



## AMERICAN FOLK ART SOCIETY GRANTS REQUEST FORM

The purpose of this document is to provide a disciplined means for 501c3 organizations to make a request for a grant from the American Folk Art Society. The request must be consistent with the Society's mission to promote and support 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century American folk art.

### Background

The American Folk Art Society makes occasional grants to individuals and institutions to fund projects that are furthering the appreciation and understanding of American folk art. The grants are funded through annual contributions from AFAS members.

AFAS grants are designed to fund innovative projects that target critical, unmet needs in the area of American folk art. A grant can be for one of the following:

- All or a substantial part of the entire funding of the project.
- Complete funding for a discrete portion of a larger project.
- Final funding for a larger, otherwise fully funded project.

### Grant Process

The AFAS Grant Committee meets twice per year to consider grant requests, once in the spring and once in the fall. Grant requests must be received at least four months before the meeting date. Specific deadline dates for grant requests are available from the chair of the committee, Michael Rothberg (email: [msrothberg@gmail.com](mailto:msrothberg@gmail.com)). That said and on a very limited occurrence, a request for a grant may be considered by the Grants Committee within that four-month deadline. After review by committee members and a vote by the membership, grantees are notified of the results.

### **Grant Request Form**

1. Name and background of organization or individual applying for the grant, including the EIN.
2. Name of the project
3. Type of project, e.g., is it a presentation, publication, exhibition, research project, conservation project, etc.?
4. Project description including the need for a grant, who will benefit, planned start date, expected date of completion, and the resumes of those involved, background on institutions involved.
5. Demonstrate that the individual or organization has the organizational capacity and experience to implement, administer and sustain the grant.
6. Amount of funding requested, including desired timing for the grant.
7. Portion of total funds required for the project AFAS is being asked to fund. If only a portion of funding is being requested, provide the total project funding required.
8. If AFAS agrees to fund the project, in whole or in part, describe how the funding will be acknowledged.
9. Describe a funding plan if AFAS does not provide the full requested funding for the project.

In addition to providing the information above, the Society would appreciate any available renderings, background papers, etc. in PDF format to provide relevant additional information for its members about the project.