

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CDSS Grants Update

Prior to the pandemic, a majority of the funding from our Grants program was offered to support in-person events and projects. Due to COVID-19, a significant portion of our 2020 Grants budget is currently available for use before the end of this year. These funds can be used for:

- equity and anti-racism training for organizers or communities
- online workshops to support callers, musicians, etc.
- publication of instruction materials (print, web, audio, video)
- related endeavors that will have a lasting effect on dance, music, and song communities

We encourage you to think about ways you would like to support your community during this challenging time. If you need funds and/or logistical support to make this possible, please visit cdss.org/grants and email resources@cdss.org with questions.

Online Events

Our online events calendar (cdss.org/online-events) recently got an update! It's now easier to search for events by name and to browse by event category. Want to see just ECD events? Sure! Events next Saturday evening only? Yep! As always, we welcome all your listings of virtual dance, music, and song events.

2020 Affiliate Survey Report Available

Earlier this year, we conducted our second annual Affiliate survey to learn even more about the work that Affiliates are doing and how we can best support them. We were thrilled that 62% of Affiliates responded—an incredible response rate! We learned much and have been using the survey findings to direct our decisions and actions. Read our full survey report at cdss.org/affiliate-survey.

Cultural Equity Advisory Group: Call For Nominations

The Board and staff of CDSS are convening a Cultural Equity Advisory Group. The events of this year make it clearer than ever that we need to prioritize racial justice and uproot patterns of inequity in our shared dance, music, and song communities. As we move into the future, we affirm the importance of listening to—and centering—the voices of people whose identities have historically been marginalized. CDSS commits to supporting this group in their process and working to enact their recommendations.

Our aim is to recruit 6-10 members, including a facilitator, for a group that will meet monthly for one year, starting in early 2021. The group's mission will be to critically analyze our current programs, operations, and governance, and to provide recommendations for changes. In recognition of the importance of this work, members will be paid an honorarium for their participation.

Nominations are now open! To view the full job description, and to nominate yourself or someone you know for this role, please visit cdss.org/equity-group.

New Director of Programs Position Accepting Applications

CDSS is hiring a new Director of Programs to start early in 2021. The Director of Programs will provide the artistic direction for all of CDSS's camp weeks, and will also be responsible for developing new programs, including online events. Please visit cdss.org/jobs for more information and for application details.

