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Black Belt Community Foundation Announces 2019 Arts Grant Cycle

SELMA, AL – Feb. 8, 2018: The Black Belt Community Foundation (BBCF) is announcing its 2019 Arts Grant Cycle. Community-based organizations from Bullock, Choctaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Perry, Pickens, Sumter, and Wilcox Counties are encouraged to apply.

The BBCF seeks to support organizations who engage citizens in the Black Belt region in the arts. The 2019 Arts Grant Cycle will support projects addressing the arts in these categories: **arts education programming, arts exposure programming and arts professional development.** The BBCF will offer funding in two ways:

- A Small grants pool with funding up to \$3,000 will cover arts education programming, arts exposure programming and arts professional development.
- Two larger grants with funding up to \$10,000 will cover arts education programming only.

The BBCF will be hosting **12 Grant Seeking Workshops** for the organizations who are interested in applying for a 2019 Arts Grant. **Attendance at one of the workshops is mandatory in order to be considered for a 2019 Arts Grant.** The Grant seeking workshops will be held at the following locations:

DATE & Time	Grant Seekers Workshop Sites
February 12, 2019 5:30 p.m.	Choctaw County Morning Star Baptist Church Butler, AL
February 13, 2019 5:30 p.m.	Greene County Greene County Courthouse Eutaw, AL
February 13, 2019 5:30 p.m.	Sumter County Sumter County Industrial Development Authority Office Livingston, AL
February 14, 2019 Noon	Dallas County BBCF Headquarters Building, 609 Lauderdale Street Selma, AL
February 15, 2019 Noon	Perry County Uniontown Public Library Uniontown, AL
February 18, 2019 5:30 p.m.	Bullock/Macon County Macon County Commission Chamber Annex Tuskegee, AL
February 19, 2019 5:30 p.m.	Wilcox County Wilcox County Commission Annex Camden, AL
February 20, 2019 5:30 p.m.	Hale/Marengo County Greensboro City Hall Greensboro, AL
February 21, 2019 5:00 p.m.	Pickens County Carrollton Service Center Carrollton, AL
February 23, 2019 10:00 a.m.	Lowndes County Snow Hill Christian Church Fort Deposit, AL

Please contact **Chris Spencer** at 334-874-1126 or cspencer@blackbeltfound.org for more information about the workshops. Applications will be available at the workshops and are also available for download at BBCF's website homepage: www.blackbeltfound.org. Applicants are encouraged to email completed applications to arts@blackbeltfound.org.

Applications must be postmarked by March 11, 2019. Complete proposals may also be hand-delivered to the Black Belt Community Foundation's office at 609 Lauderdale Street, Selma, AL or emailed to arts@blackbeltfound.org no later than 4:30 PM Central Time on Monday, March 11, 2019. Late or faxed applications will NOT be accepted.

As BBCF is a tax-exempt organization (ID 63-1270745) under the 501(c) (3) code of the IRS, your gift is tax-deductible as a charitable contribution to the fullest extent allowed by the law. In compliance with federal tax laws, we acknowledge that no goods or services have been received in return for your gift.