

Guidelines for CDSS Outreach Grants

Grants are available from the Country Dance and Song Society for events and publications that develop leaders of traditional English and Anglo-American music, dance and song. Outreach grants from CDSS Leadership Funds* support programs and projects that are specifically designed to train callers, teachers, musicians, singers and event organizers and/or to foster youth involvement in these areas. Uses of these funds include assistance for workshops, regional conferences, scholarships for CDSS and non-CDSS programs, training publications and other related endeavors.

Who Can Apply for this Funding

- Individuals and groups who are organizing a training event
- Individuals and groups who are organizing a youth development event
- Groups that want to help leaders, musicians, singers or organizers attend an event to develop their leadership skills
- Individuals and groups seeking to publish training-related materials in any medium (print, web, audio, video), including how-to manuals, instructional publications, etc.

Preference is given to CDSS members and group affiliates. However, all are welcome to apply. For questions about the suitability of your project, contact Linda Henry at leadership@cdss.org or 413-268-7426, ext. 105.

How to Apply

Applications may be submitted at any time and will be reviewed as soon as possible. For optimum lead time, apply at least six months prior to your event if possible. Please send all information requested on the application form via email to leadership@cdss.org.

Requirements

Those receiving grants are expected to:

- Include an acknowledgement of support from CDSS Leadership Funds in any publicity
- Make an announcement at the event about this funding or, for publications, include a written acknowledgement
- Make CDSS promotional materials available at the event
- Provide a written report after the event/project describing how it went, including any successes, challenges, etc.
- Send a copy of any published materials for the CDSS archives

Events receiving assistance from CDSS Leadership Funds so far include...

- Contra Dance Calling: Beyond the Basics – a one-day workshop for 25 intermediate callers held in Amherst, Massachusetts in June 2006
- West Coast Leadership Conference – a regional conference for 77 callers, musicians and organizers held in Portland, Oregon in September 2006
- Contra Dance Callers and Musicians: Making Connections – a “house workshop” for ten callers and musicians held in Belfast, Maine in November 2006
- English Country Dance Musicians Workshop – a private workshop for four local musicians held in Richmond, VT in June 2007
- Contra Dance Callers Workshop – a weekend workshop for eleven callers held in Houston, Texas in September 2007

* CDSS Leadership Funds include the MayGadd/Phill Merrill Fund, Mary Kay Friday Leadership Fund, Chuck Ward Musicians Training Fund and New Leaders/Good Leaders Fund. See www.cdss.org for further information.



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