



Community Accelerator Grant Program, presented by ArtsFund

ArtsFund is thrilled to announce a new grantmaking program, the [Community Accelerator Grant](#), a historic investment in Washington’s arts and culture sector.

Program Basics

- Funded by the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, the Community Accelerator Grant program will provide **unrestricted grants** for cultural nonprofit organizations across Washington state in amounts of **\$2,500 to \$25,000**.
- Funding will provide essential capital to **Washington’s cultural organizations, including fiscally sponsored and tribal organizations**, whose primary mission is to produce or support arts and cultural activities.
- **Eligibility:** Organizations whose primary mission is to produce or support arts and cultural activities, and who have a minimum three-year average budget of \$25,000. There is no budget cap.
- **Timeline:** The grant program will open to applicants **January 4 – 31, 2023** with distribution expected in Q1 2023.
- **Information session:** Offered on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 11 am. https://artsfund-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_enG8c2oOTXKwM--HpaN6DQ
- The program will be informed by a **Community Advisory Panel** that will represent WA’s geography and individual lived experiences of Black, Indigenous People of Color, LGBTQ+ and Disabled People. The panel will work to ensure decision making is as close to the impacted communities as possible.
- The Community Accelerator Grant will invest in a stronger, more inclusive and thriving arts and cultural sector for Washington State by allowing organizations to **self-determine how best to utilize their funding**.
- The funds are intended to **boost arts organizations’ ability to invest in their missions** and essential roles serving communities across the state.
- Visit www.artsfund.org/accelerator to sign up for updates

FAQ

Q: Is a demonstrated loss from COVID required to be eligible?

A: No. This program was created without the need to provide documentation or demonstrate COVID impacts. Funding is unrestricted and will allow arts organizations to use the funds in whatever way they deem best.

Q: If you have already received funding from ArtsFund this year or last year, are you still eligible? If you are/are not part of the Cultural Partners Network, are you eligible?

A: All cultural organizations in Washington state should be eligible, regardless of their history of funding with ArtsFund in the past or their status as a CPN member. Receiving a grant from ArtsFund does not qualify or disqualify you from this program. Status as a member of the Cultural Partners Network does not qualify or disqualify you from this program. As long as you meet the other eligibility requirements, you should be eligible.

Q: Can individual artists and creative workers apply?

A: This program is for cultural organizations that have their own 501c3 status, organizations that are fiscally sponsored, and tribal organizations. It is not open for individual artists or creative businesses that are for-profit.

Q: Can an organization apply to fund a specific program that provides arts and cultural activities, even if the applicant organization's primary mission does not?

This funding opportunity is for organizations whose primary mission is to produce or support arts and cultural activities. If your primary mission does not fit that description, you would not be eligible, even if certain programs fit that description.

Q: My organization is located in Oregon/Idaho but many of our participants are Washington residents, can we apply?

Organizations must be located in Washington state to apply.

Q: How do I apply?

A: Applications will open January 4, 2023. Please sign up using this link to get notification of information sessions and application opening: www.artsfund.org/accelerator

Q: How will you ensure representation across WA State?

A: The program is being informed and shaped by a **Community Advisory Panel** that represents geographic and demographic diversity. The panel will work to ensure decision making is as close to the impacted communities as possible. Panelists include:

- Beth Takekawa, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (retired)
- Ginger Ewing, Terrain
- Jane Broom, Microsoft Corporation
- Karen Hanan, ArtsWA (Washington State Arts Commission)
- Katie Carter, Pride Foundation
- Lorin Schmit Dunlop, M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust
- Manny Cawaling, Inspire Washington
- Michael Greer, ArtsFund
- Molly Sanchez, Innovia Foundation
- Shelly Wynecoop, Spokane Arts
- Stephanie Ellis-Smith, Phila Engaged Giving
- Troy Coalman, Wellspring Family Services

Q: What is the timeline?

A: Information session: Offered on Friday, December 9, 2022. The grant program will open to applicants January 4-31, 2023. Funds are anticipated to be released in Q1 2023.

More Information and Press Requests

- Please direct any questions about eligibility or other elements of the grant program to grants@artsfund.org or 206-281-9050.
- Please direct any media and press inquiries to Calandra at calandrachilders@artsfund.org. Please also direct any requests for information from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation or Vulcan to Calandra so she can route to the appropriate recipient.