CALL FOR PROPOSALS: PXSTL Community Program Grants

As part of its Design Initiative, The Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts is pleased to announce an open call for grant-funded proposals for programs as part of the PXSTL project. The Pulitzer will award grants of up to $1,500 each to individuals, community groups, and organizations for proposals that respond to a temporary structure that will be built on a vacant lot across the street from the Pulitzer building. The structure, designed by Freecell Architecture and open from May 9 to October 5, 2014, will be activated by a number of curated events, including grant-funded community programs.

Background
PXSTL was launched in March 2013 as a design-build competition collaboratively organized by the Pulitzer and the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis. The winning design, Lots by Freecell Architecture, was chosen for its innovative approach to architectural design, its focus on community engagement, and its dynamic vision for Grand Center as a hub for social and cultural activity. Lots will be composed of a metal grid superstructure and adjustable fabric funnels.

Criteria
The Pulitzer is asking the community to envision programs that activate Lots. Program proposals need to demonstrate ways of engaging community exchange and interactivity.
through ideas, goods, services, or other means. Examples include dance performances, panel discussions, trading of goods or services, etc. Proposed programs may occur once or recur as a series, but must take place at the PXSTL site.

Site
The following amenities will be provided in the design of the structure:

- Access to electricity
- ADA accessibility
- Partial shade

The Pulitzer can provide the following resources:

- Limited seating
- Tables
- Access to restrooms
- Security
- Event support

Any additional resources needed must be specified in the program proposal. The Pulitzer will, to the best of its ability, connect community organizers with those resources.

Submission Guidelines
Submit the following materials as a single PDF document to pxstl@pulitzerarts.org by March 31, 2014. Proposals should not exceed 2 pages.

Program Proposal: How would you use the PXSTL structure to explore the idea of exchange?
- Program organizers
- Program description
- Program goal
- Description of intended audience and plan for promotion
- List of day(s) of the week and times that best suit the program

Budget: Please attach an itemized budget outlining all associated costs for the program and how the grant funds would be applied.

Selection Process
Proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee with representatives from the Pulitzer, the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, and Freecell Architecture. Following selection, the Pulitzer will work with grantees to finalize a schedule for all community programs for the
duration of PXSTL (May 9 - October 5, 2014). Participants are strongly encouraged to attend the May 9 opening event.

**Timeline**

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