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The Swedish Council of America makes grants for projects that promote knowledge and understanding of Swedish-American culture, Swedish heritage, and/or the cultural ties between Sweden and the United States.

Grant proposals should clearly demonstrate how the project accomplishes at least one of the following: - Serves to pass on Swedish heritage to future generations - Enhances knowledge of the Swedish immigrants to the United States and their contributions to American life - Develops program of events that increase knowledge and awareness of Swedish-American culture - Promotes the many contemporary culture ties between North America and Sweden

Grants Guidelines

Projects must be endorsed by an affiliated organization of the Swedish Council of America or by a Director of the Board of the Council. **Applicants who do not have geographical access to this endorsement should consult the SCA office before making an application.**

Grants will generally be made on a one time basis and will not exceed \$5,000.

A second award will not be granted to an organization for an identical or similar project previously funded by an SCA grant.

Eligible applicants are limited to one proposal per funding cycle.

A grant award can be made to an organization as "seed money" for a festival. SCA will not grant funding for a recurring festival in years two and three, but will consider and award in year four if the grant application is meritorious and is intended to bring about a qualitative enhancement of the festival through a new feature or concept.

SCA will provide seed money for starting language camps. Language camps receive one-time support only.

SCA does not require an applicant to have 501(c)(3) status, but does require evidence that an SCA affiliate group has agreed to sponsor the project. If an applicant resides in a region which has no nearby SCA affiliate, a member of the SCA Board of Directors will be assigned to monitor the project.

SCA will not fund a project that is essentially a forum for political advocacy. However, meritorious projects that are intended as a scholarly inquiry into political or social history

will be supported.

Grantees will be required to demonstrate how the Swedish Council will be recognized for its award. This acknowledgement must be clearly visible on all materials, products, documentation, etc.

Because of our desire to assure visible recognition of grant support, Swedish Council of America will not grant funding to any project, event or exhibition that starts before May 15, 2010.

Swedish Council of America should not be viewed as the sole source of support for a project; there must be evidence of other financial contributions, whether received or pledged, from other donors. A projected income budget must be included with all applications with multiple sources identified.

SCA will **NOT** fund the following:

- A project that consists of athletic or sports activities

- A project that consists of a religious, worship service

- Physical plant improvement, equipment, endowments, operating budgets, or annual fund drives

- Academic/degree studies by individuals or provide academic scholarships for undergraduate or graduate education

- Personal histories, including self-publishing

- Recurring events that are profitable