

# FY25 ARTS LEARNING PROJECT GRANT

Supporting Arts Learning Activities for Pre-K – 12 and Lifelong Learning



## HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Arts Learning Project Grant (ALP) is a grant designed to support arts learning activities, teaching artists residencies, and teacher/teaching artists training. These arts learning activities provide unique opportunities for students and people of all ages to work with practicing artists. Funds must be used for conducting lessons/workshops (in-person or online/virtual) and/or educational performances at schools or community facilities. Funds may be used to support the execution of one activity/project or a series of related activities. Some components of the project, including planning, may occur outside of the FY25 grant cycle (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025), however, the portion(s) of the project being paid for with ALP grant funds must occur completely within the grant cycle.

To stay in compliance and be eligible for future Nevada Arts Council grants, grantees must submit the Final Report online within 45 days of project completion or by June 30, 2025, whichever is first.

## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

*All applying organizations and public institutions must have an actively registered Unique Entity ID (UEI) from SAM.gov in alignment with requirements from the National Endowment for the Arts. UEI must be renewed annually on SAM.gov to maintain active registration. Click [HERE](#) for more information.*

## NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- Open to eligible nonprofit organizations that conduct arts education programming regardless of whether arts education is their primary mission
- Must be based in Nevada\*
- Must have federal tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Must have active incorporation status with the Nevada Secretary of State
- Must have an actively registered Unique Entity ID (UEI) from SAM.gov
- Non-profit organizations on the [Nevada Arts Council Teaching Artist Roster](#) may apply for either the Arts Learning Project Grant or the Arts Learning Express Grant

*\*Organizations located in states that border Nevada may apply if the majority of the project (at least 75%) serves Nevada communities, and all awarded funds are used to support Nevada communities*

**PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS** - including federally recognized tribes, state or local government, schools, public libraries, and institutions of higher education:

## APPLICATIONS OPEN

Feb 1, 2024

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

May 1, 2024

## GRANT AMOUNT: Up to \$7,000

(1:1 cash or in-kind match)

## ELIGIBILITY SNAPSHOT

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

## PERIOD OF SUPPORT

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

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- Must be based in Nevada
- Agencies that exist within the same governmental entity are eligible to apply independently when they have different/distinct mission statements and their own separate advisory boards. Multiple departments/facilities within one agency may not apply independently
- Colleges/universities are limited to no more than one grant to the same academic department
- Individual schools and libraries within the same district/system may apply independently as long as they have their own budget and facility.

An entity may receive an Arts Learning Project Grant and an Operating Support Grant in the same fiscal year but may not receive any other Nevada Arts Council grants during that fiscal year.

**GRANT AMOUNT:** Up to \$7,000 (1:1 cash and/or in-kind match required)

Grant funds may only be used for the following:

- Teaching artist fees
- Production artist fees (including directors, videographers, costume designers, lighting designers, etc.)
- Materials/supplies
- Facility rental fees
- Equipment relevant to project - up to \$1,000 (including video cameras, microphones, software, video communication subscriptions, etc.)

In addition to the General Funding Restrictions in the current [GRANT POLICIES](#), ALP funds may not be used for general operating support, private lessons, classes for college credit, or staff/teacher salaries (in a school setting, this grant is meant to enrich and support ongoing arts education, not to supplant or substitute services more appropriately provided by educators trained in the arts or otherwise).

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.**

## PROJECT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A) Projects must engage a qualified teaching artist. A qualified teaching artist is a practicing, professional artist with demonstrated expertise in an art form, and the complementary skills of an educator, who can effectively engage a wide range of people in learning experiences in, through, and about the arts. If you do not have a qualified Teaching Artist, please see the [Nevada Arts Council's Teaching Artist Roster](#) for potential partners.
- a. Teaching Artists must provide a [resume/bio](#) and current [artwork samples](#) supporting their qualifications.
  - b. Teaching Artists on the [Nevada Arts Council's Teaching Artist Roster](#) can choose to upload their roster profile or a current resume. Current work samples are also required. See APPLICATION QUESTIONS and SUPPORT MATERIAL for artwork sample requirements.

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B) Whether designed for a school or non-school environment, eligible activities must address one or more of the following areas of focus:

1. **Arts Education:** The development of cognitive (knowledge), behavioral (skill), or affective (appreciation) learning in one or more arts disciplines, which include dance, drama, literary arts, music, visual arts, media arts, and folk arts.
2. **Arts Integration:** The use of the arts to connect to other non-arts subjects (reading, math, science, social studies, etc.) resulting in dual learning objectives.
3. **Arts for Social Development:** The use of the arts as tools to promote social development and/or cultural competency, for example, programs that improve social outcomes for at-risk teens, promote health and healing, expose social justice issues; or explore tradition and culture to build cross-cultural understanding, dispel stereotypes, and celebrate difference.

## REVIEW PROCESS/CRITERIA

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](#).

### A. Project Design and Content (25 points)

- Project is well designed with a realistic timeline
- Clearly describes proposed educational content (including [Nevada Academic Content Standards for Fine Arts](#) for Pre-K-12 projects only)
- Clearly describes achievable goals, objectives, and outcomes
- Includes a plan to assess learning in arts and/or culture

### B. Project Management (25 points)

- Demonstrates organizational capacity to complete the proposed project
- Involves qualified personnel to plan and manage the project
- Provides a clear budget with appropriate financial resources to support the project

### C. Artistic Excellence (25 points)

- Utilizes an effective process to select teaching artists and arts educators
- Demonstrates commitment to artistic excellence by utilizing qualified artists, arts educators, and/or arts organizations to present the project

### D. Arts Learning Impact/Artistic Merit (25 points)

- Clearly identifies and defines the target participants and/or audience
- Demonstrates a plan for communicating information to the target participants and/or audience
- Project addresses specific challenges or needs
- 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

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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.