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Commission for Arts and Culture

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**COMMISSION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE RELEASES GUIDELINES AND
APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAM**

San Diego, CA ... The City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) announces the availability of the Fiscal Year 2007 Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) guidelines and applications. CCSD, an allocations program for projects formerly funded under Festivals and Celebrations and the Neighborhood Arts Program, supports projects that increase opportunities for San Diego residents and visitors to participate in arts and culture and to exercise their creative abilities.

Nonprofit organizations interested in applying should visit the Commission website at www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture to download the required Intent to Apply form and a copy of the guidelines and application. Applicants who are new to the Commission process are strongly encouraged to contact Felicia Shaw, Program Manager at (619) 533-3063 to discuss the eligibility of the proposed project prior to submitting the Intent to Apply form.

The deadline for submission of the FY 2007 CCSD application is **Friday, March 3, 2006**. Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date or hand-delivered by **5:00 PM** to: City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, Executive Complex, 1010 Second Avenue, Suite 555/West Tower, San Diego, CA 92101. Late applications will not be accepted.

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Two technical assistance workshops have been scheduled to provide applicants with an overview of the CCSD application and panel review process. The first workshop will be held on **Tuesday, February 7, 2006** from 10:00 am until 12 Noon; the second workshop will be held on **Wednesday, February 8, 2006** from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Both workshops will take place in the Commission's large conference room on the fifth floor, west wing of the Executive Complex building in downtown San Diego.

CCSD funding is derived from the City of San Diego's Transient Occupancy Tax allocated in accordance with the City Council Policy 100-03 of the San Diego Municipal Code. Eligible applicants must be tax-exempt organizations or have an appropriate tax-exempt fiscal sponsor, with a minimum three-year track record of operations prior to the application deadline. Under the FY 2007 guidelines, proposed projects must take place within the City of San Diego between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. Applicants must also be able to match City funding at a 3:1 or 2:1 ratio, with in-kind funding considered in limited cases. The Commission is particularly interested in festivals, neighborhood arts and other projects that provide residents and visitors with innovative experiences.

For more information concerning Creative Communities San Diego or other Commission programs and activities please visit the Commission website at www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture/.

The mission of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture is to vitalize the community by integrating arts and culture into community life, supporting the region's cultural assets, and showcasing San Diego as an international tourism destination.

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