

## What We Can and Cannot Fund: Grants to Organizations

General operating grants can support day-to-day operations and project grants can support your project costs; **however**, as a state agency with federally funded grant programs, there are restrictions on what ArtsWA can support.

### What we can fund

Organizations that receive support must be producing publicly accessible programming.

Examples of what we do fund:

- Staff salaries
- Artist, teaching artist, and contractor fees
- Production expenses. Note: ArtsWA cannot fund any capital costs or “built environment” (such as building a stage)
- Rent (equipment or space)
- License or insurance fees
- Travel expenses for in-state artists or consultants
- Materials, supplies, software, and technology. Note: Material fees covered by ArtsWA grant funds cannot exceed \$5,000.
- Administrative expenses, including printing costs, postage, and other administrative fees
- Fees for increasing access to programming such as closed captioning, translation services, interpreters, or consultant support on these efforts

### What we cannot fund

Certain types of activities at schools, colleges, universities.

- Events, activities, projects, or performances that are part of, or involve, academic or course credit
- Tuition assistance for college, university or other formal course of study that generates course credit
- Events that take place on campus that are not easily accessible by the general public and primarily attended by matriculated students

### Individuals

- Grants to individuals
- Expenses for an individual to attend contests, conferences, seminars or workshops
- Grants to students
- Student scholarships
- Payments to individual board members of the applicant, unless made in compliance with Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) regulations that limit such payments to professional services

### Regranting

- Funds cannot be used for regranting to individuals or organizations.
- Funds cannot be used for regranting as scholarships.

Certain types of projects or programs conducted by other state agencies.

- State agency programs or projects that receive state appropriations for the same project.

Private purpose and restricted events.

- Events that are not open to the public
- Activities primarily benefiting the organization membership
- Activities financed by artist entry fees, particularly those involving cash prizes
- Events not commonly recognized as a public event, are an integral part of a specific religion, or promote a religious observance
- Conferences benefiting a small group of people
- Hospitality expenses such as food, flowers, receptions and similar items
- Fund-raisers or benefit concerts

Certain types of capital expenses.

- Renovation, remodeling, restoration, or new construction of buildings
- Purchase of permanent equipment or real property, including public art installations

Certain types of general expenses and deficits.

- Activities or expenses outside the current grant period
- Activities that have occurred prior to the period designated by the contract
- Requests to cover previous losses incurred by the organization

Out-of-state travel

- Grants cannot be used to fund travel outside Washington.