



2026-2027 ARTS FOR TOWNS: GRANT GUIDELINES

Arts for Towns grants support public-facing arts programming by North Carolina-based artists in municipalities across Wake County.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Wake County municipal governments of Apex, Cary, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Morrisville, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell, and Zebulon or their municipal departments are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to municipalities with populations less than 150,000. This grant can only be used to hire an artist or arts organization for a public-facing event or installation. Funding cannot be used as pass-through funds to an outside organization to cover operating expenses or artist fees as funded programs must be produced by the municipality. One application per town will be accepted.

GRANT REQUEST

Each eligible town may request up to \$5,000 to support eligible artist fees for public-facing municipal arts programming to take place July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 in its municipality.

ELIGIBLE ARTIST FEES

Grant funding may only be used to pay North Carolina-based artists or arts organizations, such as:

- Performing Artists: musicians, dancers, theatre companies, etc.
- Teaching Artists: to lead workshops, residencies, camps, etc.
- Visual Artists: to create murals or other public art installations, exhibit artwork, etc.

Equipment, marketing, staffing, and other costs are not eligible.

APPLICATION: <https://unitedarts.submittable.com/submit/a30a648a-bf51-48f1-b750-f9df0e3d2108/26-27-arts-for-towns-grant-application>

FINAL REPORT: <https://unitedarts.submittable.com/submit/ef373b2f-ab94-43e9-80bf-ddc2dff5001c/26-27-arts-for-towns-grant-final-report>

REVIEW PROCESS

Each grant application will be carefully reviewed by United Arts and a community review panel. Allocations will be made based on eligible requests and available funding.

TIMELINE

February 2, 2026	Guidelines Published and Application Open
March 18, 2026, at 5:00pm	Application Deadline
March 23-April 10, 2026	Application Review
April 15, 2026	Grant Notifications/Agreements
June 1, 2026	Grant Payments
July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027	Grant Period
July 9, 2027	Final Reports Due from Towns

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