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McAllen Art Grant Program Deadline

Deadline for applications: 4pm on Friday, March 23 2007



McAllen— McAllen Art Grant

Program is an open submission grant scheme for individual artists and organizations living and working in McAllen.

Awards **up to a maximum of £1,000** are available to artists and organizations working in the context of art.

The deadline for submission of a McAllen Art Grant is Friday, March 23rd 2007. The McAllen Chamber of Commerce and the McAllen Arts Council have been working effectively to promote art within the Valley. This year, the two organizations would like to award grants to artists and organizations that are seeking funding for projects in McAllen.

Last year, the McAllen Chamber of Commerce with the support of the Texas Commission of Arts awarded 15 grants to local artists and organizations.

Commenting on launching the grants, Juan Carlos Suarez, Chairman for The McAllen Arts Council, said: 'It would be difficult to imagine life in this city without the wealth of activity supported by Grants. Arts Council investment helps

individuals and artists realize their artistic potential and brings enjoyment and appreciation of the arts to a much wider audience.'

Organizations that have received grants in prior years have been CineSol Latino Film Festival, South Texas Indian Dancers Association, South Texas College, and the International Museum of Arts & Science.

The grant program in McAllen distributes money from The McAllen Chamber of Commerce and Texas Commission on the Arts to individual artists and art organizations. Cultural Arts Coordinator for The McAllen Chamber of Commerce said, 'The McAllen Chamber of Commerce and The Texas Commission on the Arts are making an important contribution to cultural activities in McAllen. We hope that these new grants will provide a valuable legacy.'

For more information regarding the grants program or to request an application contact: Rita Perera or Prisma Beltran at McAllen Chamber of Commerce on 956.687.2787 or rperera@mcallencvb.com. Completed applications must be received by 4pm on Friday March 23rd 2007.

Applications, clearly marked Grants Management Unit, should be sent to the McAllen Chamber of Commerce, 1200 Ash Ave., P.O. Box 790, McAllen, 78505. Please note we cannot accept faxed or emailed applications. We will only consider applications received by the deadline.

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