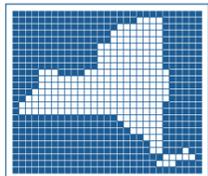


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Musical Instrument Revolving Loan Fund

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The Musical Instrument Revolving Loan Fund is not part of the regular NYSCA application process. Applications will be made available at a date to be announced in the summer of 2014.

The Musical Instrument Revolving Loan Fund (MIRLF) is a low-interest loan program designed to stimulate the artistic development of professional musicians and ensembles, and the musical endeavors of cultural organizations by making loans available for eligible nonprofit organizations to purchase musical instruments. Financed directly by the New York State Legislature and administered by New York State Council on the Arts, MIRLF makes loans that charge 3% interest, repayable over a period of up to eight years.

An applicant may apply for all or a portion of the cost of the particular instrument(s). Other income supporting the purchase is not required but is encouraged. Individuals may not apply directly to MIRLF. After the annual deadline is announced, the brief application is completed on-line and is emailed to NYSCA, along with required support materials. Although **this program is not part of the regular NYSCA application process**, the applicant organization must have received funding from any NYSCA program for the past three consecutive years, as indicated below. Following is detailed information about how to apply for an Instrument Loan.

Timeline

- Summer 2014, Date TBA - MIRLF 2014 Guidelines and Application available online
- October 2014, Date TBA – Email deadline for complete applications and support materials
- December 2014 - Council approves recommendations for MIRLF 2015. Applicants notified of funding decision. Loans will be distributed through Theater Development Fund.

Application Process

- Complete online application and required support materials
- Email application and support materials to Rita Putnam, rita.putnam@arts.ny.gov
- Staff and Advisory Panel members review applications and make funding recommendations to Council.

Eligibility Requirements for Applicant Organizations

- Applicant organizations must have received funding from any NYSCA program in FY 2012, 2013, and 2014 (three consecutive prior years) and submitted all required Final Reports;
- Organization has been engaged in the creation, production, instruction, and/or performance of at least 3 music events each year which are open to the general public;
- If the organization is not primarily involved in music (i.e. arts center/council, multi-media organization, museum, or other cultural entity), a strong record of frequent musical performance or music education activities taking place every year, and are open to the general public;
- Applicant must have a year-round administrator, an active board of directors and a proven record of fiscal stability.

Some examples of requests to the MIRLF:

- An orchestra purchasing a harp, with carrying case(s);
- A music presenter purchasing a piano or electronic instrument;
- A jazz ensemble purchasing a higher quality saxophone for one of its members;
- A baroque cellist associated with an ensemble seeking a better bow;
- A music education organization purchasing 20 percussion instruments for skill based learning in music;
- A music conservatory purchasing three violins, bows and cases for student use and performance.