

Frequently Asked Questions

Background

Is this only a one-year program? Will there be other opportunities to apply for this program?

There is ongoing conversation with The Wallace Foundation for a second year of this grantmaking program. Please stay tuned for more information.

How many grants will be awarded?

In total, 20 organizations will be awarded with general operating support grants of \$25,000 each.

We're a lean staff—how often will we have to participate in the engagement cohorts? Can we skip them? Will there be make-up sessions for the cohorts?

Engagement in every cohort session is a criteria in your application getting approved. We highly recommend that one staff member from your organization is able to attend and participate in the networking sessions.

Eligibility

Can organizations outside of NYC apply?

Yes, organizations outside of NYC are highly encouraged to apply. We are seeking to support a broad range of organizations geographically, across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and/or U.S. territories and other U.S. jurisdictions.

Do I have to be an arts organization to be eligible?

Yes, you must be an arts or cultural organization to be eligible for this grant funding.

Is there a minimum budget requirement for eligibility to apply?

No, there is no minimum budget requirement to apply.

Do the three years of programming have to be continuous?

No, there can be a gap in the programming. As long as there is a documented history of three years of arts and cultural programming.

Does this grant require matching funds?

No, matching funds are not a requirement to apply or get approved.

What can the funding be used for? What can it not be used for?

As general operating support, the grant can be used for any expenses to keep an organization afloat, whether it's rent, utilities, salaries, etc. However, funding cannot be used for the sole benefit of any private shareholder or individual, capital improvements, lobbying, and political campaign activities.

Will my for-profit business or artist collective be taxed if we receive a grant from this program?

Yes, grants awarded to for-profit businesses or artist collectives are taxed under IRS guidelines. We recommend reaching out to your tax advisor or accountant to ensure compliance with all tax reporting requirements.

Application

Can we save our application on Jotform and come back to it another time?

Yes, your progress can be saved on Jotform.

Does the application have to be completed and submitted in English?

Yes, the application must be submitted in English.

If my application was not approved for funding, will I be able to receive feedback?

Yes, applicants will have the opportunity to receive feedback. If your application is not approved for funding, you'll be able to schedule a 15-minute call with an A4 staff member to discuss feedback. These calls will be available on a first-come, first-served basis via a Google Calendar appointment scheduling link that we'll share.

When will applicants be notified of their status?

All applicants will be notified of their award status by Monday, August 25, 2025.

I still have questions about the application process, who can I contact?

If you still have questions, you are welcome to contact our Grantmaking Manager, Michelle Bae, at mbae@aaartsalliance.org