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Grants Information Session for the Connecticut Office of the Arts FY17 funding opportunities organized by the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County will be held at Stepping Stones Museum for Children, in Norwalk, on Monday February 29.



Norwalk, CT – The [Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County](#) (CAFC) is offering a Grants Information Session in support of the [Connecticut Office of the Arts](#) (COA) announcement of state funding opportunities for the 2017 Fiscal year. The session will occur on February 29th, from 2-4pm, at the Stepping Stones Museum for Children, located in Mathews Park at 303 West Avenue, in Norwalk. Artists, cultural organizations, libraries, schools, municipalities, and venues that present arts programming are encouraged to attend for an overview of grant offerings, and related procedures.

The COA grants to be discussed are listed below. **Note:** For the first four grant types listed, an "Intent to Submit" must be filed by March 15, using COA's on-line e-granting portal. For any further explanation and comparison of all grants, refer to the state's [Grants-At-a-Glance](#) one-sheet.

- **FY2017 ARTS & COMMUNITY IMPACT Project Grants** - New or adapted arts-based projects that create meaningful relationships with non-arts stakeholders and connect intrinsic values of the arts to identifiable community need. \$5,000-10,000; \$10,000-20,000.
- **FY2017 ARTS LEARNING Project Grants** - Arts in education-based projects that engage partners to advance teaching and learning in the arts, through quality arts engagement, arts integration, arts exploration and discovery experiences in a community setting. \$5,000-20,000.
- **FY2017 PUBLIC ART Community Project Grants** - Provides funding for community based public art projects. \$5,000-\$20,000
- **FY2017 Supporting Arts in Place (operating support)** - Predominantly unrestricted

operating support determined via funding calculations primarily generated from organizational data.

• **FY2017 Regional Initiative Grants (\$1,000-\$4,000)** will also be discussed. The deadline for the Regional Initiative grants is July 29, 2016.

RSVPs are requested. Register [Here](#)

For more information contact the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County at 203-256-2329 or david@culturalalliancefc.org

[The Connecticut Office of the Arts](#) develops and strengthens the arts in Connecticut and makes artistic experiences widely available to residents and visitors. Through its grant programs, the Office of the Arts invests in Connecticut artists and arts organizations and encourages the public's participation as creators, learners, supporters, and audience members. Through its programs and services, the Office of the Arts connects people to the arts and helps to build vital communities across the state.

The mission of the [Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County](#) is to support the cultural organizations, artists, individuals and creative businesses, of the region, by providing promotion, services, and advocacy. Fairfield County's premier arts & culture organization works to build partnerships in the arts and culture sector and the community at large and promote a unified arts and cultural brand for Fairfield County – [FCBuzz](#). For more information, visit www.culturalalliancefc.org or call 203-256- 2329.

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