



ArtsWA Grants to Organizations – FY22 Pandemic Relief Grants for Mid-sized Organizations

About this Grant

Arts groups, arts organizations, and arts institutions, contribute to the quality of life and to the welfare of the people of our state and are therefore an appropriate matter of concern to the state’s government. Conservation of the arts is essential to the social, educational, and economic recovery of Washington State. The Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA), through this funding program, seeks to support arts organizations across the state as they navigate fundamental changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of an increase in applications to our funding programs, we have limited the amount available to each organization.

Funding Amounts

- Grants of \$1,500, \$3,000 or \$5,000 for general operating support.
- No funding match required

Important Dates

- Application Deadline: April 5, 2021, 5:00pm
- Notification of Grant Award: by May 31, 2021
- When Funds will be Distributed: After expenses are incurred and documentation provided
- Final Report Due: July 31, 2022

Who Is Eligible to Apply?

- Nonprofit arts and cultural organizations with an annual operating budget over \$50,000 and up to \$350,000.
- Fiscally sponsored arts and culture organizations with an annual operating budget over \$50,000 and up to \$350,000. Groups must be sponsored by nonprofit organizations that have arts, culture, and/or heritage in their mission statement.
- To be eligible, nonprofit arts and cultural organizations must have current federal tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including those affiliated with tribal organizations.
- All applicants must have a minimum of one-year-history of providing continuous arts programming prior to the pandemic.

Who Is Not Eligible to Apply?

- Individuals
- For-profit organizations
- Political or advocacy organizations
- Organizations based outside of Washington



How does ArtsWA Select Recipients?

Applications submitted by the deadline are reviewed by ArtsWA staff for completion and eligibility. Complete and eligible applications are sent to scoring panel for evaluation.

Evaluation and Scoring Panel

A panel of arts professionals, ArtsWA commissioners and staff evaluate eligible applications. Panelists use scoring criteria to give a numerical score to each application. An application's final score is the combined average of all panelists scores.

Panel Recommendations and Board Approval

- The Scoring Panel makes funding recommendations based on numerical scores.
- Funding recommendations are presented to the ArtsWA Executive Director for approval.

Notification of Award

Notifications are sent to applicants approximately four to six weeks of application submission.

What are the Criteria Used to Score Applications?

- **Financial Need, Planning and Strategy (10 points)**
- **Arts and Cultural Programming – (10 points)**
- **Communities Served (10 points)**

Financial Need, Planning and Strategy: The organization demonstrates financial need and thoughtful strategy and planning for moving forward.

Describe how the pandemic has impacted your organization's operations and services (make sure your response is succinct).

Examples:

- Loss of, or difficulty preserving or compensating staff and/or contracted professionals.
- Loss of venue or workspace.
- Difficulty paying insurance premiums and utilities.
- Significant and ongoing loss of revenue including inability to hold fundraisers.
- Financial setbacks resulting from cancelled or postponed public programming.
- Challenges sustaining operations due to pandemic mitigation restrictions including costs associated with necessary health and safety modifications.

Tell the Scoring Panel how receiving funding will help you move forward, such as plans to move programming online and related costs.

Other examples:

- Training
- Position Support (salaries)
- Contracting
- Rent or Mortgage
- Utilities
- Equipment (purchases under \$5000 or rentals)
- Information Technology (e.g. software, captioning, streaming - including increased bandwidth, hardware, specialized audio-visual equipment, etc.)
- Security
- Insurance
- Building Maintenance
- Personal Protective Equipment

Arts and Cultural Programming: The organization’s mission, programs, and services are focused on arts and/or cultural programming.

Provide your organization or group’s mission statement and list all programs/services that demonstrate:

- Access to arts and culture experiences for the public including arts/culture education programs.
- Services culturally relevant to communities the organization serves – be specific in your response.

Communities Served: The community served by the organization is reflective of Washington’s diverse populations including cultural diversity, artistic disciplines, geographic locations, and underserved populations.

Describe the communities your organization serves. Application narrative examples can include (but are not limited to):

- Participation of underserved populations as leads, presenters, participants, and audiences. Include people of color, LGBTQ+, people who live in rural areas, people with disabilities, people who identify as immigrants or refugees, and people whose first (or only) language is not English and people most impacted by social/economic inequities. (This is not an exhaustive list.)

The best responses will describe inclusive practices in the areas of organization or group’s daily operations, participant demographics, and how your organization’s work is reflective of Washington’s diverse populations including cultural diversity, artistic disciplines, geographic



locations, and underserved populations. Include any efforts to increase community access to the services your organization provides.

What is Required to Apply?

- Current nonprofit status with the Internal Revenue Service
- Your last completed year's operating budget
- SWV registration with the State of Washington
- DUNS number

How to Apply:

Applications must be submitted through our online grant platform, Zoom Grants. This program has a rolling deadline. Applications are accepted until **5:00pm** on the final deadline date.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

Additional Information

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About ArtsWA

ArtsWA is the [Washington State Arts Commission](#). The Washington State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts fund our programs. Grants are contingent on available state and federal funding. ArtsWA complies with all local, state and federal laws and regulations concerning civil and human rights. For more information regarding Washington State Arts Commission's policies on Accessibility, Diversity, and Nondiscrimination, [click here](#).

Transparency

Let us know if individuals involved with your organization also have an affiliation with ArtsWA. ArtsWA staff, commissioners, consultants, contractors, current grant panelists, or the immediate family members, etc. are considered to be affiliated with your organization. This is for transparency only; the panel will review your application without bias. [Read our full Conflict of Interest policy](#).

Appeals

Unsuccessful applicants may appeal in accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 30.12.036, found here: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=30-12-036>.