

FY23 OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT

Supporting core operations of arts organizations



HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Operating Support Grants (OSG) from the Nevada Arts Council (NAC) strengthen Nevada's arts infrastructure by supporting general operations of non-profit arts organizations throughout the state. The most competitive applicants offer ongoing, sustained, high-quality outreach programs and arts services or artistic programming in their communities. OSG funds support general operating expenses including administrative salaries and benefits, payroll expenses, insurance, facility space rental, utilities, and contracted and professional services. To stay in compliance and be eligible for future Nevada Arts Council grants, grantees must complete the Final Report online no later than June 30, 2023.

This 1-year opportunity was created for arts non-profit organizations who are NOT current [FY22/23 OSG recipients](#)

(due to COVID-19, all FY20/21 Operating Support Grants were extended into FY22/23). All organizations will need to re-apply in Fiscal Year 2024 for the standard 2-year grant cycle.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Applying organizations must meet the following requirements:

- Must be based in Nevada (as shown by the address on the organization's IRS 990 form) with the majority of arts programming, services or activities taking place in Nevada
- Must have federal tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with an effective date of exemption on or before January 1, 2020 (may not use a fiscal agent)
- Must have active incorporation status with the Nevada Secretary of State showing evidence of good standing at the time of application
- Must have a mission that describes the arts as the **primary** purpose of the organization. The Nevada Arts Council may request further information to verify eligibility.
 - Not eligible for this grant: non-arts museums, children's museums, science centers, public media organizations, preservation organizations, K-12 schools, colleges or universities, libraries, religious organizations, individuals, auxiliary support organizations (i.e., friends of xyz), units of government (including municipal, federal, and state agencies/divisions)
- Must provide arts programs or services on an ongoing basis throughout the year (this grant does not fund organizations whose primary focus is a single event)
- Must demonstrate at least three previous years of effective arts related programming
- Must show an annual total revenue of at least \$10,000 (based on your submitted IRS 990 form and/or financial records)
- Must have at least one paid part-time or full-time employee (Levels 2-5 only)

APPLICATIONS OPEN

February 7, 2022 at 9:00 am

APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 11, 2022 at 5:00 pm

GRANT AMOUNT

Up \$25,000 (based on budget)

ELIGIBILITY SNAPSHOT

NV incorporated 501(c)(3)
non-profit arts organizations

GRANT PERIOD

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

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New for FY23: All applying organizations must have a Unique Entity ID (UEI) from SAM.gov in alignment with requirements from the National Endowment for the Arts. This UEI will replace the DUNS number, which will no longer be required. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Operating Support Grantees may also receive an Arts Learning Project Grant and up to two Arts Learning Express Grants in the same fiscal year.

GRANT REQUEST

An organization's grant request level is based on the total gross revenue reported on their submitted IRS 990 form (or 990-N for organizations with gross receipts of \$10,000-\$50,000). We understand that many organizations had a significant loss in revenue in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19. Therefore, organizations may use the revenue reported on their completed IRS 990 or 990-N from **2018, 2019, 2020, or 2021.**

	IF YOUR GROSS ANNUAL TOTAL REVENUE IS:	YOU MAY REQUEST UP TO:
LEVEL 1	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$5,000
LEVEL 2	\$100,000 - \$249,999	\$10,000
LEVEL 3	\$250,000 - \$499,999	\$15,000
LEVEL 4	\$500,000 - \$999,999	\$20,000
LEVEL 5	\$1 million or more	\$25,000

1:1 cash match is required. Funds must be used to support day-to-day business expenses/operating costs, not expenses associated with specific projects. Eligible expenses include salary support, fees for artists and/or other contracted personnel, facilities costs such as rent and utilities, insurance, office supplies, travel, and marketing/promotion costs. For non-allowable costs see the General Funding Restrictions in the current [GRANT POLICIES](#).

Grant funds will be disbursed as an advance payment upon receipt of the signed terms and conditions. **Documentation of the use of grant funds must be provided in the Final Report and must match the proposed expenses.**

REVIEW PROCESS

A review panel will adjudicate eligible applications using the criteria below and make funding recommendations to the Nevada Arts Council Board. Grant awards may vary from requested amounts based on panel scores and available funding. For more information, please see the Grant Review Process in the current [GRANT POLICIES](#).

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REVIEW CRITERIA

A. Artistic Excellence (30 points)

- Provides high quality art-centric programming and/or services that involve qualified artists, arts and design professionals, and arts educators as applicable
- Demonstrates how the programming and/or services advance the organization's mission
- Utilizes an effective process to select artists, services, programming, and other elements of artistic production or presentation

B. Organizational Capacity and Management (40 points)

- Sustains an organizational structure appropriate for the size and scope of the organization
- Provides evidence of qualifications and effectiveness of staff and board to support the organization's mission, programming, and services
- Demonstrates a clear and appropriate planning process
- Describes thoughtful and achievable short- and long-term strategic goals and objectives
- Identifies and describes effective methods to evaluate success, impact, and outcomes
- Provides evidence of financial health and sustainability, including maintaining appropriate budgets and the ability to address financial challenges

C. Community Impact/Artistic Merit (30 points)

- Clearly defines and demonstrates an understanding of the community they serve
- Demonstrates effective methods to reach target communities
- Programs, services, and activities demonstrate a broad or significant impact on the defined community
- Demonstrates an authentic and collaborative commitment to [inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility](#)

HOW TO APPLY

1. Review the current [GRANT POLICIES](#) for additional information about the requirements associated with Nevada Arts Council Grants
2. Review the [APPLICATION QUESTIONS AND SUPPORT MATERIAL](#)
3. Complete the application online at: <https://nevadaartscouncil.submittable.com/submit>

Click [HERE](#) for additional resources for grant applicants including a guide to submitting applications online.