2020 QuickARTS Grant Guidelines – COVID-19 Update

About

QuickARTS grants provide up to $500 for short-term community focused arts and cultural projects that help make arts and culture accessible to Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben county residents. QuickARTS grants are administered by The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes with funding from the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes.

Applicant Eligibility

Organizations, individuals, businesses, community groups, and towns in Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben counties may apply.

Non-profit status is not required. Individuals must be 18 years or older.

Previous ARTS Council grant recipients who have not fulfilled prior grant agreements are not eligible.

Project Eligibility

The following is an example of projects eligible to be funded by this grant program:

- Workshops, exhibits, readings, performances, festivals, concerts, screenings, and more

The specific list of eligible activities is purposely left flexible to respond to community needs, however, a project’s primary purpose must be arts and/or cultural related.

Projects can be delivered online, in small groups, and other means that are not traditionally accessible to the general public because of COVID-19 restrictions. However, applicants should still aim to deliver as impactful a project as possible to the community they serve.

The following projects cannot be supported by QuickARTS funding:

- Projects whose sole purpose is fundraising
- Scholarships, fellowships, awards
- Projects that take place before the application submission
- Projects that already receive funding from The ARTS Council and/or Community Foundation.
Please contact the Grants Manager to find out if your project is eligible for funding.

Please note, while multiple applications are allowed, the maximum dollar amount any one applicant can request per round is $800.

**Grant Amount**

Grants from $50 to $500 are available. Awards will be made with the intention of supporting as many projects as possible.

**Funding Eligibility**

The following is an example of items eligible to be funded by this grant program:

- Artist fees (cannot support students or children as professional artists)
- Supplies
- Marketing

This is not an exhaustive list and funding can be tailored to specific projects, however, funding can only be used to directly support the project.

**Award Criteria**

Grants are awarded based on a competitive review process evaluated on a weekly basis. Each application is reviewed on the basis of its own merits. Limited funds are available and awards will be made with the intention of supporting as many projects as possible. Competitive and successful applications meet the eligibility requirements and the following award criteria:

- Artistic and Cultural Merit
- Community Benefit & Accessibility
- Managerial/Fiscal Competence

Priority is given to projects focused on the following:

- Youth
- Chemung County
- Underserved communities
- Payment of artist fees
- Applications that are clear, concise, and complete

**Application Process and Deadlines**

The application deadline for the Round 3 grant cycle is Friday, October 2, 2020 at 11:59pm.

The application consists of the following components:

- Applicant Information
- Project Information
• **Budget Information**

Applications are submitted online at https://earts.submittable.com/submit.

All successfully submitted online application must include a completed budget form that is uploaded into the online application. Budget forms are found on The ARTS Council’s website.

**Award Notification & Distribution of Funds**

Applicants will receive award notification via email approximately 1 week after the application submission.

Grant recipients must sign and return via email an acceptance agreement attached to award notification. Distribution of funds will be made only when this is received. Grant funds may arrive after a project’s starting date and grant recipients should be prepared to incur initial expenses.

**Final Reporting**

Upon completion of the project, applicants must submit a final report online within 30 days of an opportunity’s completion. Final reports include information regarding the opportunity and other support materials.

**Credit**

Credit to the QuickARTS grant program must be included on all informational and promotional materials, using language provided with award notification. The ARTS Council and the Community Foundation reserve the right to describe or reproduce material for publication or public relations purposes from any opportunity awarded funding.

**Assistance and Support**

All applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss a project before submitting an application. For technical assistance, application draft review and editing, guidance, or questions please contact Chris Walters, The ARTS Council’s Grants Manager & Gallery Curator, at chris@eARTS.org or 607-962-1332 x205.

**About The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes**

The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes (The ARTS Council) is a regional arts services organization located in the Southern Tier of New York State serving artists of all disciplines, organizations, and the public in Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, and Tioga counties and beyond. Further information is available at www.eARTS.org.