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**MECU NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 2018**  
**Neighborhoods and community-based non-profits can receive up to \$1,000**

The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts is excited to announce the return of the **MECU Neighborhood Event Grants** for 2018. Each year, the program awards cash grants to Baltimore neighborhood associations and community-based non-profit organizations for the purpose of producing special events. Thanks to the support of MECU, Baltimore's credit union, eligible groups can receive up to **\$1,000** to produce an event for the community and residents they serve, such as art workshops, back-to-school rallies, block parties, book drives, food drives, health fairs and neighborhood clean-ups.

Applications and guidelines are available at [www.promotionandarts.org](http://www.promotionandarts.org). The deadline for submissions is **Sunday, October 1, 2017**. MECU Neighborhood Event Grants are a program of the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts and are supported by MECU, Baltimore's Credit Union.

Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) organization and based in Baltimore City. Proposed events must be free and open to the public and take place between April 1 and December 31, 2018. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Required materials include a completed application, tax exemption documentation, financial statement and project budget. Grant recipients must attend a mandatory workshop on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 10AM, exact location TBD.

For more information on the **MECU Neighborhood Event Grants**, call 410-752-8632 or visit [www.promotionandarts.org](http://www.promotionandarts.org).

*The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization which serves as Baltimore City's arts council, film office, and events agency. By producing large-scale events such as Light City, Artscape and the Baltimore Book Festival, and providing funding and support to artists, arts programs and organizations across the city, BOPA's goal is to make*

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