



Bellingham Independent Music Association
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BIMA Artists Community Grants

PURPOSE

The mission/vision of the **BIMA Artists Community Grants** project is to provide financial support to local musicians for worthy events that benefit the community.

AMOUNTS

Grants in the amount of \$100, or up to \$300 will be available to 1-3 recipients each quarter, through a competitive selection process. BIMA Board hopes to increase these grants as the project develops in coming years.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications must be received (via mail, fax or email) by the following dates for events shown below:

<u>Application Deadline</u>	<u>For Events Taking Place</u>
November 15	January – March
February 15	April – June
May 15	July – September
August 15	October – December

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Applications will be reviewed and scored by a selection committee of 3-5 members, comprised of volunteers from the community at large. New selection committee members will be recruited each quarter and may serve up to twelve months. Members and families of the current selection committee will not qualify for any grants.

PROJECT COORDINATOR

The Project Coordinator will receive applications, make copies for the selection committee members, and serve as liaison between the applicants, the selection committee and the BIMA Board. Applications should be sent to BIMA at PO Box 234, Ferndale, WA 98248 or may be sent as attachments to info@bima.com. Call 360-714-1630 to request further information.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications received by the Project Coordinator by the due dates listed above, will be processed and sent to the selection committee for review. The BIMA Board has the authority to approve or override selection committee decisions in the event of a tie vote. The awarded recipient(s) would be notified by the 15th of the month following the application deadline. It may be possible to announce awards sooner, but applicants should avoid requesting status before the allotted time has passed.

EXPECTATIONS

- ♪ Grants are available to local musicians, who are applying for sponsorship for specific events to benefit the community at large, (such as a benefit concert for a nonprofit or charitable purpose, an educational program or workshop, or a community project with a musical component).
- ♪ The application will include a description of how and why the event will benefit the community at large or a person in need, so as to help the selection committee make informed decisions, based upon merit.
- ♪ The event description will include a list of other sponsors and/or partners, to validate community participation of the project.
- ♪ The applicant will provide BIMA with press releases and promotional materials of event and artist(s).
- ♪ Applicants will be notified of decision within 30 days of submission. Sponsorship checks will be written within ten days prior to the event to help cover immediate expenses.
- ♪ Recipients will furnish BIMA with copies of posters or other written materials, so that BIMA can maintain documentation of the event.
- ♪ Written feedback from the recipients, regarding the application process and how the grant assisted the mission of the event, would be greatly appreciated by the BIMA Board, in order to evaluate and/or improve this project.

CRITERIA

Merit of Event (any of these examples)

- A community-wide event that involves City, County, neighborhoods, and/or several nonprofit agencies
- An event for social welfare, shelters, food & clothing for needy, or health issues
- An event to enhance the cultural benefits of the community.
- An event to meet a special, unique need

Merit of Applicant(s)

- Local musician(s)
- Community volunteer(s)

Merit of Application:

- Requests for specific event to benefit community
- Complete, well-written, legible & interesting
- Submitted by deadline

Please retain this page for your information and submit application form with press kit, demos, or other materials.



BIMA Artists Community Grants APPLICATION FORM

Date _____ Date Received _____ by _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Event _____

Date of Event _____ Location _____

Event host or beneficiary _____

Other community partners _____

Purpose of event: How will this event benefit the community at large?

Describe some unique or special circumstances about this event. How is it special and why should this event deserve more consideration for support than others?

Name & contact info of person or business designing the event posters:

I understand that, if selected, BIMA will be acknowledged as a sponsor on posters and press releases and at the event. I will provide BIMA brochures and related information at the event

Signature

Submit application to:

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