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**PURCELLVILLE ARTS COUNCIL ISSUES A CALL FOR LOCAL ARTS  
ORGANIZATIONS TO APPLY FOR FUNDING**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. January 28, 2020**— Local non-profit arts organizations are invited to submit requests for funding to the Purcellville Arts Council by Friday, March 6, 2020 for arts activities that will be held in Purcellville between July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. 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 interested in applying are required to submit, by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020, the online application, the organization's W-9, and the organization's 501(c)3 letter. Please note that funding cannot be provided for payment to performers for specific performances.

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; and have their headquarters and home seasons, or activities equivalent to a home season, in the state.

The Purcellville Arts Council will review the funding requests and then share their recommendations to the Town Council. The deadline for the Town to apply for the Virginia Commission for the Arts' Creative Communities Partnership Grant is April 1, 2020.

The application for this grant is now available online on the [Purcellville Arts Council](#) page of the Town of Purcellville website. Eligible art organizations may either apply online or mail the proposal with all of the required information to Purcellville Arts Council, Attn: Local Government Challenge Grant, 221 S Nursery Ave, Purcellville, VA 20132 by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020.

For more information about the Virginia Commission for the Arts' Local Government Challenge Grant program, visit [www.arts.virginia.gov/grants\\_local.html](http://www.arts.virginia.gov/grants_local.html).

**The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the town 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 antiques, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).