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Orange County's Tourist Development Tax Grant Application Review Committee Opens Window to accept applications April 1 through April 30, 2024

WHAT:

Orange County's Tourist Development Tax Application Review Committee (ARC) will open its FY-2024 through FY-2028 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2028) application funding window for capital grants in excess of \$2 million and up to and including \$15 million on April 1, and will accept applications through April 30, 2024.

The ARC reviews grant applications and makes recommendations to the Tourist Development Council, with the final decision being made by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners. The applications and supporting materials will be accepted through <u>the United Arts Grants Portal</u>.

To be considered, qualified applicants must meet the minimum requirements listed below. A complete list of requirements is included with the grant application.

- The capital project grant request should be for a dollar amount in excess of \$2 million and up to and including \$15 million toward a project for the acquisition, construction, expansion, enlargement, renovation, and equipping of eligible facilities.
- The requested project funding must be for one or more fiscal years from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2028.
- The project must meet the <u>statutory guidelines for the Tourist Development Tax.</u>
- The project must be located entirely within Orange County.

Through a new service agreement, training and application support for applicants will be available through United Arts. There are two initial grant application information sessions for interested organizations.

Information Sessions VIRTUAL Monday, March 25, 2024 3:00-4:30 p.m. to be held virtually via <u>Zoom</u>. IN PERSON Wednesday, March 27, 2024 10:00-11:30 a.m. Orange County Administration Building Commission Chambers 201 S. Rosalind Ave. Orlando, Florida 32801

For more information regarding the information sessions, please visit the County Calendar.

In addition to attending an information session, applicants are encouraged to <u>contact United</u> <u>Arts</u> with questions prior to applying. United Arts Staff will be available for questions until April 29 at 5 p.m. and can be reached via email at <u>Outreach@UnitedArtsCFL.org</u> or by calling (407) 628-0333.

For technical assistance and ADA accommodations, contact United Arts at <u>Outreach@UnitedArtsCFL.org</u> or (407) 628-0333.

More information regarding the Committee is available at <u>https://netapps.ocfl.net/arctdtgrants/tdtgrants</u>.

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