



COMMUNITY ARTS ACCESS GRANT APPLICATION 2023

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

November 16th, 2022



Rockford Area Arts Council Community Arts Access Grant Guidelines

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. We are funded by the Illinois Arts Council Agency, the City of Rockford and donors.

To be eligible for funding, an applicant must:

- Be a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization
- Be an organization or individual artist in partnership with a non-profit organization
- Operate within Boone, DeKalb, Ogle or Winnebago Counties
- Have submitted final or interim report if funded in previous year

What We Fund

- Artist Costs
- Art Supplies (consumable)
- Rental Fees
- Publicity Costs

What We DO NOT Fund

- Projects specifically funded by the Illinois Arts Council Agency
- Operating support
- Capital expenditures
- 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
- Deficit funding
- College or university academic program
- Scholarships
- Salaried positions
- Publications

Community Arts Access Grants Specifics

- No requests may exceed \$2,500
- Requests must not exceed 50% of the total cost of the project
- Projects should occur between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023
- Projects which foster collaborations among organizations and/or individual artists are encouraged
- Projects which increase access and outreach to the arts for underserved populations are encouraged
- Projects which support the quality, quantity, promotion and visibility of arts in the community are encouraged
- **New and unique projects will be given priority status**

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Rockford Area Arts Council Community Arts Access Grant Review Criteria

Funding Priorities:

- Support the quality, quantity, promotion, and visibility of arts for the community
- Increase access and outreach to the arts for underserved populations
- Foster collaboration among organizations and/or individual artists

Project Plan:

- Clarity in description of project
- Degree to which project fulfills its purpose
- Quality of planning and implementation

Budget:

- Balanced proposed budget page
- Evidence of cash match and in-kind contributions
- Evidence of additional and alternative funding sources

Organizational Capacity:

- Evidence of fiscal accountability of applicant
- History of sound management practices

Outcomes: (staff verified)

- Evidence of attainable, measurable, and manageable outcomes

Completeness of Application: (staff verified)

- All requested information provided by the deadline
- Prior grant final report or progress report submitted