

VIRGINIA COMMISSION for the ARTS

Guidelines for Funding

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

INTRODUCTION

Mission: Virginia Commission for the Arts encourages participation and invests in the arts for all Virginians.

Values: The Virginia Commission for the Arts

- supports artistic excellence, encourages growth in artistic quality, and strives to make quality arts experiences available to all Virginians, regardless of age, disability, gender, geographic isolation, income, race, or social barrier
- is a responsible steward of the public trust and the Commonwealth's resources, and maintains the highest ethical and legal standards in all its actions
- values and supports creativity, innovation, and investment in the Commonwealth's rich and diverse cultural heritage, and encourages and strengthens private support of the arts
- values and promotes the arts and artists as a vital component of the Commonwealth's economic health, supporting jobs, businesses, and tourism
- values and promotes the arts as a catalyst for lifelong learning, and recognizes the essential role of the arts in the intellectual and creative growth of Virginians of all ages

Background on the Commission

The Commission's funds come from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

The agency, which was created in 1968, is guided by 13 Commissioners appointed to five-year terms by the Governor and confirmed by the General Assembly. To ensure statewide representation, at least one Commissioner -- and no more than two -- is appointed from each Congressional district. A full-time staff of four implements programs and policies. The Commission is assisted by a statewide network of advisory panelists.

The 2012-2013 *Guidelines for Funding*, presented in the following pages, describe the grant programs of the agency. The *Guidelines* cover activities taking place between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013. This document reflects the advice of many of the constituents of the Commission. The agency encourages anyone in Virginia to comment on its programs and services by writing, calling, or e-mailing the Commission office at any time during the year.