Arts Funds Are Ready For County

The N. C. Arts Council may have as much as \$2,380 available in the 1982fiscal year for 83 community arts programs in Warren County through the Grassroots Arts program. Non-profit organizations should send applications to the state Arts Council by March 1 in order to be considered for a share of the funds, according to Jack LeSueur, the state council's liaison to the county.

The money is available to assist incorporated taxexempt organizations in carrying out arts programs which will take place between July 1, 1982 and June 30, 1983. Requests will require a matching amount of cash, although the match does not necessarily have to be used for the same project. Matching funds may be those the organizations anticipate spending at any time during the same fiscal year.

The state Arts Council is mailing application information to the county arts groups that have applied for the Grassroots funds in the past years, but to make sure they receive the information, LeSueur suggested that representatives of any interested groups contact the Grassroots Arts Program, N. C. Arts Council, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, 27611, telephone (919) 733-7897.

The Grassroots Arts program provides per capita funds to be spent for the arts at the local level. The county allocations are calculated at a rate of 14.62 cents per person, based on the amount the state Arts Council expects to receive from the state Legislature. The program was established by the Legislature in 1977. Where possible, the state Arts Council is distributing a county's total Grassroots allocation through a designated "local distributing agent," which meets certain guidelines and is nominated by the county Board of Commissioners and approved by the N. C. Arts Council board. There is presently no such distributing agent in Warren County.

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