



ArtsinStark

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Special Project Grant 2020-21 Guidelines and Application Requirements

SPECIAL PROJECT grants are available to non-profit agencies and individual artists, for arts-related projects that demonstrate a commitment to artistic excellence, community impact and outreach. Proposals that involve a new and original idea typically receive the highest scores, while projects that are on-going need to demonstrate what will make the current year's activities different or fresh.

Proposals must involve the arts (visual, dance, theatre, vocal, etc.) and will be scored on 1) **artistic merit** – quality of artists involved, 2) **management ability** --- experience of organization / artist administering the program and 3) **impact** --- number of people served or new areas of county reached. The grants panel will make its recommendations on the basis of the submitted material. For that reason, it is very important that the written parts of the application specifically highlight the above areas of the review criteria.

Who can apply?

Non-Profit Organizations: requests of up to \$2,000 are accepted, and include but not limited to arts organizations, faith-based organizations, social service agencies, etc. Non-arts organizations are encouraged to partner with artists or an arts organization. **Note:** Non-profits who do not have their Federal 501-c-3 certification need to tell us in their organizational overview (attachment to the application) how long they have been in existence and why we should consider them to be non-profit.

Individual Artists: requests of up to \$1,000 are accepted (artists that have bigger proposals should partner with a non-profit organization): The grant provides support to highly creative and talented artists who seek to produce, perform, teach or share their work with the public. Project grants to individuals might include public performances, arts workshops, creative collaborations, and exhibitions and installations with a strong public component.

K – 12 schools located in Stark County are not eligible for Special Project Grants. Funding to schools is available through the SmArts grant program and comes in two forms: SmArts scholarships, and long-term partnerships, both of which involve the superintendent, school administration, teachers, teaching artists and ArtsinStark staff. Please contact ArtsinStark's Director of Education for more information.

Matching Fund requirement:

- Matching funds are not required this year, but can be listed as part of the budget, for projects that exceed a total cost of \$2,000 for organizations, or \$1,000 for individual artists

Grant funds will be released on the following schedule:

- Upon approval by grants panel and ArtsinStark Board of Directors in December: **75%**.
- Upon receipt and approval of the Final Report: **25%**.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Projects must take place in Stark County, Ohio.

2. Applicants funded in the previous year must have submitted all final reports before re-applying. Grantees who do not submit an acceptable final report within 60 days of project completion will jeopardize their chances for future ArtsinStark funding.
3. Project must be 12 months or less in duration and take place between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 (extensions may be requested on a case-by-case basis). Projects that are not completed within one year will be required to return to ArtsinStark all funding received. Organizations and / or artists failing to complete funded projects or return funds from unfinished projects will be ineligible for future funding.
4. Organizations and individual artists are restricted to one application with one project per year.
5. To qualify, applications from non-profits or individual artists must focus on the arts by presenting new and original ideas, or by demonstrating what will make the current year's activities different or fresh.
6. Applications that may be considered unacceptable are those that a) are not preceded by a concept form, b) do not occur between Jan 1, 2021 – Dec 31, 2021, c) are submitted incorrectly, d) arrive at our office after the application deadline of Thursday, November 5, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. and e) appear to be requests for operating support rather than a special project.
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REVIEW PROCESS

Special Project grant applications are reviewed by an independent peer panel composed of Board members plus individuals who represent donors, corporate leaders, higher education, social welfare, government, artists and arts organizations. Funding recommendations made by the review panel are presented to the ArtsinStark Board of Directors for the final award decision. Grant proposals are reviewed on a competitive basis using criteria that includes:

- Clear articulation of the project including attainable goals.
- Highest level of artistic quality and merit that includes the involvement of professional artists.
- Number of people served and community impact.
- Access for underserved constituents (e.g. ethnic, disabled, senior, lower income, etc.)
- Qualifications of project staff to carry out the proposed activities.
- Realistic budgetary projections
- Demonstrated need for support.

GRANTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Grantees have the following responsibilities to a) to use logo with credit line "funded by ArtsinStark" on all printed material relating to the project (can be edited to "funded in part by ArtsinStark"), b) to use ArtsinStark window cling at their location, c) if asked, provide a volunteer, a presentation or an exhibition at an ArtsinStark event (SmArtSplash, First Friday, Board meeting, etc.), d) notify ArtsinStark of all project-related events. **Approval for any proposed changes to the original project budget must be requested in writing to ArtsinStark** . Additionally, a final report must be submitted in order to receive final grant disbursements and prior to re-applying. ArtsinStark reserves the right to withhold final disbursements if projects are not conducted in the manner in which they were approved funding for. **Failure to comply with the contract requirements will disqualify applicant from future funding opportunities.**

FUNDING RESTRICTIONS:

ArtsinStark cannot fund these types of activities:

- Scholarships

- Sponsorships
- Fundraising efforts such as social events, benefits, etc.
- Stand-alone field trips
- Stand-alone equipment purchases
- Bricks & mortar activities, capital improvements
- Programs that do not benefit or impact Stark County residents

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS FUNDED IN THE PAST

- To offer clay/tile classes as an art therapy experience
- To host jewelry-making workshops for victims of domestic violence
- To perform a piano concert for middle school students during Black History month
- To present Native American history and music programs at local libraries
- To present a monthly lunchtime concert series
- To offer a theatre camp for special needs children

A complete listing of the over 500 grants awarded to date is available at www.artsinstark.com .

DATES & DEADLINES:

Mon Sept 14: project concept forms available at www.artsinstark.com – *grants page*; applications will be **emailed** after this form is received.

Fri Oct 30: concept form deadline

Thur Nov 5: application deadline

Wed Dec 9: Board review and approval

Thur Dec 10: Grants announced

For a granting appointment, please contact Anne Wadian (NEW applicants are strongly encouraged to participate).

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