



2017 RAAC ACTION GRANT APPLICATION

For individual artists, arts organizations, and non-profit organizations in Winnebago Counties

Funding available September 1, 2016
through August 1, 2017 or until Action Grant funds are depleted

2017 Action Grant Guidelines

1. Purpose and Funding The Rockford Area Arts Council is a non-profit agency for the arts in Northern Illinois whose mission is to promote, support and develop the arts for everyone. Funding for the grants is provided by the City of Rockford, Illinois Arts Council, and individual and corporate Arts Council members.

2. Eligibility

- Any individual artist or non-profit organization that demonstrates a commitment to the arts may apply.
- Projects must benefit Winnebago County residents.
- Preference will be given to first-time applicants.

3. What We Fund

- Support of artists and arts organizations in accomplishing **new** art projects.
- Projects that nurture the development of artists and arts organizations.
- Projects that support the increased quality and quantity of arts for youth in schools.
- Projects that increase and expand the promotion, visibility, and accessibility of the arts for everyone in the community.

4. What We Do Not Fund

- Operating support or deficit funding
- Capital improvements, permanent equipment, construction
- Fundraisers, benefits, receptions or other social functions
- Programs that require or promote religious activity as a condition for participation
- Out-of-state touring
- College or university academic program or scholarships
- Salaried positions

5. Deadline

- City Arts Action Grants are available beginning September 1, 2016 through August 1, 2017 or until funds are depleted.
- No application will be accepted after August 1, 2017.
- Projects must be completed by August 31, 2017.

Applicants will be notified pending receipt of funds from the State of Illinois.

Evaluation Process

6. Application Process

Submit **two (2)** typewritten copies of the following materials:

- Application with artists' resumes attached.
- Grant amounts are limited to a maximum of \$350.
- Applicants are limited to one application in the annual grant period.
- Applications must be submitted at least six weeks before the event is scheduled to take place.

7. Evaluation Process

All applications will be reviewed and funding will be based on the following criteria:

- Support of artists and arts organizations in accomplishing **new** art projects.
- Artistic merit.
- Degree to which project fulfills its purpose.
- Quality of planning and implementation.
- Projects that nurture the development of artists and arts organizations.
- Projects that support the increased quality and quantity of arts for youth in schools.
- Projects that increase and expand the promotion, visibility, and accessibility of the arts for everyone in the community.
- Applicants will be notified of the decision within three weeks of the time the application was received.

Rockford Area Arts Council 2017 City Arts Action Grant Application

1. Applicant (organization or individual*)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ e-mail _____

City/State/Zip _____

Year Organization Founded _____

IL House District _____ IL Senate District _____ Congressional District _____ Ward _____

2. Project Director/Contact Person (to whom application questions will be addressed):

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

3. Project name and brief description, being specific about who, what, why, when and where:

4. Application Date: _____ **Project Date:** _____

5. Amount of Request (not to exceed of \$350): _____

6. How will RAAC funds be used? _____

7. Name, discipline, and background of artist involved in this project (this information will help us to evaluate the merit of your proposal): _____

8. Number of volunteers involved: _____ **Number of people served:** _____

Please be very thorough and specific in the answers to the following questions

9. Describe your project and how it meets one or more goals of the Rockford Area Arts Council's goals (see guidelines).

10. How does your project further the development of your work or your organization's artistic work?

11. How will the Rockford Area Arts Council's sponsorship be promoted by this grant?

12. Project Budget; be sure that expenses equal revenues, and that you show that you need the requested amount:

Expenses (identify each item)	\$	Revenue (identify each item)	\$
Administrative		Earned	
Artistic		Contributed	
Other		In Kind	
		Rockford Area Arts Council Grant	
Total		Total (must equal expenses)	

13. We certify that the information contained in this application is complete, true, and correct to the best of our knowledge. Further, we certify that if this grant is awarded, all funds received will be used solely for the described activities in the manner specified in this application.

Authorizing official: typed Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Title _____

Project Director: typed Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Title _____

*If individual artist is applicant and any of the application questions do not apply, type "N/A".

PLEASE NOTE: ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO A.NABER@ARTSFOREVERYONE.COM