

ORANGE COUNTY ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX FUNDING

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

"To help elevate Central Florida's arts and culture to a status befitting a world-class community" through allocation of a portion of the tourist development tax to two programs. (1) Cultural tourism funds various arts organizations which sponsor programs or events that increase visitorship to Orange County. (2) Cultural facilities for the purchase, renovation or capital improvements of theaters and museums, as specified by Chapter 125, Florida Statutes.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Tourism: any not-for-profit arts organization or government entity holding an event in Orange County.
Facilities: eligible museums and theaters.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

Contract for cultural services.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

\$1 million-plus, each for cultural tourism and cultural facilities.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Three percent of the first four cents on the dollar of the county's tourist development tax revenues after certain other priorities such as bond payments and construction of the Orange County Convention Center.

APPLICATION PROCESS/DEADLINES

Application forms provided. Cultural tourism applications are due in early August. Cultural facilities applications are due in early January.

MATCHING/OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Matching requirement increased for larger requests. Groups can apply for up to 50 percent of the project budget. Orange County Arts and Cultural Affairs requires an up-to-\$2 match for every county dollar.

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