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ART WORKS Guidelines: Grant Program Description

*"The Arts . . . belong to all the people of the United States" **

Art Works is the National Endowment for the Arts' principal grants program. Through project-based funding, we support public engagement with, and access to, various forms of excellent art across the nation, the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, learning in the arts at all stages of life, and the integration of the arts into the fabric of community life. Projects may be large or small, existing or new, and may take place in any part of the nation's 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories.

We encourage applications for artistically excellent projects that address any of the following activities below:

- Honor the 2020 centennial of women's voting rights in the United States (aka the Women's Suffrage Centennial).
- Engage with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); Hispanic or Latino organizations; or the Native American, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian arts.
- Celebrate America's creativity and cultural heritage.
- Invite a dialogue that fosters a mutual respect for the diverse beliefs and values of all persons and groups.
- Enrich our humanity by broadening our understanding of ourselves as individuals and as a society.

*1965 Enabling Legislation for the National Endowment for the Arts in the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965

Matching grants generally will range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. No grants will be made below \$10,000. Grants of \$100,000 or more will be made only in rare instances, and only for projects that we determine demonstrate

exceptional national or regional significance and impact. In the past few years, well over half of the agency's grants have been for amounts less than \$25,000.

For more information about what we fund, see "We Fund/We Do Not Fund" in the box on the right.

To apply, choose a discipline:

- **Artist Communities**
- **Arts Education**
- **Dance**
- **Design**
- **Folk & Traditional Arts**
- **Literature**
- **Local Arts Agencies**
- **Media Arts**
- **Museums**
- **Music**
- **Musical Theater**
- **Opera**
- **Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works**
- **Theater**
- **Visual Arts**

If you have questions, **contact the staff** for the field/discipline that is most appropriate for your project.



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