Surface Design Association

Socially Engaged Practices Grant

The *SDA Socially Engaged Practices Grant* is awarded once a year in amounts up to $1000. The available funds may vary from year to year. Before applying for a grant, check with the SDA Awards and Grant Administrator to be sure funds are available - awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org.

PURPOSE

The *Socially Engaged Practices Grant* is awarded to SDA members who further our mission of education in using their art and design skills to directly advance positive social change in their communities. There are numerous examples of projects, including but not limited to community participation in creating art, collaborative art making with a specific group of individuals or arts education programs focused on particular populations and/or demographics.

ELIGIBILITY

Only SDA members may apply. SDA board members and staff are not eligible while in office or employed by the organization. Grantees may not re-apply for a grant in two consecutive calendar years and may not receive more than two *Socially Engaged Practices Grants*.

STIPULATIONS

The intent of the *Socially Engaged Practices Grant* is to involve individuals, groups or communities in a creative art process directly advancing social change. "Social change" implies a positive adjustment in knowledge, attitude, awareness, involvement or behaviors. Applicants should be able to demonstrate their ability to reach out and connect with various members of their communities and describe a specific plan of art-based activities to effect positive outcome. If the activities require participation of a specific individual or organization, the applicant is encouraged to include a letter of commitment.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit a proposal via email to the Awards and Grants Administrator - awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org.

Include the following information:

1. **Contact information**: Name, address, email, phone, cell phone and website address, if applicable.
2. **Resume**: Applicant's education, experience and recognition.

3. **Project description**: Address the project's contribution to education, community impact and/or social change. List relevant experience in leading community-based activities.
4. **Timeline**: Indicate phases of the project development and targeted dates of completion.
5. **Itemized project budget**: Include a) estimated costs of the proposed project; b) all relevant budget line items; and c) sources and amounts of additional funding, if applicable.
6. **Amount requested**: Note full or partial funding (up to $1000) and expenses to be covered by the grant. Travel funds cover coach fare only and do not support meals, luxury accommodations, travel companians, stipends or a per diem for recipients.
7. **Support materials**: Include information to assist understanding the proposed project and how it relates to the applicant's previous work. Materials can include dvd's, documentation of visual work and publications.
8. **Return postage**: Include a self-addressed envelope with the appropriate postage for return of proposal materials. Proposals may also be submitted digitally.

WRITING STYLE

Please be specific and describe the project in detail. Budgets must be complete, well-organized and include line items that clearly show how the project is being funded. Poorly written applications will be rejected.

FINAL REPORT

Recipients of a *Socially Engaged Practices Grant* must submit a final report to the Awards and Grants Administrator (awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org) within one month of completion of the project. The report should detail any measurable data gleaned from the initiative – number of people participating, indicators of success, listing of other organizations involved and assessment of funding available from other sources. If the project extends over one year, a six-month progress report is requested with details and documentation of all expenses incurred within the six-month period.

IMAGES AND PRESS

We want to share your experience with other SDA members and images are extremely important for all our member communications. Please take images of your project and send them to the Awards and Grants Administrator (awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org) with image descriptions. If your project gets regional publicity (and we hope you will send out press releases about it!), please share scans of them in your final report.

DEADLINES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Submit proposals by: June 1
Award Notification by: August 1
Payment dates: 30 days following receipt of award winner's W-9 form, as requested in award notification.