

The *Music Performance Trust Fund* has been providing grants for free public live music events since 1948. Funds are made available by MPTF to sponsor performances for community events, outdoor park concerts, libraries, senior citizen centers and museums, as well as educational performances by a wide variety of jazz, classical, chamber, symphonic and other ensembles. This vital organization brings music to the public and supplements the income of musicians, all at no cost to those receiving this precious gift of music.

MPTF was established as a nonprofit independent public service organization whose mission includes contributing to the public knowledge and appreciation of music, as well as making music a part of every child's life experience. Headquartered in New York City, the tax-exempt MPTF, operating under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, evolved from a landmark collective bargaining agreement between the American Federation of Musicians and the major recording companies of the day.

Reno Musicians Union Local 368 AFM members interested in applying for a grant are invited to contact your President John Shipley for help. All requests will be reviewed for approval, and recommendations will be forwarded to MPTF in New York. All grant applicants must have a co-sponsor with a Federal ID number (e.g. non-profit organization, local business, local government, school, etc.) and this co-sponsor must assume all employer/contractor responsibilities.

Applicants and Co-Sponsor accepted for an MPTF grant are responsible for direct payment to all musicians, including benefits, work dues and the proper filing of union reports with Local 368. Once all the necessary paperwork is submitted to Local 368, the documents will be sent to MPTF headquarters in New York, and once verified and processed, the grant check will be mailed directly from MPTF to the co-sponsor who will pay you and your musicians.

Each new fiscal year begins May 1 and goes through April 30. All requests must be received in writing no later than April 1. Grant request letters should include the following: Date, time, place, a description of the event, the name of the group they are requesting assistance for, the name of the leader, how many side musicians and cartage. To qualify for assistance, the event must be absolutely free and open to the public with NO donations and NO fundraising.

If you have any questions, please contact John Shipley at the Local 368 office or the MPTF office: 323.993.3156