Who We Are

The National Endowment for the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts, both new and established; bringing the arts to all Americans; and providing leadership in arts education.

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The National Endowment for the Arts awards more than $140 million each year to arts organizations of all sizes in all 50 states and U.S. territories.
We Support

- Artist Communities
- Arts Education
- Dance
- Design
- Folk & Traditional Arts

- Literature
- Local Arts Agencies
- Media Arts (Film/Radio/TV/Internet)
- Museums
- Music

- Musical Theater
- Opera
- Presenting
- Theater
- Visual Arts

Fellowships

Literature Fellowships
- Poetry
- Fiction and Creative Nonfiction
- Translation

The next deadline will be in 2011.

State and Regional Partnerships

- 50 State Arts Agencies
- 6 Territories & Jurisdictions
- 6 Regional Arts Organizations
National Initiatives

- Model programs of indisputable artistic quality and merit
- Broad national reach
- Conducted in partnership with other organizations
- Strong educational component

Lifetime Honors

National Medal of Arts
The highest award given by the President of the U.S. each year to artists, arts patrons, and arts organizations for extraordinary contributions to the arts

Lifetime Honors
Recognize artistic excellence in the folk and traditional arts
Recognize distinguished musicians who have made a significant contribution to jazz
Recognize the exceptional achievements of creators, performers, composers, and others

Planning & Preparing Your Grant Application
Who May Apply

- Arts organizations
- Arts service organizations
- Local arts agencies
- Official units of state or local governments
- School districts
- Federally recognized tribal communities and tribes
- Other non-profit organizations

Requirements

- Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3)
- Three-year history of programming
- One-to-one match for project budget

Requirements

- Meet reporting requirements on any previous NEA awards
- Complete interim and final reports on time
We Do Not Fund

- General operating or seasonal support
- Individuals
- Individual schools
- Facility construction, purchase, or renovation
- Commercial, for-profit enterprises
- Creation of new organizations
- Academic degrees
- Re-granting
- Projects that supplant existing in-school arts instruction

Grants Review Process

Level 3: Chairman of the NEA

Level 2: National Council on the Arts

Level 1: Panel

Review Criteria:
Artistic Excellence
Artistic Merit

Grants Review Process

ADVISORY PANEL

- Diverse artistic experience and expression
- Geographic representation
- Gender and ethnic diversity
- Rotation of panelists
- Confidential deliberations
- Conflict-free panels
Grants For Arts Projects

Step 1: Select your discipline
Step 2: Select a funding category
- Access to Artistic Excellence
- Challenge America: Fast Track
- Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth

Access to Artistic Excellence

March Deadline
Projects must have a start date after January 1, 2012

August Deadline
Projects must have a start date after June 1, 2012

Grants range from $5,000- $150,000

The next deadline is March 2011.

Challenge America: Fast Track

Applicants are notified of awards within six months

Emphasis on underserved communities

All grants are $10,000

The next deadline will be in 2011.
Learning in the Arts For Children and Youth

All projects must include four components: experience, study, performance, and assessment.

Grants range from $5,000 - $150,000

The next deadline is will be in 2011.

The Arts on Radio and Television

Projects make the arts widely available through nationally distributed radio and television programs.

Grants range from $10,000 - $200,000

The next deadline is September 2, 2010.

Submitting Your Application
Electronic Submission

- Grants.gov is an online, government-wide electronic application system where all applications are submitted.
- All applicants must complete registration with Grants.gov before applying.
- We advise applicants to submit applications at least 10 days before the deadline.
- WWW.ARTS.GOV SHOULD BE YOUR FIRST STOP

Grants.gov Registration

*It is each organization’s responsibility to create and maintain updated registration with Grants.gov.*

Grants.gov Five-Step Registration Checklist:
1) Obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) Number
2) Register with CCR (Central Contractor Registration)
3) Ensure the “Authorizing Official” for the application has a current username and password
4) Have your organization’s E-Biz Point of Contact approve your Authorizing Official to submit applications
5) Track the Status of your Authorizing Official’s approval

Grants.gov Help Desk: 1-800-518-4726

www.arts.gov

Apply for a Grant
Navigating www.arts.gov

Select your discipline.

Artist Convening
Arts Education
Dance
Design
Film & Television Arts
Literature
Local Arts Agencies
Music
Visual Arts

Select your funding category.

Funding Opportunities in Dance

Creating New Works

How to Prepare and Submit an Application

Step 1: Please Read First

Application Calendar

Step 2: To Apply

Application Calendar

Grants.gov

Grants.gov

Applications

Application Scorecard

Meetings

How to Prepare and Submit an Application
Application Instructions Page

- Using Grants.gov
- Downloading the Application Package
- Submitting Your Electronic Application
- Steps-by-Step Application Instructions

Resources

Helpful Hints

- Read the NEA Grant Guidelines
- Flesh out the project
- Review previously awarded grants
- Decide appropriate category and deadline for the project
- Contact discipline specialist or director for advice
- Double-check the math on the budget
- Choose an appropriate work sample
- Make note of the earliest project start date
- Review the application checklist
- Do not send your application materials via U.S. mail
- Apply through Grants.gov and register early
Contact Information

www.arts.gov
Application Guidelines
Available Online
General Information:
(202) 682-5400