

CITY OF LOUISVILLE ART GRANT APPLICATION

Grant Cycle: March 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024

Application Open: December 8, 2022 - January 13, 2023 at 5:00 PM



About the Art Grants

The Louisville Cultural Council (LCC) is offering art grants to artists and cultural arts organizations serving the Louisville community. Artists and cultural arts groups based outside of Louisville are welcome to apply for any event(s) that would be held in Louisville.

The Louisville Cultural Council seeks to further their mission of engaging our diverse social, cultural, and creative community by providing financial and facility support through this arts grant. Diversity of media and creative artistic expression is encouraged.

Grant Eligibility Requirements

All Grant Applicants

- Any individual or organization may apply. Organizations **do not** need to have 501(c)3 status to apply.
- Special consideration will be given to independent artists and organizations.
- All projects must take place between March 1, 2023, and July 31, 2024.
- Application must be received by 5:00 PM on **Friday, Jan. 13, 2022**. Late applications will not be considered.
- Programs must primarily focus on artistic expression or arts education.
- Performances or projects must take place in Louisville, Colorado.
- Grant applicant must be at least 18 years of age.
- Only one Art Grant may be used per proposed project.
- Applicants must disclose if they are a member of a current City of Louisville Board, Council, or Commission; if they are related to a current member of a City Board, Council or Commission; if they are a current City employee or related to a current City employee.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated by the Louisville Cultural Council. Evaluation criteria includes, but is not limited to:

- **Ability to Execute:** Does the application demonstrate that the applicant will be able to successfully execute the program?
- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (EDI):** Does the topic of the program or type of artistic expression bring increased diversity, equity or inclusion to Louisville?
- **Impact of Funding:** Will the project fully utilize the funding and/or the use of City venues available through this grant program? Will this grant make a significant impact?
- **Artistic Discipline:** When looking at projects funded through the Art Grant Program, consideration will be given to funding a variety of artistic disciplines including both visual and performing arts. This item is not scored but may be used in determining the overall mix of programs funded.
- **Artistic Excellence:** Is the proposed program of high artistic quality or significance to the Louisville community?

- **Community Reach:** Does the project reach the Louisville community in a meaningful way: through the number of audience members, engaging new audiences, or reaching audiences that lack access to similar programs? If you are working with a school or other organization within the community, please ensure that they desire and can receive your project or services.

Grant Awards

Funding: Applicants may request up to \$2,000 in funding. Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate additional sources of funding for their project in addition the Louisville Cultural Council’s Art Grant Request. Art Grant recipients will be fully funded, up to \$2000.

Performance Space: Applicants may request one complimentary day of use of the Louisville Center for the Arts or Steinbaugh Pavilion. Dates may be reserved on a first come, first served basis once grantees have been notified of their award. To inquire about potentially available dates, please email Erica Schmitt (eschmitt@louisvilleco.gov).

Use of the Louisville Centre for the Arts includes the following equipment:

- Digital piano
- Screen, projector, and speakers. Speakers are suitable for a film screening or background music.
- 15 tables and 80 chairs

Please note that public health guidelines may be in place limiting the size of in-person events.

Rehearsal Space: is not guaranteed as part of the grant award. However, one complimentary day for rehearsal may be awarded if a mutually agreeable date is available. Additional time for rehearsal or additional performances is subject to normal rental fees. See <https://libcal.louisvilleco.gov/reserve> for more information.

Marketing: Grant recipients will provide fliers and digital marketing material at least 6 weeks prior to their event. All materials must include the City of Louisville logo or list the Louisville Cultural Council as a sponsor. The Louisville Cultural Council will assist with distributing promotional fliers (provided by the grant recipient) at official City locations. Descriptions and photos of the funded event will be listed on the City Arts and Events Calendar and may be included in LCC email newsletters and LCC Facebook event listings.

Grant Recipient Responsibilities

Grant recipients are the producers and presenters of their projects. As such, recipients are responsible for all aspects of executing the project including, but not limited to:

- Technical or A/V needs of the project
- All advertising and promotion of the event
- Acknowledging the Louisville Cultural Committee in marketing and publicity.
- Completing and submitting the Art Grant Evaluation form within 60 days of the completion of the event/program to maintain eligibility for future grant funding.

Grant recipients may charge admission and keep all ticket revenues.

2023 Grant Timeline

December 8, 2022	Art Grant Application opens
January 13 th , 2023 5pm	Grant Application closes
January 14 th – 26 th	Grant Applications are reviewed
January 27 th	Grant awardees are notified. Grant awardees will receive 50% of their award upon accepting their award.
Post Event	Grant awardee will receive 25% of their award upon completing their 1 st status report. Art Grant Evaluation forms completed by grant recipient are due no later than 60 days after the funded program or event has been completed. Grant awardee will receive the final 25% of the award upon completion of the Art Grant Evaluation form.