



2022 ARTIST SUPPORT GRANT GUIDELINES

Artist Support Grants fund up to \$1500 for professional and artistic development for emerging and established artists to create work, improve their business operations, or bring their work to new audiences. Artist Support Grants support a broad range of talented artists in the genres of visual arts, performing arts, literary arts, and interdisciplinary arts.

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ELIGIBILITY

Artist Support Grants fund professional and artistic development for emerging or established artist to create work, improve their business operations, or bring their work to new audiences.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Both individual artists and small, unincorporated groups of collaborating artists are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old and either a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident alien.
- Artists should have lived continuously in Chatham, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, or Wake County for at least one year prior to the September 1, 2021 application deadline. Proof of residence may be required.
- If applying as an unincorporated group of collaborating artists, all members must live in Chatham, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, or Wake County, and meet the other eligibility requirements.
- Artists who are sole proprietors of organizations that have received funding for FY2021–2022 from the N.C. Arts Council are ineligible to apply.
- Current board and staff members of Chatham Arts Council, Harnett County Government, Johnston County Arts Council, Lee County Arts Council, United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply.
- Only adult, non-student artists are eligible to apply. Artists enrolled full-time in undergraduate or associate degree-granting programs may not apply for the grant. Artists in certificate programs are generally eligible. Artists pursuing graduate degrees in subjects other than their art form may be eligible if they meet the other eligibility criteria.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND COSTS

- Artist Fees: Up to 50 percent of the grant may be used to pay the artist applicant for their work on the project
- Completion/Presentation of a New Work: Cost of resources necessary to complete or present a significant new work (e.g., purchasing art supplies or equipment (digital may qualify) or space rental)
- Career Promotion: Projects aimed at advertising artists' work and/or demonstrating their skill level (e.g., websites, portfolios, audio-visual documentation, and online presentation)
- Training: Costs to attend a class or workshop (in-person or virtual) aimed either at enhancing the artist's skill level or professional development (e.g., a master class or workshop taught by acknowledged authorities in the applicant artist's medium)
- Travel: Costs of transportation, lodging, and food for training, professional conferences, or research as allowed or possible while adhering to social distancing guidelines

MAXIMUM GRANT REQUEST

- Grant awards are up to \$1,500.
- Applicants are not required to match the grant award.
- Awarded projects may receive full or partial funding.
- Funding decisions will be based on panel scores and available dollars.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be rated on three criteria: artistic merit, project feasibility, and contribution to the development of the artist's career. The following measures of artistic and project merit will be considered:

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

APPLICATION PROCESS

Information Sessions

Although not required, it is strongly recommended that applicants attend an information session, as well as review their proposal and support materials with appropriate staff at the designated regional arts partner. United Arts and regional arts partners are available to help applicants submit complete and competitive proposals.

Information sessions provide information about the grant process and tips on strengthening your application. All workshops will be held virtually via Zoom. Register in advance for one of the below sessions at <https://form.jotform.com/202195388946064>. Details about joining the session will be emailed to those registered the day before the session. One session will be recorded and made available to applicants unable to attend a live session.

- Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 11:00 am
- Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 4:00 pm

Application Link

Link to online application (in English): <https://unitedarts.submittable.com/submit/69f0c79b-e1f7-4dc4-b0e9-c3107d5581a8/2022-artist-support-grant-application-english>

Link to online application (in Spanish): <https://unitedarts.submittable.com/submit/872a05af-eec0-4646-9735-5e153d0e592f/2022-artist-support-grant-application-spanish>

Deadline: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 before midnight

Budget Preparation Tips

- Project Expenses must occur during the project period, January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022.
- Itemize a list of ALL project expenses in the Project Budget table provided within the online application.
- The proposed project's expenses should provide detail.
- The budget should be consistent with the project described in the project narrative.
- Review figures for accuracy.
- Round figures to the nearest dollar.
- Do not include "\$" signs, only numbers.
- Up to 50% of the grant may be used to pay the artist applicant for their work on the project.
- Include materials and supplies, equipment rental or purchase, space rental, and promotion and marketing fees.
- Be sure to list any other expenses related to your proposed project. These may include artist fees—for example, dancers, other musicians, scene designers, and so on. And they can also encompass non-artist professional fees—for photographers, consultants, sound technicians, and so forth. Take time to research the fair value of each of these expenses by getting quotes from several different sources.
- If applicable, your budget should also include additional sources of income for your proposed project, including other grants/donations and funding that you are providing. Show your own financial contribution to the project and other sources of income. Expense of your own money is not required; nevertheless, if you can show you are investing your own funds (over and above your time) to accomplish a project, your commitment to it will be obvious. If you are pursuing or have secured donations from others, especially for more ambitious projects, say so. Just leave enough room on the expected income side of your budget to make it clear that you do need the grant.

REVIEW PROCESS

Panel Review

All complete applications will be reviewed by a multi-county panel of professional artists, college-level instructors/administrators, and arts advocates with experience in various disciplines. Panelists will score each application based on the evaluation criteria and make funding recommendations for selected projects. Grant awards are made by vote of the Board of the United Arts Council of Raleigh & Wake County.

TIMELINE

June 2021	Guidelines and application published
July 21, 2021 and August 5, 2021	Application workshops
September 1, 2021	Application deadline
October-November 2021	Application review/Panel meetings
November 2021	United Arts Board of Directors final approval of grant awards
Early December 2021	Grant notifications emailed
Mid-December 2021	Grant agreements/payments
January - December 2022	Grant project period

REGIONAL ARTS PARTNERS

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