

ARTSWA – FISCAL SPONSORSHIP – RESPONSIBILITIES

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP - DEFINITION AND APPLICABLE PROGRAMS

Fiscal sponsorship is the practice by which a nonprofit organization offers its legal and tax-exempt status to groups engaged in activities relevant to the sponsoring organization's mission. An arts group or organization that does not have federal nonprofit status (501c3) may apply for a grant from our funding programs through a fiscal sponsor if stipulated in the program guidelines. Small groups and organizations applying in the Snap Grants program may use a fiscal sponsor, but it is not required.

If you are a new fiscal sponsor, we recommend that you research becoming a fiscal sponsor.

FISCAL SPONSOR - RESPONSIBILITIES AND AGREEMENT

The organization acting as the fiscal sponsor confirms that the arts group submitting the application can document the following at the time of application:

- The arts group is composed of three or more persons who have worked together for a minimum of one year
- The arts group has a minimum of one-year history of producing arts programming as a group or organization

The Fiscal Sponsor must have a current Washington Nonprofit Annual Report filing on record. [More information](#)

The Fiscal Sponsor will provide their Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) and DUNS number to the sponsored group.

The Fiscal Sponsor is not expected to provide financial or administrative support to the group other than the grant administration.

BY AGREEING TO SERVE AS THE FISCAL SPONSOR in support the arts group's application, the Fiscal Sponsor agrees that, should the group receive a grant, it:

1. Will assume all financial, accounting, and reporting responsibilities associated with the grant award contract.
2. Understands that ArtsWA will send the grant contract and all grant payments to the Fiscal Sponsor.
3. Will not deduct administrative fees or indirect costs directly from any grant funds awarded by ArtsWA.
4. Does not sponsor or present the arts event.
5. Does not support the group as an affiliate or sub-committee.

SPONSORED GROUP OR ORGANIZATION - RESPONSIBILITIES

The arts group or organization filing an application using a fiscal sponsor must be able to document the following at the time of application:

- The arts group or organization is composed of three or more persons who have worked together for more than one year
- Have a minimum of one-year history of producing arts programming as a group or organization

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