

2019 Beehive Poetry Month

Calling all Utah poets! We're hoping to fund some Utah poets to help make April 2020 Beehive Poetry Month, during which we fill up as many days of the month as we can with poetry-related events around the state. Poets engaging their communities in creative, surprising, or interdisciplinary activities that focus on bringing poetry to a wide audience are encouraged to apply for a one-time mini-grant to bring their project to light. The grants will be funded by the Utah Division of Arts & Museums, Utah Humanities, and the Academy of American Poets Poet Laureate Fellowship.

Activities might include hosting free poetry-writing workshops in underserved community or senior centers, schools or cafes; hosting "pop-up" poetry events in parks or local neighborhoods; engaging in "guerrilla poetry activism" that puts poems in unusual (but legal) places, such as on billboards, on coffee sleeves, or in vending machines; or creating visual poetry installations in civic spaces. Activities may last an hour or two or, depending on the proposed project, as long as a month. Any permits or pre-approval necessary for the completion of the activity must be obtained by the grantee. No project will be funded that defaces public buildings, institutions, or public spaces.

The grant will not cover reading fees for specific performers at any venue, nor will it fund the promotion of the grantee's own poetry, including the publication or dissemination of the individual grantee's poetry within the community. The grant is meant to encourage general civic engagement with the reading, writing, and experience of poetry, and as such should be used to promote activities or events that expose the community to a diversity of voices.

All grants will be \$400, with the possibility of additional money added to support multi-day events or workshops, or to cover the cost of space rental, photocopying, advertising fees or art materials, if such costs are necessary.

Interested applicants must submit by December 15 the following materials as a single PDF:

- *A one-page statement of purpose that includes a brief description of the proposed activity, its date, time and location, and the activity's intended audience and impact.

- * A brief budget for projects that may require additional funding to cover material costs

- *The proposed grantee's CV, including address and email

Decisions will be made by January 15.

Applications, or any questions about the Beehive Poetry Month, must be sent to Paisley Rekdal, Utah's poet laureate, at paisley.rekdal@utah.edu.