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Zoo, Arts, and Parks Application for Zoological and Tier I Groups Available

Applications will be due Thursday, May 18, 2006

Salt Lake County announces that Zoo, Arts and Parks applications are available to Zoological and Tier I cultural organizations.

To assist in understanding the Zoological and Tier I applicant process, Salt Lake County will be holding a Workshop on **April 27, 2006** from **1:00-4:00**. This workshop is being held to discuss the 2006 application, new policies, new financial section of the application and other questions and concerns. All Zoological and Tier I groups will need to send a representative. Also to be discussed are new changes to the ZAP legislation and other questions and concerns. The Workshop will take place in the County Council Chambers in room N1100. This is on the main floor of the North building in the government center (2001 South State Street). Parking is available in the covered parking terrace east of the North Building.

The Zoo, Arts and Parks program provides opportunities for citizens to enjoy the various arts and cultural programs offered throughout the valley. Funding is available to qualified cultural organizations to provide and enhance their cultural programs. In November 1996, Salt Lake County voters approved a ballot initiative designed to fund local recreational facilities as well as botanical, cultural and zoological organizations. The County collects one additional penny on every ten dollars spent within Salt Lake County.



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Funding is allocated through a competitive process, overseen by a volunteer advisory board. Tier I and Zoological Organizations applying must have non-profit 501(C)(3) status and must detail average qualifying expenditures **\$302,700** or more over a three year period.

Following the fiscal year in which the funds were granted, organizations are required to file an *Actual Use Schedule* detailing how monies were actually expended during the funding cycle.

Applications for Zoological and Tier I Cultural organizations will be due Thursday, May 18, 2006. This application will implement the Zoo, Arts and Parks Program's new policies and procedures passed by the County Council on April 11, 2006.

Electronic copies of the Zoological and Tier I applications, as well as the financial sections, new policies, and application guide can be found on the ZAP website at www.slcozap.org or applications can be mailed to you by calling 468-3517 or 468-3571.

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