

Arts Dollars Program Requirements and Application Guidelines

Guidelines and Review Criteria

The goal of Arts Dollars is to support programming and artists that enrich the quality of life in the Greater Peoria region (Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford counties) through the arts. It is our mission to make art accessible for all. All art forms are eligible.

Applications are submitted online at artspartners.net. Applications should be prepared before beginning the online form, as you cannot save and return to your work, nor edit after submission. See the full listing of application materials for online submission below.

Categories

PROJECT: Project grants support arts projects or programming that emphasize community engagement and access to the arts. Individual Artists may apply for a project grant up to \$2,000. Artists may apply for up to 15% of the total Arts Dollars grant for self-compensation (please detail this in the budget). Non-profit organizations and PreK-12 schools (including government entities like local libraries) may apply for up to \$3,500. This category is intended for one-time or first-time projects or programs, and preference will be given to those applications. However, ongoing programs may apply. Preference will be given to applicants with operating budgets of \$300,000 or less. However, organizations with larger operating budgets are welcome to apply.

EDUCATION: Education grants support projects or programming that provide opportunities in the arts for PreK-12 students. Artists may apply for up to \$2,000 and use up to 15% of the total Arts Dollars grant for self-compensation (please detail this in the budget). Non-profit organizations and K-12 schools (including government entities like local libraries) may apply for up to \$3,500.

If your application fits into more than one category, please choose the category that most closely aligns with your goals.

Funding

Support for Arts Dollars is provided by grants from the Illinois Arts Council Agency and ArtsPartners of Central Illinois, Inc along with funding from the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.

Contact

For more information, contact info@artspartners.net

Requirements

1. Complete applications and support materials must be submitted online by September 30, 2024.

2. Projects must include cash or in-kind support from sources other than Arts Dollars. Ineligible expenses may be covered by matching funds – this must be described in the budget section of the application.
3. Projects must take place between December 1, 2024 and August 15, 2025. Recipients will be notified during the week of October 21, 2024.
4. All projects must take place in ArtsPartners of Central Illinois' service area: Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties in Illinois
5. All proposed budgets must include payment to at least one artist who meets both of the following criteria:
 - a. at least 18 years of age
 - b. current resident of Peoria, Tazewell, or Woodford counties in Illinois for the past 12 consecutive months
6. If an individual artist applies for the up to 15% allowed self-compensation, this must be explained in the budget.

Policies

1. Project & Education grant funds may not be used to fund the following:
 - day-to-day operations
 - capital expenditures of any kind
 - purchasing permanent equipment
 - scholarships for academic degrees
 - lobbying or support of a political party
 - programs by universities/colleges not open to the public
 - touring or travel outside designated counties for service
 - functions at which artists are not the primary focus
 - fundraisers, benefits, receptions, or other social function

(Ineligible expenses may be covered by matching funds. This must be described in the budget section of the application.)

2. Multiple applications are not allowed. Applicants may submit an application in one category only. Artists, organizations, and K-12 schools may participate in multiple Arts Dollars projects, but no single organization may receive more than \$4,000, and no individual artist may receive more than \$3,500 from this fund.
3. Arts Partners of Central Illinois staff cannot be paid with Arts Dollars funds. Arts Dollars funds may not fund projects executed by Arts Partners of Central Illinois.
4. Grantees will be ineligible for Arts Dollars support for two years if they fail to meet any requirements listed in their grant agreement, including failure to file a final report.
5. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Extraneous and excessive materials may not be reviewed, at the discretion of the review panel.

6. Funds will be awarded based on scores received from a community review panel, subject to approval from the ArtsPartners of Central Illinois Board of Directors. All eligible applications will be evaluated and rated according to the following criteria: 50% Artistic Merit; 30% Community Involvement; 20% Administrative Ability (see rubric for details).

Application Form

The application form available online at artspartners.net will require the following information:

Please Note: Applications should be prepared before beginning the online form, as you cannot save and return to your work, nor edit after submission. For assistance with the online form, contact info@artspartners.net or 309-676-2787.

1. Applicant Information: District(s), Organization(s), and/or School Name(s) (if applicable), Contact Person, Contact Info (legislative districts for IL applicants)
2. Project Information: Title, Amount Requested, Project Synopsis, Applicant Type, Arts Discipline(s)
3. Personnel: List of artists, administrators, and/or arts groups who will be directly involved in the project
4. Participants: number of artists, youth, volunteers involved; number of artists being paid; total number of participants; description of underserved population (if applicable); participant demographics

Attachments

The following will be uploaded to the online form. No single file size may exceed 10MB; no application may include more than 20MB total attachments. PDF format is preferred, and links to media are acceptable.

DESCRIPTION – In one page or less, answer the following questions:

1. Describe the goal of your project, your project's participants, and what will actually occur. If this is not a new project, briefly describe the project's history (number of years, changes over time, etc.)
2. How do you plan to promote your project? (to participants, students, parents, and/or the public as applicable)
3. List all major personnel (paid, in-kind, and volunteer artists and staff) and describe their role in the project.
4. List the dates for key project activities (at minimum, dates of events and/or project completion).
5. What is your mission statement? How does the project fit your mission? (Not applicable to individual artists.)

6. If the project budget exceeds the stated limit, describe the sources and expected arrival dates of additional funding.

PROJECT BUDGET – Complete the form available at artspartners.net.

RESUMES – Include only major personnel, no more than five resumes; or include artist statement or abbreviated bios of key staff as appropriate.

PARTNER LETTER OF SUPPORT – If your project involves another organization, we request a brief letter of support from that organization affirming their intent to partner with you.

NON-PROFIT STATUS – One-page documentation of non-profit status. IRS letter is preferred, if applicable.

WORK SAMPLES – Submit one or more of the following as appropriate and describe the work sample(s).

- Visual artists – 5-8 images with title, media, dimensions, and date (include all information in one pdf if possible)
- Performing artists – 1-3 minutes of video or audio with title and date
- Literary artists – one short story, one essay, OR three poems (no more than ten pages, standard formatting)
- Arts educators – student work in one of the forms listed above is acceptable / preferred
- ONLY if no artistic documentation is available / relevant – submit two letters of recommendation