



2025 Rubric | Grants for Organizations

1. Mission & Organizational Focus

- Clearly articulate your mission, primary programming, and area of focus.
- Demonstrate how your project aligns with the grant's priorities.
- Clearly explain how your work contributes to the arts community.

✓ Questions to Consider:

- How does my project align with the grant's goals?
 - Have I clearly described my artistic or organizational mission?
 - Is it clear why this work is important to the community?
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2. Access & Innovation

- Show how your project increases **access** to the arts, especially for underserved communities.
- Highlight any **new or innovative** elements that make your project unique.

✓ Questions to Consider:

- Who will benefit from this project, and how am I expanding access to the arts?
 - What makes my project innovative or distinct?
 - Have I provided specific examples of how my work reaches new audiences?
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3. Artist Involvement & Compensation

- Clearly define the roles of all artists involved in the project.
- Demonstrate a commitment to **fair artist compensation** and equitable treatment.

✓ Questions to Consider:

- Have I identified and described the artists involved?
 - Is there a plan for fair compensation and acknowledgment of artistic labor?
 - How does my project support and uplift artists?
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4. Impact & Accessibility



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- Outline how your project removes **barriers to participation** (e.g., financial, physical, social).
- Show how your project engages **diverse communities** (e.g., seniors, individuals with disabilities, intergenerational groups).
- Provide a clear **plan to measure impact** (e.g., audience numbers, testimonials, engagement strategies).

✓ Questions to Consider:

- Have I identified and addressed barriers to participation?
 - How will I track the impact of my project?
 - Am I engaging with a broad and inclusive audience?
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5. Budget & Sustainability

- Submit a clear, **realistic budget** with transparent use of funds.
- Demonstrate **financial need** and outline how the project will remain sustainable beyond grant funding.

✓ Questions to Consider:

- Is my budget detailed and realistic?
 - Have I justified why this funding is essential for my project?
 - Have I provided a plan for financial sustainability?
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6. Overall Strength of Proposal

- Ensure the application is well-written, complete, and **compelling**.
- Clearly explain how funding will advance the arts in the community.

✓ Questions to Consider:

- Is my application **clear, concise, and free of jargon**?
 - Have I provided all necessary details in a compelling way?
 - Have I demonstrated why my project deserves funding?
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Final Recommendation for Applicants



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Before submitting your application, **review your responses using this rubric** and make improvements where necessary. The strongest applications will:

- ✓ **Clearly align with the mission of the grant**
- ✓ **Demonstrate accessibility and community impact**
- ✓ **Ensure fair artist compensation**
- ✓ **Provide a strong budget and sustainability plan**
- ✓ **Be well-written and compelling**

Using this guide will help ensure your proposal meets the expectations of the review panel and increases your chances of receiving funding.

Grant Info Sessions

- March 19, at 9 am (10 am for artists) **[RSVP here](#)**
- Friday, April 4, 2025 at 9 am (10 am for artists) **[RSVP here](#)**

Join us for an Info Session on the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod's Grants for organizations. We'll cover eligibility, project ideas, budget, the application process, and tips for crafting a compelling proposal. Please reach out with any questions you may have at info@artsfoundation.org.