About

Restart NY Regrants support the reopening and recovery of live, in-person public facing arts and cultural activities of artists and organizations in service to residents in Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, and Tioga counties. These grants are made possible with public funds from the New York State Council on the ARTS (NYSCA), a state agency, and administered locally by The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes (The ARTS Council).

Grant Criteria

Grants are awarded based upon the following criteria:

- Live, In-Person Artistic and/or Cultural and Programmatic Merit
- Community Benefit & Accessibility
- Managerial/Fiscal Competence

Priority is given to:

- Projects that have a live performance component
- Projects from new applicants

Grant Amount & Funding Eligibility

Grants range from $500 to $5,000. There is no required match. See addendum for funding eligibility details.

Applicant Eligibility

The following applicants residing in Chemung, Steuben, Schuyler, or Tioga county are eligible to apply:

- Nonprofit organization or unit of local government
- Individual artist(s) or non-incorporated groups applying through a community-based nonprofit partner

A community-based nonprofit partner or unit of local government is required to provide a letter of commitment outlining the scope of the partnership. Community partners must be located in the county where the activity is taking place. A direct applicant to NYSCA cannot serve as a community partner, however, they can support the project as long as no financial benefit comes to them. See addendum for more applicant eligibility details.

Project Eligibility

Live, in-person community facing activities involving the public are eligible. Performances are prioritized, however, applicants are encouraged to apply for other in-person activities open to public audiences such as workshops, exhibitions, gallery tours, events, etc. All activities must have a community component. Projects
must occur in the same county where the applicant resides. Projects must occur between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, however, projects occurring before the application deadline are still eligible for funding. 60% of the grant funds are restricted to artist fees.

NYSCA applicants may offer their venue gratis, handle ticketing, and provide other support for the project. The project cannot be advertised as part of the NYSCA applicant’s official season/programming and must clearly use the provided credit language. See addendum for project eligibility details.

Application Process and Deadline

The application deadline is 11:59pm on Friday, October 1, 2021. Applications are submitted online through our online application system at https://earts.submittable.com/submit.

The completed application consists of the following:

- Applicant Information
- Project Information including artist bios and works samples
- Budget Information including budget form

Review Process

A grant panel consisting of community members evaluates each application in the context of the evaluation criteria and available funding and evaluated competitively against other requests. Based on these evaluations, The ARTS Council will assign an applicable dollar amount. The ARTS Council, however, does not make any evaluative decisions or make recommendations to the grant panel. The ARTS Council’s Board of Directors will preview panel decisions but cannot change the decisions.

Application Assistance

All applicants are encouraged to discuss their projects with the Grants Manager before submitting their applications. Assistance or recommendations made to an applicant doesn’t guarantee funding and may not reflect the grant panel’s decision. The Grants Manager will not review submitted applications for completeness. Contact the Grants Manager at chris@eARTS.org or 607-962-1332 x205 for more assistance.

Award Notification & Distribution of Funds

Funding is subject to the availability of funds from the New York State Council on the Arts. All applicants will receive award notification and feedback via email by the end of October. Successful applicants will receive their funds once a signed acceptance agreement is returned. Email is preferred.

About The ARTS Council

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.
Addendum: Detailed Eligibility Information

Consult the Grants Manager to determine if your application meets all eligibility requirements. The following will make your application ineligible and not considered for funding:

**Applicant**

- Applied directly to NYSCA for 2022 funding, regardless of funding status
- Is a public school district, a component of a public university or college, or a New York State agency
- Is an individual or unincorporated group not applying through a community partner
- Is not current or registered in the county where the organization is operating
- Does not submit an application and required documents through the online application system

**Project Proposal**

- Takes place outside the county where the applicant resides
- Specifically targets home-school participants
- Proposes non-arts activities
- Proposes the acquisition of artwork
- Supports activities whose primary focus is fundraising
- Proposes paying children or students (primary, secondary, higher education) as professional artists
- Proposes paying cash prizes or awards
- Proposes paying administrative costs unrelated to proposed project
- Proposes projects that are intended as recreational, rehabilitative, or therapeutic and also lack an artistic component
- Proposes activities and programs that cannot be completed between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022
- Is restricted to the specific membership of an organization
- Proposes, as the primary benefit, the financial gain of an individual or organization
- Proposes support of commercial arts, martial arts, journalism and entertainment (such as balloons, clowns, bubble presentations and/or magicians, sip and paint)

**Funding Request**

- Is less than $500 or exceeds $5,000
- Supports equipment purchases in excess of $1,000
- More than 40% of funds support non-artist fees
- Supports operating, deficit, capital, start-up, contingency, or other administrative expenses not related to the project
- Finances fellowships and/or scholarships
- Project income exceeds project expenses
- Subsidizes entertainment costs (e.g. theater parties, gallery/museum openings, receptions)