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\$175,000 in Grant Funding Available to Valley Non-Profit Arts Programs via the Scottsdale League for the Arts

Grant Applications Accepted June 17-August 5, 2016

Scottsdale, AZ (June 16, 2016)— With the conclusion of another successful year of the Scottsdale Culinary Festival events, the Scottsdale League for the Arts (SLA) will open up their grant application period from Jun 17-August 5, 2016. With more than \$175,000 in funds available, SLA hopes to see a variety of inspired arts programs apply.

Traditionally, the Scottsdale Culinary Festival events span an entire week in mid-April. This year, the Scottsdale League for the Arts took a new approach by introducing new events and breaking up the annual events across January – April, 2016 in an effort to cater to a wide range of interests and cultural experiences. The results were a huge success with the majority of the events selling out.

“The Scottsdale League for the Arts has made many changes to the structure of their annual events, which in turn has helped to increase overall event attendance. Therefore, we hope to see a significant growth in this year's donated funds from last year. We also have a record number of SLA members who are all enthusiastic and motivated to think outside the box on unique ways to raise money for the arts and arts education programs,” said Chelsa Cohen, grant committee chair, Scottsdale League for the Arts.

Eligible arts programs include any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, incorporated and providing services or programs in the arts or art education within Maricopa County and having been in business at least three years, may apply. The League will entertain applications from a variety of organizations, provided that the focus of the project for which funding is requested is directly related to the arts and/or arts education.

“By donating to the arts programs we give people of all ages the chance to experience a new way of looking at the world. It allows one to be more observant of his/her surroundings and our diverse culture, which helps develop a new appreciation and understanding of different ideas and expressions found throughout the world,” continued Cohen.

The Scottsdale League for the Arts, produces between 12-15 special events annually with the purpose of raising funds to support its effort to promote arts and arts education organizations in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Since 2002, the League has contributed more than \$4 million to numerous organizations such as Ballet Arizona, Childsplay and Free Arts of Arizona.

For the full list of criteria, eligibility and procedures necessary to apply, visit www.leagueforthearts.org and download the 2016-2017 Grant Application and Guidelines. To be considered for funding during the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the applicant organization must submit an online application, including all attachments, to the Scottsdale League for the Arts office by 5:00 p.m. on August 5, 2016.

About the Scottsdale League for the Arts

The Scottsdale League for the Arts is a 501(c)(3), non-profit volunteer organization of accomplished men and women who support artists, arts programs and arts education through fundraising and special events. In order to offer continuous value and assistance to the arts, the League awards all

net funds raised to a variety of arts focused organizations through a grants program. For more information visit: <http://leagueforthearts.org/>.

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