

ReNew Washington Grant Program Guidelines

ArtsWA Grants to Organizations in Partnership with Shunpike

About this Grant

Diverse arts and culture organizations make a stronger and more resilient arts economy. In partnership with Shunpike, ArtsWA is offering **ReNew Washington grants**. These grants fund groups wishing to start new organizations or to strengthen organizations created in the last three years.

Grants support small projects that increase capacity-building for the organization. Of special interest are new organizations that focus on the work of communities not fully or authentically represented in their region. We encourage new organizations that focus on communities impacted by historic and structural inequity to apply.

These grants will:

- Help grow and diversify arts and culture organizations regionally
- Inspire economic independence in underserved communities through arts & culture, and
- Stimulate job growth and create new career paths

Additional information:

- FY23 ReNew Washington grants support project dates between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.
- Groups must have produced a minimum of one project in the past three years.
- Funded projects must be accessible to the public and take place in Washington State.

Partnership with Shunpike:

ArtsWA is pleased to partner with [Shunpike](#) for the ReNew WA grant. Groups that are not yet fiscally sponsored can apply for fiscal sponsorship with Shunpike within the ReNew WA application.

Groups that apply for fiscal sponsorship within the ReNew WA grant application must attend a one-hour info session on April 20th at 5pm. Groups that are awarded a ReNew grant and gain fiscal sponsorship under Shunpike must attend a 90-minute on-boarding session on June 22 at 5pm.

Please read Shunpike's *Applying for Fiscal Sponsorship* document if you are seeking fiscal sponsorship. This document includes important information about fiscal sponsorship, including how you will get paid. As a reminder, you must have either 501c3 status or fiscal sponsorship to be eligible for the ReNew grant; we are not able to grant funds to unincorporated groups.

Funding Amounts

- Grants up to \$5,000
- No funding match required

Important Dates

- Application Opens: March 22nd, 2022
- Application Deadline: Submissions will be accepted until May 3rd, 2022 at 5pm

- Notification of Grant Award: June 9th, 2022
- Funds will be Distributed: Starting July 1st, 2022
- Final Report Due: July 31st, 2023

Eligibility

Who Is Eligible to Apply?

Groups of three or more individuals:

- Wishing to become arts & culture nonprofit organizations
- That have produced at least one project in the past three years
- That have worked together for one or more years to produce community arts events
- That have an annual operating budget of up to or less than \$50,000.
- That are producing projects or events that:
 - Have arts and culture as a primary component
 - Are open to the public
 - Provide public benefit as defined by the ReNew Washington guidelines.
- That have a minimum one-year history of arts and/or relevant programming that demonstrates the capacity to produce the proposed project or event.

To receive funds, groups must have 501(c)3 nonprofit status or Fiscal Sponsorship by a 501c3 nonprofit with arts, heritage, or culture in their mission statement. **If you are not a 501c3 arts nonprofit, and you do not have fiscal sponsorship, you can apply for fiscal sponsorship through Shunpike *within* the ReNew application.**

Who Is Not Eligible to Apply?

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

How does ArtsWA Select Recipients?

Screening for Eligibility

- ArtsWA Staff screen applications to ensure eligibility requirements are met.

Evaluation and Application Scoring Panel

- A panel of arts professionals, ArtsWA commissioners, and staff review applications alongside other applications in the same category.

Panel Recommendations and Board Approval

- The panel scores applications online and in person (if possible, during the pandemic) and makes funding recommendations.
- Recommendations go to the ArtsWA Board of Commissioners for approval.

Notification of Award

- Once approved by the board, notifications will be sent to applicants.

What are the Criteria Used to Score Applications?

Review Criteria are standards used to score applications. Strong applications will demonstrate strengths in:

Objectives (10 points)

- Project has arts, culture, and creativity as a primary or significant element.
- Provides arts experiences and opportunities for artists and non-artists alike within the group's community.

Public Benefit (10 points)

- Project offers public access through strategic and meaningful inclusion, and project delivery for and with historically excluded communities, accessibility for people with disabilities, and/or to populations representative of cultures experiencing significant social inequities especially during the pandemic.
- This includes communities whose access to arts is affected by geography, structural inequity, and marginalization due to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economics, disability, or other social or institutionally imposed barriers.
- *To see some examples of public benefit, look at our supporting documents on the ArtsWA website.*

Management (10 points)

Project proposal:

- Describes ability to deliver project effectively
- Indicates project will be complete by June 30, 2023
- Includes a budget appropriate to project
- Includes minimum of one past similar and/or relevant event produced by applicant organization
- Will deliver one or more accessible public event(s) in Washington State.

What is Required to Apply?

- To apply, you will need your or your fiscal sponsor's Federal Tax ID (EIN)
- Your organization's last completed-year, board-approved, operating budget
 - *If you are applying with a fiscal sponsor, you will also need your fiscal sponsor's last completed-year, board approved, operating budget showing annual cash income.*
- Your project's budget
- Work Sample - a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 10 samples to support your project proposal.

- *You may upload images, video, audio, or other documents in any combination - but no more than 10 work samples will be reviewed by panelists. Your video and audio samples should be no longer than 3 minutes.*
- *Please note that these work samples do not need to be professionally produced or polished. A simple snapshot of a past event works great!*
- **Optional:** Video introducing your project
 - *You can add an introductory video to your application if you want to. We suggest making a short video (no longer than two minutes) specifically for this application that features the leadership of your group speaking directly to the review panel about your project.*
- **Optional:** Support Letters – if you have any community members, collaborators, or others that support your work and would like to provide a short letter of support (no more than one page).
- **Optional:** Support documentation— newspaper articles, promotional materials (such as brochures, posters, or programs), etc.

How to Apply:

Applications are submitted through our online grant platform, [Zoom Grants](#), until **5:00pm** on the deadline date. Applications are open **March 22** through **May 3**.

[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>.