

Washington Festivals & Events grant



Frequently asked questions

What does “Legacy-level” mean?

“Legacy-level” are events that have taken place in the community for five or more years and would normally draw visitors. You can include 2020 and 2021 even if your event was not held, or was virtual.

What kind of “Communities” are eligible?

“Communities” are a geographic area with less than 100,000 residents (according to the 2020 census) and are not part of, or located within, the 10 cities above this threshold:

- Seattle
- Bellevue
- Kent
- Renton
- Federal Way
- Everett
- Tacoma
- Vancouver
- Spokane
- Spokane Valley

I produce several events in my community. Should I submit multiple applications?

No. If you produce several events, include them all in a single application.

My organization is headquartered in a community of more than 100,000 residents, but my event is held in community with fewer than 100,000 residents. Am I eligible?

Yes. Organizations based in large cities can apply for events in smaller, eligible communities.

Our event experienced loss from the pandemic that isn’t reflected in our 990 form. What can I do?

Because this is relief funding, you *must* show loss. However, if you can show *any* amount of loss due to pandemic, you are eligible to apply. Losses must be supported by documentation, such as tax documents, as these funds are subject to audit.

Our annual budget is under \$50,000. Can we submit a 990N?

Yes! You can submit a 990N for your tax document.

I’m a municipality and don’t file tax documents. Can I apply?

Yes! You will be asked for a copy of your budget—with line items—and a signed attestation. You will only need to share sections of your budget that show where funding to your event was reduced or cut.

Can I use these funds for festivals or events in 2023?

No. Funds can only be used for events that took place, or will take place, between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022. Funds can be used retroactively for events that took place earlier in 2022.

Why do I need a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)? How do I get one?

You need a UEI to receive federal funds. UEIs are free—do not pay someone to get one for you. Register for a UEI here: sam.gov/content/entity-registration

Open until July 1, 2022. Learn more at arts.wa.gov/wfea



Questions?

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