2023 Artist Development Grant Guidelines

About

Artist Development grants support professional opportunities as well as help to alleviate economic disparity and insecurity of local artists from Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben counties. The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes administers Artist Development grants with funding from the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes.

Grant Amount

Grants from $50 to $500 are available. Awards will be made with the intention of supporting a diversity of projects. The maximum dollar amount any one applicant can request per year is $1,000.

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 to support and sustain an artist’s practice:

- Opportunities such as exhibitions, residencies, conferences, or classes
- Equipment and Supplies
- 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.

Award Criteria

Grants are awarded based on the following primary criteria:

- Professional Impact
- Financial Impact

Priority is given to the following:

- Applications that advance accessibility, diversity, equity, and inclusion
- First time applicants
Application Process and Deadlines

Applications are submitted online at https://earts.submittable.com/submit and are accepted on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted.

Award Notification & Distribution of Funds

Award notification are sent via email approximately two weeks after the application submission.

Grant funds are mailed via check approximately two weeks after award notification and once grant recipients sign and return via email the funding 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.

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.