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Grants for Arts Organizations - BCA Community Fund Application 2023

BCA 2023 Community Fund for Arts Organizations

- Select the appropriate application under the category-dropdown menu.
- If applicable: Select the appropriate sub-category.
- Under "Application Name" enter the primary applicant's name.
- All questions must be answered, unless marked optional.

Application name

APPLICATION OPENS: APRIL 5, 2023 AT 10:00AM

DEADLINE TO APPLY: MAY 22, 2023, 9:00 AM

Purpose

Burlington City Arts' Community Fund will provide general operating support grants of up to \$5,000 for Burlington-based small arts organizations to create or advance projects that engage and benefit Burlington's community.

As many relief funding sources come to an end, many arts organizations still struggle with post-pandemic challenges such as inflation, difficulty rehiring, and a shift in audience behaviors that require revising programs. Funds will be used to directly support Burlington's arts organizations with funding to fulfill their mission, support artists, create new work, and further the local economic impact of arts spending.

The program's goals are to:

- Support Burlington artists and arts organization fulfill their mission
- Engage Burlington residents in a creative process or increase access to arts experiences for Burlington residents
- Support organizations that are actively working to expand participation from constituents of many different backgrounds, ages and identities

Review Criteria

Overall quality and clarity of application: 35%

- Beneficiaries of organization's programs and services are clearly defined
- Organization presents clear goals and outcomes
- Pandemic hardship is clearly outlined

Demonstrated Community Benefit: 35%

- Organization's plans and programming will increase access to arts creation or experiences for residents of Burlington, including those with limited access to the arts
- Organization integrates equity, inclusion and belonging measures into its planning, implementation, and leadership

Artistic Support: 30%

- Organization supports multiple artists throughout the year
- Organization strives to bring high quality arts experiences to a Burlington audience

Eligibility

In an effort to increase arts resources within the following Burlington communities, BCA strongly encourages organizations with a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion to apply. Specifically, BCA encourage applications from arts organizations with a focus on serving people of color, LGBTQ individuals, individuals with disabilities, veterans, immigrants, and low-income communities. BCA believes that diverse perspectives and experiences are essential to a vibrant and thriving arts community and is committed to promoting equitable access to funding opportunities.

Additionally, to be eligible to apply, applicant organizations must:

- Be a registered entity with the State of Vermont
- Be an arts organization with a primary mission to create art, produce art, present art, or support arts and culture services for the public
- Have an operating budget of \$300,000 or less
- Be located in Burlington, serve at least 51% of audience members who are residents of Burlington, or present at least 51% of programming in Burlington.
- Be able to submit a W-9 form with an EIN #
- Work in any of the following disciplines: Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theater, Performance Art, Literary Arts, Design (includes fashion, industrial, graphic, theater, architecture, etc.), curatorial projects, media arts/film, or transdisciplinary

The following are **not eligible** to apply to the Burlington City Arts Community Fund (Organization):

- Religious institutions
- Social service or educational organizations
- Public or governmental agencies
- Schools, school districts, and universities/higher education institutions
- Athletic teams, social organizations, fraternal organizations
- Regular staff and board members of Burlington City Arts
- Current year Burlington City Arts Community Fund panelists
- Individual youth under the age of 18 (although youth organizations with a primary mission in the arts ARE eligible to apply)
- Students enrolled in a degree program
- Past Community Fund recipients who have failed to complete a project or are delinquent in submitting a final report

I certify that I have authority to submit this application for my group or organization, and that I have read the eligibility requirements and am eligible to apply for and receive funding for this program.

Organization Name

Primary Organization Contact First and Last Name

10 words

Mailing Address

Mailing City

Mailing State

Mailing Zip code

Email Address

Phone Number

example format: 1 802 555 5555

Website (optional)

Social Media Handle (optional)

Amount of Grant Funds Requested

Please select a primary artistic discipline

- Visual Artist
- Musician
- Dancer
- Theater artist
- Performance artist
- Literary artist
- Designer(includes fashion, industrial, graphic, theater, architectural, etc.)
- Curatorial arts professional
- Media artist/filmmaker
- Interdisciplinary artist
- ...

What were your organization's estimated income losses due to the pandemic (between March 2020- and March 2022) (optional)

How did you hear about this opportunity?

BCA call-to-artists email

Social media/web

Ad in publication

Word of Mouth

Other

Please provide a brief description of your organization's mission and activities. 250 words

Who benefits and participates in your organization's activities? 300 words

Helpful information may include annual statistics such as number of artists participating, number of audience members, number of youth participating, demographics of participants, and geographic area served.

How has your organization evolved to meet new challenges during and after the pandemic? 300 words

What are your organization's top 3 goals in the next year, what are your plans to meet them, and how will this funding be used to support these goals? What are the intended outcomes? 300 words

How does your organization strive to make activities accessible and inclusive for Burlington residents?

300 words

How does your organization build toward a greater sense of belonging for constituents of many different backgrounds, ages and identities?

Provide a brief bio or description of the organization's leadership.

250 words

May include Executive Director, board members, and any other key individuals who are critical to the organization's operations, as applicable.

Please upload a profit and loss statement for the organization's most recent fiscal year and an operating budget for the organization's current or upcoming fiscal year.

Please load them combined document as a pdf



Provide up to 5 work samples that offer insight into your organization's impact and breadth.

You may include photos of activities in progress with descriptions and/or past marketing and promotional materials.