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## **County Executive McCoy and the Advance Albany County Alliance Announce Arts, Culture and Historical Preservation Grant Funding Program**

Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy and the Advance Albany County Alliance (AACA) announced that they are now accepting preliminary applications to the AACA Arts and Culture Grant Program. The goal of this program is to promote cultural diversity, accessibility to the arts, and economic development through the expansion of arts initiatives and was spearheaded by the County Executive. The Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) was issued today to eligible applicants, which include individual artists, nonprofit cultural organizations, community groups and collectives, educational institutions and municipal governments whose projects contribute to the county's cultural and artistic growth, such as architecture and design firms.

Eligible projects include public art installations, cultural festivals and events, educational workshops, artist residencies and fellowships, projects focused on the preservation and promotion of historical and cultural heritage, and more. Those who are interested are encouraged to apply via email to [spaulsen@advancealbanycounty.com](mailto:spaulsen@advancealbanycounty.com). Expressions of interest must be **submitted by November 29, 2024**. Grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$500,000 are available depending on the project scope. Funds may be used for artist fees, materials and supplies, marketing, venue rental, equipment, and administrative expenses directly related to the project.

“Albany County remains committed to supporting the arts and cultural landscape in our region, which ultimately lends itself to our quality of life and economic growth. There are so many talented individuals and organizations that use their gifts to enrich our lives, who were also disproportionately impacted by the COVID pandemic and economic shutdown. This grant program will strengthen our communities and ensure that creativity and expression remain at the heart of who we are,” said **Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy**

Applicants are encouraged to be bold in their proposals, envisioning transformative projects that push creative boundaries and make a lasting impact on Albany County's cultural landscape.

Additional information on the Arts and Culture Grant Program can be found in the attached RFEI or by contacting the Advance Albany County Alliance by emailing [spaulsen@advancealbanycounty.com](mailto:spaulsen@advancealbanycounty.com) or [adukes-hedge@advancealbanycounty.com](mailto:adukes-hedge@advancealbanycounty.com) or by phone at 518-447-5602

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