

Funding Proposal

LEAP – Launching Equal Access to the Performing Arts

Requested Amount: \$2,000

About LEAP

LEAP (Launching Equal Access to the Performing Arts) is a community-driven initiative committed to breaking down financial and social barriers that prevent children and teens from participating in the arts. We believe every young person should have the opportunity to explore their creativity, build confidence, and develop life skills through dance, music, theater, and other performing arts regardless of their economic background.

Through workshops, mentorship programs, and scholarship opportunities, LEAP empowers underserved youth to access training, performance opportunities, and industry connections that can shape their futures.

Purpose of Funding

The \$2,000 requested will be used to:

Expense Item	Amount	Description
Free Community Workshops (including performance support)	\$900	Covers studio rental fees at Radar Dance Complex, insurance, basic materials, and dancewear/props for participants to showcase their work during workshops.
Scholarship Fund	\$650	Provides full or partial scholarships for underserved youth to attend local performing arts classes at Radar or at the studio of their choice in Marion County.
Marketing	\$300	Covers printed materials, journals, and teaching tools for one-on-one mentoring session.

Other/Misc. \$150.00 {refreshment and snacks at workshop on 10/31, Halloween and 12/19 Christmas celebration}.

Location & Timeline

Location: Radar Dance Complex

Timeline: October to January

Workshop Dates:

- October 11
- October 31
- November 14
- December 6
- December 19
- January 16

Marketing & Advertisement

Promotion will include:

- Social media through the official LEAP account
- Word of mouth within the community
- Flyer distribution to local stores
- Outreach through community activities and churches

Impact of Funding

Your support will:

- Give at least 15 students direct access to professional performing arts training they could not otherwise afford.

- Create safe, creative spaces for youth to build confidence, communication skills, and discipline.
- Strengthen the local arts community by fostering the next generation of dancers.
- Provide visible, measurable outcomes through community showcases and participant feedback.

Sponsorship Recognition

Sponsors will be recognized through:

- Social Media Shoutouts on all LEAP-related platforms
- Logo Placement on event flyers, programs, and workshop materials
- Recognition at Events in speeches and banners
- Community Impact Report at the end of the funded period

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