



ARTS DOLLARS GRANTS

Visual Artist Grants

2022 Cycle Guidelines

Overview

The goal of Arts Dollars is to support programming and artists that enrich the quality of life in the Quad Cities region through the arts. It is our mission to make art accessible for all.

Applications are submitted online at www.quadcityarts.com. Applications should be prepared before beginning the online form, as you cannot save and return to your work, nor edit after submission. See the full listing of application materials for online submission below.

About This Category

Quad City Arts is committed to recognizing the impact of individual artists. Arts Dollars' Visual Artist Grants to provide support to artists who demonstrate exceptional creativity in the arts, innovation, and contribute to the vitality of the arts in the Quad City Region. Visual Artist Grants are an opportunity for a visual artist to grow professionally.

Due to funding guidelines, preference will be given to visual artists.

Individual Visual Artists are invited to apply for Quad City Arts first Visual Artist Grant. Artists will be asked to participate in two meetings and attend professional development workshops (topics and dates TBD). Artists will be granted \$5,000, where up to 20% can be allocated to "artist salary" and the remaining 80% can be used for materials and project costs. Visual Artist Grants are intended to give an artist the freedom to grow, as they see fit.

Review the scoring rubric available at quadcityarts.com for more details.

Funding

Support for Arts Dollars is provided by grants from the Illinois Arts Council Agency, the Hubbell-Waterman Foundation, and an anonymous funder.

Contact

Visit quadcityarts.com for staff contact information, call (309) 793-1213, or email ktrammell@quadcityarts.com.

Requirements

1. Complete applications and support materials must be submitted online by January 31, 2022.
2. Grant dollars must be expended between April 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022.
3. Individual artists must meet *both* of the following criteria:
 - a. at least 18 years of age
 - b. current resident of Rock Island, Henry, or Mercer county in Illinois, or Scott, Clinton, or Muscatine county in Iowa, for the past 12 consecutive months
4. Attend two meetings. Meetings will be scheduled with input from the chosen applicants.
5. Attend professional development session (topics and times, TBD)

Policies

1. Individual Artist grant funds **may not** be used to fund the following:
 - touring or travel outside designated counties for service
 - lobbying or support of a political party
2. Multiple applications are not allowed. Applicants may submit an application in one category only. Artists, organizations, and K-12 schools may participate in multiple Arts Dollars projects, but no single organization may receive more than \$5,000, and no individual artist may receive more than \$7,500 from this fund.
3. Quad City Arts staff cannot be paid with Arts Dollars funds. Arts Dollars funds may not fund projects executed by Quad City Arts. This expense may be covered by matching funds and must be described in project budget.
4. Organizations receiving funding from Quad Cities Cultural Trust are not eligible to receive funds from Arts Dollars Grants.
5. Grantees will be ineligible for Arts Dollars support for three years if they fail to meet any requirements listed in their grant agreement, including failure to file a final report.
6. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Extraneous and excessive materials may not be reviewed, at the discretion of the review panel.
7. Funds will be awarded based on scores received from a community review panel, subject to approval from the Quad City Arts Board of Directors. All eligible applications will be evaluated and rated according to the following criteria: Artist Resume or CV, Work Samples, and Narrative.

Application Form

The application form available online at www.quadcityarts.com will require the following information:

Please Note: Applications should be prepared before beginning the online form, as you cannot save and return to your work, nor edit after submission. For assistance with the online form, Kaleigh Trammell at ktrammell@quadcityarts.com or (309) 793-1213.

1. Applicant Information: Artist Name, Artist Contact Information, Artist Discipline(s), Amount Requested

Attachments

The following will be uploaded to the online form. No single file size may exceed 10MB; no application may include more than 20MB total attachments. PDF format is preferred, and links to media are acceptable.

NARRATIVE – In one page or less, address the following questions:

1. A brief overview of your artistic history.
2. What would it mean to you to be part of the first Individual Artist Grant?
3. What could you do with \$5,000?
4. Would access to professional development workshops created for artists impact you? If so, how? Is there a topic that you would like to see covered?
5. What is your overall artist vision statement?
6. Describe the artistic vision for the work samples submitted.

ARTIST RESUME or CV – Submit an up to date resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)

WORK SAMPLES – Submit one or more of the following as appropriate and describe the work sample(s).

- 5-8 images with title, media, dimensions, and date (include all information in one pdf if possible)

Final Report

All Arts Dollars grant recipients are required to complete a final report online within 30 days after the conclusion of the project and no later than January 31, 2023. All final reports must be submitted before any further funding will be distributed. The final report will include:

- Financial Report – How did you spend the grant dollars? (Reminder 20% can be allocated to salary)
- Documentation of acknowledgement of Arts Dollars support
- Written Report – What was the impact of \$5,000, what was the impact of the professional development, how could we improve the grant idea for the future?
- Testimonial or impact story to be included in Quad City Arts promotional materials

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