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Date: June 12, 2025

Consent Agenda Item (Action Item): To approve retroactively an agreement between Betsy Layne High School and the Kentucky Arts Council Poetry Out Loud Program.

Applicable State or Regulations: KRS 162.90 Powers and Duties of the local board and Floyd County Board of Education policy 03.2234.

Budget/Financial Issues: There will be no cost to Betsy Layne High School and the Floyd County School System.

Background and Rationale: Betsy Layne High School has been participants in Poetry Out Loud Program for several years now and was again this past year. Because Kentucky's state Poetry Out Loud competition was cancelled due to the impact of major disaster declaration DR-4860-KY, the Kentucky Arts Council will instead provide poetry Out Loud grant in the amount of \$1,650.00 to schools that registered regardless of participation. These funds are for the purchase of poetry books for student use in the school's library or as classroom set.

Recommended Action: To approve retroactively the agreement between the Kentucky Arts Council and the Poetry Out Loud Program and Betsy Layne High School.

Contact Person(s): Mr. Jody D. Roberts
Betsy Layne High School


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Executive Director

April 16, 2025

Betsy Layne High School

Attn: Larry Hammond, Superintendent
554 Bobcat Blvd.
Stanville KY 41659

Re: FY2025 POETRY OUT LOUD PROGRAM – #POL25B0004

Dear Larry:

The Kentucky Arts Council will provide an additional Poetry Out Loud grant to **Betsy Layne High School** in the amount of **\$1,650** to fund the purchase of poetry books for student use in the school's library or as classroom sets. From these funds the school may reimburse "de minimus" indirect costs, not to exceed 10 percent of the total grant amount, for providing alternative state contest accommodations due to the cancellation of the in-person competition as the result of major disaster declaration DR-4860-KY. **NOTE: This grant funding requires no specific, additional classroom activities.**

All Kentucky Arts Council grants are contingent upon budgetary action by the Kentucky General Assembly and upon annual receipt of funds from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). **Poetry Out Loud is a joint project of the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation.**

Kentucky Arts Council grant funding may not be used for the following purposes:

- Purchase of equipment, property, library holdings* or acquisitions
- Capital improvements, facility construction, structural renovations and restorations
- Publications or recordings for commercial purposes
- Scholarships or other activities related to academic credit or degrees
- Activities intended primarily for fundraising
- Food, beverages or other refreshments
- Requests designed to reduce or eliminate existing deficits
- Interest on loans, fines, penalties and/or litigation costs
- Expenses incurred before the starting date of the period covered in the grant request
- Investments of any kind

- Performances not available to the general public
- Programs that have sectarian purposes
- Indirect costs **unless** 1) per a current federally-negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (official documentation required), or 2) "**de minimus**" indirect costs not to exceed **10 percent of total modified direct cost**
- The application of new artistic work to historic buildings or structures unless approved by the state historic preservation office as being in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (contact the Kentucky Heritage Council at 502-564-7005 or visit Kentucky Heritage Council).

****Exception for POLB FY25 funding.***

No arts council funds may be used to match another grant from the arts council. In addition, the same matching funds may not be used for more than one arts council grant. In some cases, arts council grants may be used to match National Endowment for the Arts or other federal grants; call staff for clarification before committing funds for such purposes. The arts council also reserves the right to make special stipulations on how specific grant funds may be spent.

Please note the following:

- **Grant Agreement Form (GAF).** Please sign the GAF via DocuSign within **15** days to initiate payment. Retain a copy for your records. It is important that you review the GAF for accuracy (e.g., correct spelling of your name, address, telephone number, Kentucky Vendor Number, etc.). If the GAF information is incorrect, the authorizing authority who can sign contracts is someone other than you or changes occur during the grant period, please immediately notify Macie Lowe, grants manager, at macie.lowe@ky.gov. Payment cannot be issued without correct information.
- **Sample Letter for Legislators.** We need your help in keeping members of the General Assembly informed of arts funding for their districts so state funding for the arts council will continue, and hopefully grow, in the future. Please write to your state senator and representative as soon as possible and let them know about your grant from the Kentucky Arts Council; a sample letter can be found on our website at <https://artscouncil.ky.gov/resources/letters-of-support/>. Mail or email a copy of each letter to the arts council.
- **Credit and Logos.** It is important that the public be made aware of the use of tax dollars for arts programming. You are required to acknowledge the arts council by including our logo and appropriate acknowledgment in all published materials and announcements (print and electronic), including Web and social networking sites, advertising, promotions, news releases, printed programs, catalogues, flyers, posters, literature, and film/video credits. The appropriate acknowledgment should also be included in all audio broadcasts and curtain speeches. For detailed information visit "Credit and Logos" on our website at <https://artscouncil.ky.gov/resources/credits-and-logos/>. The acknowledgement line for this grant is:

*The Kentucky Arts Council, the state arts agency, supports **Betsy Layne High School** with state tax dollars and federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, The Poetry Foundation, and the Kentucky General Assembly.*

This form must be signed by a Principal Officer with legal authority to obligate the grant recipient. **Make a copy for your records.** Return this **electronic** copy to the Kentucky Arts Council (KAC) office **within 15 days** to initiate payment. **The address on this grant agreement must match that associated with the organization's Kentucky Vendor Code.**

Legal/Incorporation Name: Betsy Layne High School
D.B.A.:
Federal ID #: 61-6001347 **UEI #:** VLGMA3JCUXD9 **Vendor Code #:** KY0035328
Address: 554 Bobcat Blvd.
County: Floyd
City: Stanville **State:** KY **ZIP:** 41659
Contact Person/Phone: Brandi Justice
Contact Person Email: brandi.justice@floyd.kyschools.us

FY: 2025 **APP#:** B0004 **Program:** POL **Grant period:** 04/01/2025 - 06/30/2025

Program/Project Description: Poetry Out Loud: poetry books and remote participation reimbursement

KAC Grant Amount: \$ 1,650

Kentucky Arts Council

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 Chris Cathers, Executive Director

Date 4/16/2025

NOTE: You will receive payment within **30 business days** of your signed GAF having been received by KAC.

IN ACCEPTING THE GRANT, THE GRANTEE AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- Return this GAF, with authorized signature, within 15 days of KAC issuance or risk reallocation of your funding.
 NOTE: KAC will not release funds for this grant if you have any outstanding final reports on previous awards or grants.
- Comply with all state and federal requirements, including:
 - Civil Rights Act of 1964
 - Americans with Disabilities Act
 - Other federal and state compliance regulations
 For more complete information regarding your responsibilities and obligations, refer to the enclosed *Assurance of Compliance* document.
- Send a letter to each state legislator in your organization's county acknowledging KAC funding awarded. Send copies of each to the Kentucky Arts Council.
- Acknowledge KAC in all public communications per instructions in the enclosed award letter.
- Submit a final report to KAC within 30 days of the conclusion of the grant period.
- KAC may terminate this contract if funds are not available without incurring any obligation for payment.

Authorized Signature:

Date: 6-12-25

Printed Name:

Tonya Horne-Williams **Title:** Superintendent

- **Final Descriptive Report.** You must submit a final report and accompanying narrative detailing the use of these grant funds within 30 days after the completion of the grant period. A final report form will be emailed to you.

- Per recently revised federal reporting regulations, the arts council is obliged to provide you with the following information regarding National Endowment for the Arts funds that may or may not be associated with your FY2025 PAR grant:

- o NEA grant # – 1932242-61-24

- o Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) # - 45.025

To expedite the arts council's response to your inquiries, always refer to the application number when contacting staff concerning your application. If you have any questions regarding the grant award, please contact Macie Lowe, grants manager, at macie.lowe@ky.gov.



Christopher Cathers
Executive Director

Enclosures: Grant Agreement Form
Assurance of Compliance

CC: Brandi Justice, Cynthia Warner, Sarah M. Schmitt