



Arts Thrive & Grow - *a dynamic program dedicated to supporting artists, arts programs, and art-based organizations in the Capital Region.*

Welcome to the Arts Center of the Capital Region's 2024 grant program through which we'll be distributing \$510,000 in grants throughout Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties.

Our goal is to serve artists and communities equitably, foster creative expression, drive innovation, and invest in the well-being of our region.

Through four different grant opportunities, we will empower individual artists to create new works, non-profits to enrich their communities with art, and smaller art-based organizations to strengthen their organization.

All guidelines and grantmaking criteria are new, so please read the guidelines carefully.

New in 2024:

- Artists and organizations who already receive NYSCA funding, or have applied for NYSCA funding, are eligible to apply here.
- Grants can be made directly to artists
- Artists and projects can cross county lines and blend communities for the first time. (All projects must be within Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties.)
- Artists and organizations can apply in more than one category for a maximum of \$10,000 in funding (except GOS applicants).

PROJECTS MUST OCCUR JUNE 1st, 2024 - DECEMBER 31st, 2024

Grants Made Directly to Artists

Artists in the Studio - Awards for Creation of New Body of Work

- All grants will be \$5,000.
- A total of \$100,000 will be awarded.

Artists in the Community - Awards for artists impacting their community.

- Grants will be either \$5,000 or \$10,000.
- A total of \$100,000 will be awarded.

Grants Made to Non-Profit Organizations

Community Arts Projects - Awards for organizations working with artists impacting their community.

- Grants will be \$2,500, \$5,000, or \$10,000.
- They can be made to an arts-based organization, community-based non-profit, K-12 School or Library for arts programming.
- A total of \$200,000 will be awarded.

General Operating Support - Awards for our art-based non-profits with budgets between \$100,000 and \$999,999:

- Grants will be \$5,000, \$10,000, or \$20,000.
- A total of \$100,000 will be awarded.

***Please note, capacity building grants require a pre-qualification application prior to receiving the full application. Organizations who qualify will receive the full GOS application via email.**

Deadline to submit GOS pre-qualification application is February 9th, 2024

Application Guidelines

Eligible to Apply:

- All applicants must reside in Albany, Rensselaer, or Schenectady Counties
- Individual artists or collectives can apply directly
- Non-Profit Organizations can apply directly

Not Eligible to Apply:

- For profit businesses, organizations, or entities
- Applicants applying for non-arts related programs
- Individuals or entities outside Albany, Rensselaer, or Schenectady Counties
- Persons under the age of 18

Application Process

1. **Read the Guidelines:**
2. **Prepare Documents:**
 - Complete the online application form.
 - Prepare requested documents within the online application, including project proposals, work samples, and relevant background information.
3. **Submit Application:** Submit your application and required documents by 3/15/24.

Awards support nonprofit organizations, artists, and educators in creating art, with the end goal of bolstering local communities throughout Albany, Schenectady, and Rensselaer counties.

Artists may be of any discipline, including, but not limited to:

- Fine Crafts
- Studio Art
- Public Art
- Literary Arts
- Digital Arts
- Performance Arts

Community Arts programs may include, but are not limited to:

- Exhibitions
- Performances
- Screenings
- Workshop series
- Festivals
- Readings

Seminars

The ACCR hosts seminars outlining eligibility guidelines and the application seminar prior to the opening of the application. Seminars will be held in February via Zoom.

Please see www.artscenteronline.org/grants/ for seminar dates and updates

Budget Narrative

Applications contain a budget narrative section that applicants must fill out which that shows income, expenses, and the request amount. The budget narrative provides crucial information on how the applicant proposes to spend regrant funds. The budget narrative can be a bullet list of information or in paragraph form.

Able to Fund

- Activities/projects of local arts organizations, including both live and virtual activities

- Artist fees
- Marketing/publicity costs
- Direct administrative expenses and/or planning and preparation expenses for a proposed event
- Supplies and materials needed to execute the proposed project. Individual items may not exceed \$1000.
- Equipment, software, subscriptions, and training needed to execute the proposed project. Individual items may not exceed \$1000.

Unable to Fund

- Requests greater than the applicant's project expenses minus total project income.
 - Operating expenses of privately-owned facilities (e.g. homes and studios)
- *This applies to artist grant categories and community art categories

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Artistic Merit:** The artistic quality and innovation of the proposed project.
- **Community Impact:** The potential impact on the community and its engagement in the arts.
 - **This does NOT apply to Artists in the Studio Grants**
- **Feasibility:** The feasibility of the project or capacity-building initiatives within the grant period.
- **Budget Clarity:** A well-defined and realistic budget plan.
- **Alignment with Mission:** Alignment with the mission of "Arts Thrive & Grow."

Reporting and Accountability

- **Grant Recipients:** Grant recipients will be required to provide regular progress reports and a final report on the project's outcomes or capacity-building achievements.
- **Community Engagement:** Community engagement and outreach efforts are encouraged and should be documented.

Post-award Responsibilities and Expectations

The following items must be completed before receiving grant funds:

- Submit a W-9 for the applicant
- Sign and adhere to the terms of the project contract

- Use of funding line stating **“Arts Thrive and Grow has been funded by New York State through a special commitment from our elected officials and The Arts Center of the Capital Region”**
- Immediately notify the ACCR in writing regarding any changes to your project, including: times, dates, locations, admission fees, artists hired, or activities conducted. All changes to funded projects are subject to approval by the ACCR.
- Submit a final report within 30 days of the completion of the last funded event of the project.

All grants will be awarded by using a panel of your peers in an objective scoring process.

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Please direct all questions to Grants@artscenteronline.org.

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