



CREATIVE START Grant

For the 2022-2023 School Year

About the FY23 Creative Start Grant

ArtsWA's Creative Start Grant program supports the creative, academic, and social emotional growth of Washington State's early learners through arts integration*. This one-year grant expands professional learning opportunities for early learning educators in arts integration teaching methods. Creative Start Grant funds support collaborative projects between educators, schools, early learning centers, and families. These projects increase innovative teaching and learning opportunities through the arts in preschool to 3rd grade classrooms across the state.

**Arts integration connects an arts discipline with non-arts curriculum in a way that meets standards and objectives for teaching and learning.*

Funding Amounts

- **Single-Site:** \$5,000 – \$10,000
- **Multi-Site:** \$10,000 – \$25,000
- No matching funds required

Important Dates

Application Opens: March 10, 2022
Application Deadline: April 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Grant Notifications: by June 8, 2022
Funds Distributed: July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023
Final Report Due: July 31, 2023

Where to apply: arts.wa.gov/creative-start-grant

Who is eligible to apply?

Any Washington State:

- Public school, school district, or Educational Service District (ESD) serving early learning students, preschool through 3rd grade
- Tribal school or government serving early learning students, preschool - 3rd grade
- Early Learning Center with 501(c)(3) status

Who is not eligible to apply?

- Individuals
- Arts organizations
- For-profit organizations
- Political or advocacy organizations
- Organizations based outside of Washington
- Organizations seeking to fund projects and/or programs that promote religious content

What criteria are used to score applications?

Panelists will assign each Creative Start Grant application a score between 0-60 using the point system below. 60 points is the highest possible score for this grant application.

Project Design (20 pts. possible)
Support for Educators and Artists (20 pts. possible)
Community Access (20 pts. possible)

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