

DeBartoloh Foundation Grant: Letter of inquiry (email)

Dear Jackie Baca d'Ambrosio & Stephanie Hernandez:

I am writing to request more information regarding for the DeBartolo Family Foundation's community grants. I look forward to your response.

Best regards,
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The Tampa Bay Businesses for Culture and the Arts (TBBCA) is a not-for-profit organization serving as a connection between businesses, arts and cultural institutions in the community. The TBBCA educates and motivates area businesses to support arts and culture through a number of programs as a way to enhance economic revitalization, cultural preservation and emotional wellbeing in the community.

TBBCA's cornerstone community programs in need of financial assistance include:

Economic Impact Study

The TBBCA commissions a financial firm to produce an Economic Impact Study to determine the affect arts and culture have on Tampa Bay's economy. The most recent report commissioned in 2005, by PricewaterhouseCoopers, shows cultural institutions and activities contributed to over half a billion dollars in revenue for the Tampa Bay area.

Chalk Walk

Chalk Walk brings art to the streets of Tampa Bay, literally. Artists from both the local area and surrounding Tampa Bay communities are invited to congregate in a chosen business sector and spend three days drawing chalk murals on public sidewalks. Professional and amateur artists "draw out" the community to this live, free, festival art show, which in turn patronizes area businesses.

Cultural Encounters

Cultural Encounters introduces the public to local cultural institutions and their programs. Members of the community are invited to visit a number of cultural organizations on both sides of the Bay to experience and learn what they have to offer. In addition, TBBCA provides a financial contribution to each cultural organization featured in the Cultural Encounters tour.

High School Art Stars

High School Art Stars scholarship program provides rising high school seniors with scholarship funds to help them pursue their education in the arts. Students who excel in vocal and instrumental music, theatre, dance, visual arts and literary arts compete for scholarships to fund training in an arts educational program or for college tuition.

Awards Gala

Another aspect of the TBBCA's mission is to recognize and honor Bay Area businesses and individuals who provided exceptional support to local arts and cultural institutions. These individuals and businesses are celebrated at the TBBCA's annual Businesses & Individuals in the Arts Awards Gala.