia.gov/grants</a> local.html.

## The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of over 9,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 10th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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