

Artist Support Grant FY 2021- 2022

Overview For Grant Committee



ASG Overview FY 2021-2021

FUNDING AGENCY (Source)

- North Carolina Arts Council (NCAC)

BUDGET

- TBA

ABOUT

- The Artist Support Grant provides direct support to individual artists.

AWARD AMOUNTS

- Grant awards to artists generally range from \$500 to \$2,000

APPLICANTS (Target Grantees)

- Individual Artists and Art Groups

Designated County Partners

- **Region 11:** Davidson County, Davie County, Forsyth County, Guilford County (Highpoint), Randolph County



What is the Artist Support Grant program?

- The Artist Support Grant program, funded by the North Carolina Arts Council, is an opportunity for regional consortia of local arts councils to award project grants to artists in [18 regions](#) across the state.
- These grants will fund the professional and artistic development of emerging, midcareer, and established artists so they can enhance their skills and abilities to create work or improve their business operations and capacity to bring their work to new audiences.
- Grant awards to artists generally range from \$500 to \$2,000, depending on the amount of money each consortium raises, the number of applicants, the number of artists selected, and the types of projects funded.
- Participating consortia are encouraged to raise matching funds for their programs, appoint a selection committee consisting of arts professionals with expertise in disciplines under review, facilitate the selection process, and administer the awards process.
- Grant amounts to regional consortia are determined by weighing the history and breadth of artist demand in each region; the amounts range from \$5,000 to \$50,000.
- Up to \$1,000 may be spent on administrative expenses, including stipends for panelists, and the remaining grant amount will be spent for awards to artists.



Types of fundable projects include:

- Creation of a new work.
- Purchase of equipment.
- Professional development workshops.
- Travel support for expenses associated with a professional opportunity such as participating in an exhibition or a conference.
- Development or upgrading of promotional materials such as brochures, DVDs, CDs, and websites.



Eligibility for Application

- The Artist Support Grant is intended to support a broad range of talented visual, performing, literary, and interdisciplinary artists.
- Eligible candidates may be either emerging or established artists.
- Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to spending a significant portion of their time on their work as artists.



Eligibility

- **Individuals and Artist Collectives** - Both individual artists and small, unincorporated groups of collaborating artists are eligible to apply.
- **Residency** – Artists should have lived in the region where they are applying continuously for at least one year prior to the consortium’s application deadline.
- An applicant must be at least **18 years old** and either a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident alien.
- Artists who live in more than one region should apply only where they spend most of the year.
- All members of a collaborating team must be **North Carolina residents**, live in the region where they are applying, and meet the other eligibility requirements.
- **Résumés** documenting residence from all team members should be included with the application.

Ineligibility

- **Multiple Awards** – Artists who are sole proprietors of organizations that have already received funding for FY21-22 from the N.C. Arts Council are ineligible to apply.
- **Conflict-of-Interest** - Current board and staff members of the participating partner organizations and their family members are not eligible to apply for the award.



Evaluation Criteria

- **Project Merit**
 - Benefit of the proposed project to the artist's professional growth
 - Feasibility of the proposed project
- **Artistic Merit**
 - Demonstrated talent in an art form and overall excellence of the artist's work
 - Clear commitment to a career as a practicing professional artist

What the Grant will Fund

- **Training** – Costs to attend a class or workshop (in-person or virtual) aimed at either enhancing the artists' skill level or professional development
e.g., a master class or workshop taught by acknowledged authorities in their medium.
- **Travel** – Costs of transportation, lodging, and food for training, professional conferences, or research as allowed or possible with adhering to social distancing guidelines.
- ***Up to 50% of grant amount may be used towards artist fees!***



What the Grant will Not Fund

- Scholarships for undergraduate- or graduate-level education
- Projects that support or oppose a particular candidate for public office
- Projects that are exclusive to members of a particular religious faith group
- Non-profit initiatives
- Projects that do not have a direct effect on the applicant's growth as an artist
e.g. the promotion of other artists' work

LEAD PARTNERS

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