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Sompo Holdings, Inc.

Sompo Chikyu (Earth) Club

Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation

Public Resources Foundation

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Inviting Applications for the FY2016 Heart & Arts Program

Helping People with Disabilities Express Themselves through Art

The Sompo Chikyu (Earth) Club^{*1} voluntary organization of Sompo Holdings, Inc. (President & CEO: Kengo Sakurada) group employees including Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation (President: Masaya Futamiya)^{*2}, together with the Public Resources Foundation (President and Chair: Tsuyoshi Kusumi)^{*3}, invites interested voluntary organizations to apply for support from the FY2016 Heart and Arts Program.

As part of its overall aspiration to help build a society in which all people can live rich and fulfilling lives, the Sompo Chikyu (Earth) Club supports activities that encourage people with disabilities to express themselves freely through art (visual arts, music and performing arts).

- *1 The Sompo Chikyu (Earth) Club is a volunteer organization of employees from companies across the Sompo Holdings Group. The Club is involved in various volunteer activities nationwide designed to meet unique local needs, from forest conservation and local cleanups to cleaning and maintaining wheelchairs at local care facilities. In addition, the Sompo Chikyu (Earth) Club Social Contribution Fund receives voluntary donations from Group employees to help fund the Club's activities.
- *2 The Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation, established in 1977, seeks to contribute to the development of social welfare by providing research grants and awarding outstanding academic research in the field. The Foundation supports the arts through grants to leading welfare organizations for people with disabilities, etc.
- *3 As a specialist contribution promoter, the Public Resources Foundation seeks to maximize contributions and capacity building for non-profit organizations by setting up and managing funds, and organizing online donation websites.

1. Eligible Activities for Funding

The Program supports the type of activities listed below:

- Art activities in which persons with disabilities will participate or be active (crafts, workshops, creations, etc.)
- Activities that support art activities of persons with disabilities (holding lectures, dispatch of lecturers, networking, etc.)

- Activities that promote art activities of persons with disabilities (events, publications, exhibitions, etc.)
- Creation of opportunities to present art activities of persons with disabilities (concerts, stage events, etc.)

Note: Art activities include visual arts, music, and performing arts activities.

[Eligible organizations]

Non-profit organizations (incorporated or unincorporated) including social welfare corporations, public interest corporations, general incorporated associations and voluntary organizations, etc.

2. Summary of Program Funding

- Number of recipient organizations: 6-10
- Grant per organization: Up to a maximum of 500,000 yen
- Funds provided are intended to subsidize the cost of an applicant's activities such as operating art venues, art-related activities, hosting of concerts and stage plays, etc., teacher payments, staff personnel costs, etc. The Public Resources Foundation, Sompo Chikyu (Earth) Club and Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation do not tend to specify any particular restrictions on the use of funds.

3. Duration of Funding Support

- One year from April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018
- The Public Resources Foundation, Sompo Chikyu (Earth) Club and Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation do support some activities across multiple years. However, an applicant must not expect support to automatically renewed, but to repeat the application, selection and verification process.

4. Selection Process

The Public Resources Foundation, Sompo Chikyu (Earth) Club and Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation work together to select recipients based on their application documents. On receiving the documentations, candidates may be asked to provide additional documentation if deemed necessary.

5. Selection Criteria

Candidates are selected according to the following criteria:

- How well the activities coordinate with the concept of helping people with disabilities express themselves freely through art
- How hard it would be to cover the activity through public funding
- How well the activity coincides with the applicant organizations core mission
- Whether funding the project would further the future expansion of art-related activities at the applicant organization.

6. Application Procedure

(1) Application documentation:

- Application form (Please use the designated application form. This cannot be hand written)
- Supplementary documentation (discretionary format)
 - Most recent fiscal year's operational and financial reports (2 copies each)
 - Operational planning and budget reports (2 copies each)
 - Documentation introducing the applicant's organizational activities (pamphlets, newsletters, copies of newspaper articles, etc.) (2 copies each)

(2) How to apply

- Please submit your application form by email to the address listed below to reach us no later than January 11, 2017.
- You may submit supplementary documentation either by email or by post to the contact addresses listed below. (If you post your documentation, we will accept documents postmarked up until January 11, 2017)
- Please download the application guide (pdf) and the application form (word) from the Public Resources Foundation website (http://www.public.or.jp/PRF/news/dt_95.html).

Please submit your application form and direct any queries to:

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7. Communication of Selection Results

Successful applicants will be informed by email in late March 2017.