

# Arts for All (A4A) Recovery Grant Guidelines

ArtsWA FY23 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

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## About this Grant:

ArtsWA is pleased to offer Arts in Education staffing support in service of PreK-12 students as they navigate the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Disruptions in schooling, including school closures and cancelled programming, continue to impact students' school engagement and academic progress. This is especially the case for communities that experience limited access to arts learning materials, internet, and accessible arts and cultural programs. These A4A Recovery Grants are intended to stabilize community-based learning options, stimulate hiring and rehiring, bring teaching artists into the classroom, and relaunch arts and cultural programs.

## Use of Funds:

Grant recipients may use A4A Recovery Grant funds for staffing expenses that directly support arts and cultural learning opportunities for PreK-12 students. Staffing expenses can include part-time, full-time, and non-permanent work for teaching artists, certified teachers, and/or program administrators working in service of PreK-12 students and families. \* Staffing expenses must be incurred between July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Grant recipients will be required to submit expense documentation and a final report to ArtsWA.

*\*Hiring certified teachers with one-year grant funding may not be a contractual option for districts and school hiring. In this case, professional service contracts with content experts in the community is encouraged.*

*Funding for these A4A Recovery Grants is made possible by the Washington State Arts Commission's Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the State of Washington and the United States Treasury.*

## Funding Amounts

- Organizations may apply for **\$10,000 or \$20,000 (no other requests)**
- No matching funds required

## Important Dates

- Application Opens: January 13, 2022
- Application Deadline: Applications are accepted until February 24, 2022, 5:00 pm
- Notification of Grant Awards: by May 2, 2022
- Funds Available: Between July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
- Final Report Due: July 31, 2023

## Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Nonprofit arts and cultural organizations with current federal tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including those affiliated with tribal organizations
- PreK-12 public schools, school districts, Educational School Districts (ESD)
- Tribal, state, or municipal government agencies

## Who is Not Eligible to Apply?

- Individuals
- For-profit organizations
- Fiscally sponsored organizations
- Private schools
- Higher education institutions

- Political or advocacy organizations
- Organizations based outside of Washington State
- Organizations seeking to fund staffing for programs that promote religious content

## Can Organizations Apply for Multiple ArtsWA Grants?

- **Allowable:** Applicants to the A4A Recovery grant program can apply for and receive other ArtsWA grants if those funds are used to support different expenses and services from those outlined in their A4A Recovery Grant application. This includes:
  - [Creative Start Grant](#) – Opens March 10, 2022
  - [Arts in Education Partnership Grant](#) – Opens February 17, 2022
  - [Grants to Organizations](#) – Ongoing
- **Not Allowable:** Applicants may not apply for both the Arts in Education Partnership Grant and Creative Start Grant programs in a single fiscal year.

## How Does ArtsWA Select A4A Recovery Grant Recipients?

### Screening for Eligibility

A4A Recovery Grant applications submitted by the deadline are reviewed by ArtsWA staff for completion and eligibility. Complete and eligible applications are sent to a grant scoring panel for evaluation.

### Evaluation and Grant Scoring Panel

A panel of arts education professionals, ArtsWA Commissioners, and ArtsWA staff evaluate eligible A4A Recovery Grant 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. Applicants are awarded the full amount of their request using the ranking order until available funds are exhausted.

## What are the Criteria Used to Score Applications?

Panelists will assign each A4A Recovery Grant application a score between 0-30 using the criteria and point system below. 30 points is the highest possible score for this grant application.

This A4A Recovery Grant is supported by Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. Criteria must focus on COVID-19 related impacts, not project-specific criteria.

- **Financial and Staffing Need** (10 points possible)  
The applicant demonstrates significant loss of PreK-12 arts and cultural learning opportunities due to staffing furloughs and/or budget shortfalls caused by COVID-19 related impacts. This may include, but is not limited to:
  - Insufficient arts education staffing to sustain programming
  - Cancelled arts and cultural learning opportunities due to budgetary concerns
  - Furloughed staff and related impacts
- **PreK-12 Arts and Cultural Programming** (10 points possible)  
The applicant demonstrates a clear focus on providing arts and cultural learning opportunities in service of PreK-12 students and families. Application outlines past and anticipated arts programming.
  - Past programming includes a clear focus on Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theatre, Media Arts, Literary Arts, Folk and/or Traditional Arts
  - Art learning opportunities are accessible to the communities served

- **COVID-19 Related Learning Disruptions** (10 points possible)  
The applicant demonstrates one or more of the following interruptions to PreK-12 arts and cultural learning (learning disruptions may be past, intermittent, and/or ongoing):
  - Cancelled learning opportunities due to health and safety policies and guidelines
  - Insufficient internet and/or technology access
  - Geographic access (i.e., physical distance to arts and cultural programs is limited)

### Notification of Grant Awards

Notifications are sent to A4A Recovery Grant applicants as soon as possible after the ArtsWA Board of Commissioners meet and approve final panel scores. Notifications will be sent via email no later than May 2, 2022.

### What is Required to Apply?

#### All A4A Recovery Grant Applicants:

- **SWV Number:** Organizations must have an SWV ([Statewide Vendor](#)) number to receive grant funds from the state. An SWV number is not required to apply but must be registered and up to date before funds are given. An SWV number can take up to three weeks to be assigned. If your organization has received payment from Washington State in the past it is likely you already have an SWV number. You can check on the status of your SWV number by using the [vendor number lookup](#).
- **DUNS Number:** Organizations must have a [DUNS number](#) to receive grant funds from the state. A DUNS number is not required to apply but must be registered and up to date before funds are given. A DUNS number can take up to two business days to receive. You can look up or register for a DUNS number by visiting the [Dun & Bradstreet website](#).
- **UEI (SAM):** Organizations must have a Unique Entity ID (UEI) to receive grant funds from the state. The UEI is a 12-digit alphanumeric identification that is part of a federal government-wide initiative to transition from using DUNS to UEI (SAM) records. If you have a current registration at SAM.gov, you have already been assigned a UEI. To view your UEI registration record in [SAM.gov](#), log in to your registration and follow the steps outlined in [this guide](#). If you do not have a SAM.gov account registration, complete the steps outlined in the *Guide to Getting a Unique Entity ID* linked [here](#).

#### For 501(c)(3) Organizations:

- IRS Form 990 for 2019
- IRS Form 990 for 2020
- IRS Determination Letter

### How to Apply:

#### Online Application

A4A Recovery Grant applications must be submitted through the online grant platform, Submittable. ArtsWA will accept applications in Submittable starting January 13, 2022 through February 24, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

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### Application Resources:

- [FY23 A4A Recovery Grant Full Application PDF](#) (for drafting purposes)
- [Submittable FAQs](#)

### General Grant Policies:

- **Payments** will be made after the grant recipient's staffing plans, expense documentation, and invoice forms have been submitted to and approved by ArtsWA.
- **Documentation.** Grant recipients must track expenses, keep clear records, and provide appropriate and timely documentation.
- **Final Reports.** Grant recipients must submit a final report to ArtsWA by July 31, 2023.

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

#### Appeals

Unsuccessful grant applicants may appeal in accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 30.12.036, found [here](#).