



2021 Artist Development Grant Guidelines

About

Artist Development grants provide up to \$500 to local artists from Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben counties. These grants support professional opportunities as well as help to alleviate economic disparity and insecurity facing artists. Artist Development 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

Individual artists of all disciplines and expertise, 18 years of age or older, living in Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben counties may apply.

Students, full or part time, of any age are not eligible.

Funding Eligibility

The following is an example of what this grant can fund:

- Fees and associated expenses for opportunities such as exhibitions, residencies, conferences, or classes that advance an artist's professionalism
- Equipment and supplies to sustain their artistic practice
- Lost income from cancelled opportunities
- Unexpected expenses affecting an artist's livelihood and financial security such as medical bills or household emergencies.

This is not an exhaustive list as this grant is meant to be tailored to meet specific needs that arise.

Commitment to an opportunity via an enrollment, invitation, or acceptance form will strengthen an application's competitiveness. Demonstration of loss of income, unexpected expenses, or equipment and supply expenses is required.

Grant Amount

Grants from \$50 to \$500 are available. The maximum dollar amount any one applicant can request per year is \$1,000.

Funding can only be used to support the specific request in the application.

Awards will be made with the intention of supporting as many applicants as possible.

Award Criteria

Grants are awarded based on the following primary criteria:

- Professional Impact
- Financial Need

Priority is given to the following:

- Applications that advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility
- First time applicants
- Applications that are clear, concise, and complete

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 eligible artists as possible.

Application Process and Deadlines

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted.

The application consists of the following components:

- Applicant Information
- Support 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.

Please note, applicants may submit audio or video files rather than providing a written response to the questions. You will not be evaluated on the quality of the video or audio, however, the media files must be clearly understandable so that your application can be properly evaluated.

Award Notification & Distribution of Funds

Award notification are sent via email approximately 1 week after the application submission.

Grant funds are mailed via check approximately 2 weeks after the application submission.

Grant funds cannot be distributed until grant recipients sign and return via email the acceptance agreement attached to the award notification.

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 grant and other support materials.

Credit

Where possible, credit to the Artist Development grant program must be given 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 their applications before submitting. 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.