

FY26 Arts Learning Express Grant

Supporting short-term arts education programming



Cycle A

Application Open

May 1, 2025 at 8:00am PT

Application Deadline

At least 30 days before the proposed project (while funds remain available)

Add: Time Period of Support

July 1 – December 31, 2025

Cycle B

Application Open

November 1, 2025 at 8:00am PT

Application Deadline

At least 30 days before the proposed project (while funds remain available)

Add: Time Period of Support

January 1 – June 30, 2026

Grant Amount

Up to ~~Delete: \$1,500~~ Add: \$2,000 (no match required) Add:*

Eligibility Snapshot

NV incorporated non-profit organizations (arts and non-arts), public institutions, and NV residents who are on Nevada Arts Council Teaching Artists Roster

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How the Program Works

The Arts Learning Express Grant (ALX) from the Nevada Arts Council is designed to support short-term ~~Delete: teaching artist residency~~ Add: arts education programming. This grant is open to community organizations/public institutions and individual teaching artists who are on the [Nevada Arts Council Teaching Artist Roster](#). To offer flexibility and expedite funding, ALX grants will be

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awarded on a first come, first-served basis for each cycle. Grant funds are limited, so early submission is encouraged.

ALX funds are divided into two six-month grant cycles:

Cycle A: Activities July 1–December 31, 2025

Cycle B: Activities January 1–June 30, 2026

Eligible applicants can receive up to two ALX grants per fiscal year **Add:** but only one ALX grant per cycle. The Final Report for the first grant must be submitted prior to receiving funds for the second grant. To stay in compliance and remain eligible for future Nevada Arts Council grants, grantees must submit the Final Report **Add:** by the deadline stated in the award packet **Delete:** online within 45 days of project completion or by June 30, 2026, whichever is first.

Add: Teaching Artist Applicant Eligibility:

Add: Nevada Arts Council Teaching **Add:** Roster Artists

- Only open to artists/groups on the [Nevada Arts Council Teaching Artist Roster](#)
- Must be a current Nevada resident and have been in residence for at least one year prior to the date of the grant application
- Must be a U.S. citizen or have legal permanent resident status
- Must be at least 21 years old
- Must not be enrolled as degree-seeking student **Add:** in a field related to the type of grant for which they are applying
- **Add:** Artists working in groups must file one joint application with one individual as the primary applicant

Hosting Organization Add: Eligibility:

Public Institutions & **Add:** 501(c)(3) Nonprofits

- **Add:** Must be based in Nevada* (as shown by the address on the organization's IRS 990 form)
- **Add:** Must have federal tax-exempt status
- **Add:** Must have a Unique Entity ID (UEI) from SAM.gov
- **Add:** Must have active incorporation status with the Nevada Secretary of State
- **Delete:** Groups on the Nevada Arts Council Teaching Artist Roster may apply as an organization* if they have federal tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, have active incorporation status with the Nevada Secretary of State, and have a UEI number.
- **Delete:** Must be based in Nevada, have federal tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and have active incorporation status with the NV Secretary of State

Delete: **IMPORTANT:** All applying organizations and public institutions must have a Unique Entity ID (UEI) from SAM.gov in alignment with requirements from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Please reference the help article [Starting Entity Validation as a New Entity in SAM.gov](#) for more information on this process.

Grant Amount: Up to ~~Delete: \$1,500~~ **Add: \$2,000** ~~Delete: to support artist fees~~ (no match required)
Add:*

In some cases, an artist may charge more than the grant will support. It is the ~~Delete: sponsor's~~ **Add: hosting organization's** responsibility to ensure that the artist receives full payment. Grant funds **Add:** may be disbursed as an advance payment upon receipt of the signed terms and conditions or **Add: as reimbursement.**

Add: Funds may be used for teaching artist fees, materials/supplies, and travel (accommodation and transportation only).

In addition to the General Funding Restrictions in the current **Grant and Award Policies**, ALX funds may NOT be used for:

- Private lessons, concerts, assembly programs, or lectures
- Attending classes or workshops
- Expenses outside the 6-month cycle

~~Delete: Residency~~ **Add: Programming Requirements**

- The **Add: grant-funded arts education programming** ~~Delete: residency~~ must be an active hands-on educational experience in ~~Delete: the~~ arts or traditional cultural practices
- Supplementary activities such as readings, lecture-demonstrations and performances may accompany the educational activities but cannot be more than 20% of the **Add: programming contact hours**
- ~~Delete: The shape and schedule of the activity is up to the sponsor and the artist. A residency may occur over one to three days; or be of longer duration, such as two hours a week for six weeks, etc.~~
- ~~Delete: The residency must be planned collaboratively between the artist(s) and appropriate teacher(s) and/or community representative(s)~~
- A teacher or adult representative of the sponsoring organization must be present at all times during the program and if the artist is working with a large group of Pre-K through 12th grade students, the adult-student ratio will be appropriate to the activity
- **Add: Programming contact hours should be 4 hours minimum and 20 hours maximum**

A ~~Delete: entity~~ **Add: hosting organization** may receive either the FY26 Arts Learning Express grant or the FY26 Arts Learning Project grant, not both.

Review Process/Criteria: Nevada Arts Council staff will review applications for eligibility, completeness, and adherence to the project requirements below. Applications that meet all eligibility and project requirements are awarded in the order in which they are received while funds remain available. A record of the review process is maintained for all applications. Grants are

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contingent on available funding as approved by the Nevada Arts Council Board. Projects must demonstrate artistic excellence and artistic merit which includes the following:

- Project is interactive **Add: and hands on**
- Includes clear objectives and achievable outcomes
- Demonstrates connection to Nevada [Content Standards for the Fine Arts](#) **Add: and/or English Language Arts and Social Studies** (PreK - 12 only)
- Addresses one of the following: Arts Education, Arts Integration, Arts for Social Development, **Add: Therapeutic Art Making**
- Skill level must be appropriate for target audience
- Includes clear plan to evaluate **Delete: the residency** **Add: the success of the arts education programming**
- Involves qualified teaching artists/groups
- Must provide a clear schedule including educational contact hours
- Demonstrates an authentic and collaborative commitment to [inclusion](#) **Delete: , diversity, equity, and accessibility**

How to Apply

1. Review the current **Grant and Award 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](#)
4. Review [additional resources for applicants](#) including a guide to submitting applications online.
5. **Add: If you need translation or language assistance, please contact the Grants Program at grants@nevadaculture.org.**

Add: *Grant award amount is subject to change based upon available funding.