

2020 CORA VOCE GRANT APPLICATION CRITERIA

PURPOSE OF THE GRANT PROGRAM

CORA VOCE PROVIDES GRANTS TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL CHORAL PROGRAMS IN KITSAP, MASON, AND PIERCE, AND THURSTON COUNTIES FOR PURCHASING EQUIPMENT OR PROGRAM-BUILDING SERVICES.

Cora Voce has established an arts grant program to help with purchasing equipment, services, or program-building projects for established choral music programs in public or private schools. Funds for this grant program are raised each year at Cora Voce's annual fund-raising event, *Teatro Cora Voce*, where attendees make donations to support this program. *Full funding is dependent on the actual amount of funds raised at Teatro Cora Voce.*

GRANT AMOUNT

Grants may be for any amount **between \$1,000 and \$5,000 per application.**

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND SELECTION PROCESS

1. Grant applications are due by email or by mail no later than **5:00 pm, Friday, January 10, 2020.**

Cora Voce's board of directors or a committee designated for reviewing and scoring submitted applications reviews all applications and award grants based on the grant application criteria. Decisions of the board or grant selection committee are final. Notification of grant award will be made not later than **February 14, 2020.**

EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

info@coravoce.org

OR MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Cora Voce Grant Program
C/O Association Management Inc.
5727 Baker Way NW Suite 200
Gig Harbor WA 98332

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To qualify for funding, an applicant school choral program must:

1. be a choral program in an accredited public or private elementary, middle or high school in one of the following counties in Washington State: Kitsap, Mason, Pierce and Thurston.
2. be clearly focused on developing, producing, and/or presenting choral arts activities in the school and community in which it resides.
3. have been led by the current instructor not less than two (2) years prior to applying for this grant.
4. provide evidence of your program's and/or instructor's current and past successes: i.e., number of students involved in your program, performance activities, awards or recognition received etc.
5. demonstrate a compelling need for funding by:
 - a. providing information about your program's current level of district or building funding and any other sources of program funding (such as the PTA or a booster club.)
 - b. providing information about the economic demographics of your student body (such as number of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch.)

USE OF GRANT FUNDS

The grant application must clearly identify how the grant money will be spent by:

1. identifying specific capital items to be purchased with the grant including pricing and/or bids.
2. Identifying specific non-capital expenditures such as clinicians, voice lessons, or other educational experiences or other program-building experiences to be purchased with the grant including pricing.
3. providing a detailed description of how the grant will benefit your students, your school and your community.
4. provide a detailed description of how the grant will provide a long-term benefit for your program, your school and your community.

FUNDING LIMITATIONS

Cora Voce does not fund:

1. travel or fees for tours and/or festivals outside of the northwest region.
2. start-up money for a program not yet established.
3. deficit reduction.
4. organizations whose primary purpose is to provide space, technical assistance or support services to the arts.

EXPECATIONS OF ALL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Once selected, a grant recipient schools must:

1. provide six (6) parent/student volunteers to help with Cora Voce's fund-raising event, *Teatro Cora Voce* on Saturday, May 16, 2020.
2. provide a detailed description of how the grant was spent and the initial impact to your program and community by May 31, 2021.

ADDITIONAL NON-FINANCIAL GRANT BENEFITS

Joint Performance: School choral programs at any level receiving a grant may be invited (but not required) to perform with Cora Voce at one of Cora Voce's regularly scheduled concerts in the 2019-2020 season. Dates, programs, and jointly performed pieces will be worked out with our artistic director. Tickets for your joint performance with Cora Voce will be provided free of charge for all parents and family of participating students.

Clinic(s): Cora Voce's artistic director will work with your school choir(s) at least once during the school year. Upon request, the artistic director or another experienced music educator from Cora Voce, may be available to work with your choir(s) on a periodic basis throughout the school year.

Student Interns: For high school grant recipients only, one or more students enrolled in the school program may be invited to sing with Cora Voce on one concert series.

Selected student interns must:

1. be one of the best student musicians from your school program (typically students who qualify to apply for or been selected for an honor choir like all-state.)
2. learn the music being sung at the concert series in which he/she is participating before attending rehearsals (music packets provided in advance.)
3. attend all rehearsals prior to the concert (usually five rehearsals in the two weeks prior to the concert series in which the student is participating.)
4. sing in both concerts for the series in which the student is participating (Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.)
5. provide his/her own transportation to and from rehearsals and performances.
6. wear his/her formal school choir uniform at the performances.
7. conduct him/herself as an adult during all rehearsals and performances.
8. adhere to their school's code of conduct.