



ARTS FUNDING GUIDELINES FOR NONPROFITS & ARTISTS

WHAT'S NEW?

Time, experience, and community input revealed opportunities for refinement and clarity for the Grant Guidelines. Changes include the following:

Improved Readability

Guidelines are revised for clarity with emphasis on eligibility, process, and transparency.

Consolidation of Grant Offerings

In previous years, there were numerous grant guideline documents. This version consolidates all grant offerings for ease of access and full visibility.

Increased Grant Amounts & Tiers

Funding for select programs were adjusted to meet rising costs and grantee needs:

- **Artist Grants.** From \$5,000/grant to two tiers of available funding: \$7,500 and \$15,000
- **Performing Arts Production Cost Grants.** Performing Arts Professional Artists: \$7,500/Performing Arts Organizations \$15,000
- **Performing Arts Venue Improvement Grants.** Maximum award from \$10,000 to \$25,000

Increased Access for Artists Seeking Funding

- **12-Month Waiting Period.** Beginning FY26, artist grantees are ineligible for consecutive year funding to ensure their funded project is completed and allow others access to the grant.
- **Equity Impact Points.** Applicants with disabilities receive preference points as a demonstration of our commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and access.

Operational Grant Access

Historically, access to operational grants was on a three-year cycle. In order to increase access to operational support, the Department of Arts & Culture will implement the following:

- **Annual Opening.** New eligible organizations will have the opportunity to apply.
- **Phase In.** New organizations are "phased in" at 33% in Year 1/66% in Year 2/100% in Year 3 of their eligible amount, pending funding availability.
- **No Decreases.** Currently funded organizations that are approved in FY25–27 will not be decreased, pending funding availability.

Culturally Specific Grant Access

- **Three-Year Track Record.** For organizations seeking Culturally Specific funding, mission and programming must reflect explicit service to culturally specific communities.
- **New Category.** Organizations with a mission and programming focused on Middle Eastern programming.
- **No Decreases.** Currently funded organizations that are approved in FY25–27 will not be decreased, pending funding availability.

Revised Grant Funding Priorities

Currently funded organizations will be prioritized for funding over new organizations.