

Grant Title: COMING UP TALLER AWARD

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Agency/Department: President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

Area of Research: Recognize and support outstanding community arts and humanities programs.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: January, annually.

Amount: Maximum Award: \$10,000.

Length of Support: Not listed.

Eligible Applicants: Nominated programs are eligible if they meet all the following eligibility requirements: (a) operate as a program for children and youth outside the school day. Pre-school, after-school, weekend and/or summer programs, however, may have a school-based component or use school space. Multi-site initiatives that meet the criteria also are eligible; (b) use one or more disciplines of the humanities or the arts as the core content of its program(s); (c) concentrate on children and youth who live in family and community circumstances that limit their opportunities-underserved children and youth are the primary participants in the program; (d) involve children and youth as active participants in the arts or humanities experience. Cultural programs in which children function only as an audience are not eligible; (e) provide participants regularly scheduled sessions on an ongoing basis; one-time or occasional programs will not be considered; (f) integrate arts or humanities education programs with youth development goals (e.g., enhanced leadership skills, self-confidence, and peer relations). Programs concentrating only on preparing youth for an artistic or cultural career are outside the scope of Coming Up Taller; and (g) have been operational since January 2005 for a minimum of five years, including 2009 [the operational years of the specific nominated program(s)]; (h) must be a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, unit of state or local government, or federally recognized tribal community or tribes; (i) must be in good standing if a recipient of a federal grant.

Summary: The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities seeks to honor excellence in after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for young people through the Coming Up Taller Awards by promoting creative, engaged, skilled, and confident generation of young people. Each year the Coming Up Taller Awards recognize and reward excellence in after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for underserved children and youth. Programs initiated by museums, libraries, performing arts organizations, universities, colleges, arts centers, community service organizations, schools, businesses, and eligible government entities are encouraged to consider participating. The Coming Up Taller Awards support after-school and out-of-school programs that are tangible examples of the power of the arts and the humanities to encourage young people's creativity and to provide them with learning opportunities, chances to contribute to their community, and ways to take responsibility for their own futures. The Awards also celebrate the contributions that educators, curators, historians, scholars, librarians, and artists make to families and communities by mentoring and teaching children. The development of artistic skills and the study of the human experience, past and present, are at the heart of what these programs offer young people. These are places and programs where children learn about cultural traditions and the histories of families, neighborhoods, and nations. They learn musical, visual, physical, and literary ways of understanding, expressing, and communicating ideas and perceptions. Coming Up Taller programs reflect a broad range of goals and serve youth and communities in various important ways: job training, improved school performance, community development, and cultural preservation and rejuvenation. Research suggests that children who attend high-quality arts and humanities programs during the hours they are not at home or in school benefit from this exposure.

Detail Information: <http://www.pcah.gov/cut.htm>