



ARPA Grants for Oklahoma Arts Organizations Program Guidelines

Application Deadline: May 31, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time

Designed to support the retention of jobs and to stabilize nonprofit arts organizations and arts programming throughout the state in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, ARPA Grants for Oklahoma Arts Organizations are one-time reimbursement grants made possible by federal funding provided through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 and distributed by the National Endowment for the Arts to the Oklahoma Arts Council as its state partner.

Program Goals

- Support arts organizations offering arts programming during the COVID-19 pandemic

Overview

Project Activity Dates: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 (Grant Period FY2022)

Grant Amount: Arts-focused organizations that offer arts programming are eligible for reimbursement funding based on their current full operating budget (not counting capital expenditures and grants or other financial assistance to organizations or individuals, capped at the amounts shown below).

Budget range with maximum award

\$5 million and above = up to \$14,000

\$1 million to \$4,999,999 = up to \$12,000

\$500,000 to \$999,999 = up to \$10,000

\$250,000 to \$499,999 = up to \$8,000

\$100,000 to \$249,999 = up to \$6,000

\$75,000 to \$99,999 = up to \$4,000

\$25,000 to \$74,999 = up to \$2,000

\$10,000 to \$24,999 = up to \$1,000

Account Creation Deadline: April 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time

New applicant organizations and organizations that have not applied for Oklahoma Arts Council funding within the past three years must apply to [Create an Account](#) by this deadline. Oklahoma Arts Council is required to confirm applicant organization's eligibility to apply for grant funding through this process.

Applications Open: May 2, 2022

Application Deadline: May 31, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time

Final Report Due: July 30, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time

Who Can Apply?

- Arts-focused 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations incorporated in the State of Oklahoma as a Domestic Not for Profit Corporation
 - In good standing with the IRS (Organizations that have had their IRS status revoked are not eligible for Oklahoma Arts Council grant support. It is the organization's responsibility to ensure that its status is current at the time of the application and throughout the life of the award.)
 - In good standing with the State of Oklahoma
 - Registered with a UEI/DUNS number and eligible to receive federal support (organizations cannot be listed under the SAM Exclusions federal debarred or suspended list)
- Organizations must directly offer arts programming to their community

What Expenses Are Allowable?

Funding from this grant can be used towards reimbursement of the following expenses made between July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022:

- **Salary support**, full or partial, for one or more staff positions
- **Fees and stipends** for artists and/or contractual personnel to support the services they provide for specific activities
- **Facilities costs** such as rent and utilities
- **Costs associated with health and safety supplies** for staff and/or visitors/audiences (e.g., personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.)
- **Marketing and promotional costs**

Unallowable Expenses: Funds cannot be used to support loss of revenue, debt repayment, subgranting/regranting, duties or expenses related to fundraising and/or lobbying, capital expenditures and/or building improvements, permanent art installations, activities for which college credit is given, activities with a religious purpose, events that are not open to the public, cash prizes or awards, hospitality expenses (i.e., food, drink, receptions, parties, galas), costs related to home offices per 2 CFR 200.465(f), retail workers such as gift shop employees and café workers, tickets, tuition, and scholarships.

Funding Priorities

The Oklahoma Arts Council has the following priorities for investment:

- Organizations that are located in and/or primarily serve geographically isolated and/or socioeconomically underresourced communities
- Organizations that represent, serve, and/or have missions that focus on providing quality arts access and arts experiences to their communities
- Organizations must demonstrate high artistic quality and artistic merit through their programs

Information Sessions

Please see the [ARPA Grants for Oklahoma Arts Organizations webpage](#) on the Oklahoma Arts Council website for more information.

Accessibility: If you require accommodations in order to participate in the webinars or in-person information sessions, please contact us in advance at grants@arts.ok.gov or (405) 521-2040 to let us know your specific needs.

How to Apply

Step 1: If your organization has not applied for an Oklahoma Arts Council grant within the past three years, please apply to [Create an Account](#) by the April 15, 2022, deadline. *Oklahoma Arts Council is required to confirm applicant organization's eligibility to apply for grant funding through this process.* Once you have access, you can log in and apply for a grant. If you have questions about logging in, please contact our grants office at (405) 521-2040 or grants@arts.ok.gov.

Step 2: Once your organization has access to the [grant system](#), your organization's Grant Contact can log on and complete an application. Submit the application by the May 31, 2022, deadline.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. My organization is already receiving funding through another Oklahoma Arts Council grant program. Can I apply for an ARPA Grants for Oklahoma Arts Organizations?

A. Yes.

Q. Can these grant funds support a memorial sculpture, mural, or other permanent artwork?

A. Unfortunately, no. ARPA Grants for Oklahoma Arts Organizations cannot be used to support capital improvements/expenses including the creation of permanent artwork or the improvement of buildings/properties.

Q. We are putting together a new community arts event. Can we apply for this grant to support our event?

A. Unfortunately, no. ARPA Grants for Oklahoma Arts Organizations are intentionally designed for supporting organizations that have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information about our other grant programs, please visit our website for all open grant opportunities.

Rural Arts Opportunity Grant Process

1. Create an Account (for new and renewing organizations only)
2. Application submission
3. Application review
4. Award notification
5. Contract acceptance
6. Project activity occurs
7. Final report submission
8. Grant payment

Grant Requirements

If selected for funding, grantee organizations must comply with all requirements as outlined in the Legal Assurances/General Grant Terms, grant contract, and grant program guidelines, including but not limited to the following:

- Signed electronic grant contract by the deadline specified in the award notification email
- Updated contact, mailing, and payment/banking information with the Oklahoma Arts Council and Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) vendor office
- Use of Oklahoma Arts Council and National Endowment for the Arts logos and acknowledgement of support
- Timely submission of required reports

Who to Contact for Help

Grant System Access
Grants Office
grants@arts.ok.gov (405) 521-2040

Managing Grant Award
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