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**APPLICATION WORKSHOPS FOR
ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM START SEPTEMBER 24
Workshops now include guidance in grant writing basics**

Arts organizations considering applying to or preparing to apply for the next cycle of the Arts Commission's Organizational Grant Program (OGP) can learn valuable grant writing basics at the OGP application workshops. For the first time the workshops will offer sections on such grant writing skills as how to develop a program budget, create simple methods for program evaluation and get your grant proposal funded. In addition, the workshops will include a section on how to craft a strong proposal for OGP, the sole focus of past workshops.

Seven workshops in locations across Los Angeles County have been scheduled for fall 2009:

Neighborhood Resource Center in Long Beach, September 24

Arts Commission offices in downtown Los Angeles, October 6 and October 13

Armory Center for the Arts in Pasadena, October 7

DWP Crenshaw Service Center, October 26

Sheraton Fairplex, Pomona, November 7

Ken Edwards Center in Santa Monica, November 19.

The content of the grant writing basics section changes from workshop to workshop. To view details and register for a workshop, visit http://www.lacountyarts.org/ogp_workshopsched.html.

The Organizational Grant Program (OGP) provides two-year grants to nonprofit arts organizations for core operating support. The OGP is structured to support arts organizations based on their needs, as related to the size of the organization. New applicants and applicants that did not receive funding the last time they applied to the OGP are required to attend a workshop, but the workshops are designed to benefit L.A. County-based non-profit arts organizations of all sizes. OGP categories and grant deadlines for the 2010-12 cycle are as follows:

OGP III: Accessibility

For organizations with revenue of more than \$1.5 million

Application due date: October 21, 2009

OGP 2.5: Artistic Capacity

For organizations with revenue of \$500,000 to \$1,499,999

Application due date: November 4, 2009

OGP II: Organizational Capacity

For organizations with revenue of \$100,000 to \$499,999

Application due date: November 18, 2009

OGP I: Advancement

For organizations with revenue of less than \$100,000

Application due date: December 9, 2009

For more information

(for electronic publications)

visit http://lacountyarts.org/ogp_programInfo.html

(for non-electronic publications)

visit lacountyarts.org and click on "Grants"

Or email grants@arts.lacounty.gov.

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission, Laura Zucker, Executive Director, provides leadership in cultural services of all disciplines for the largest county in the United States, encompassing 88 municipalities. In addition to its grants program, the Arts Commission provides leadership and staffing to support the regional blueprint for arts education, *Arts for All*; oversees the County's Civic Art Program for capital projects, funds the largest arts internship program in the country in conjunction with the Getty Foundation, programs the John Anson Ford Theatres and supports the Los Angeles County Cultural Calendar on ExperienceLA.com. The Arts Commission also produces free community programs, including the L.A. Holiday Celebration broadcast nationally, and a year-round music program that funds more than 40 free concerts each year in public sites. The 2009-10 President of the Arts Commission is Araceli Ruano.

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