



ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT GUIDELINES

Purpose

Organization Support Grants are available to support local arts organizations in Cabarrus County. The purpose of this grant is to stabilize and strengthen arts organizations that provide high quality arts programming for the citizens of Cabarrus County.

Application deadline: OCTOBER 13, 2023 at NOON via email to heather@cabarrusartscouncil.org

Eligibility

Organizations that meet the eligibility requirements below may apply for Organization Support Grants, however eligibility shall not guarantee funding.

An eligible organization:

- Is a private, non-profit arts organization classified by the Internal Revenue Service as 501(c)(3)
- Has a mission that focuses solely on the arts
- Is located in Cabarrus County and provides at least 75% of its programs and services in Cabarrus

Funding

- Organization Support Grants support general operating costs.
- Organizations that provide arts programs year-round may apply for up to 25% of their operational budget. Organizations may also request support for short-term capacity building opportunities (completed by June, 2024).
- Organizations may apply for one arts council grant per cycle.
Grant monies may not be used for: Capital expenses; Debt reduction; Food or beverages for hospitality; or Lobbying expenses

Capacity Building Opportunities:

The increase in Grassroots funding available this year is intended strengthen the arts ecosystem within each county. Describe how you will apply increased funds to improve your organization's ability to serve Cabarrus.

- a. New investments in operations or staff
- b. Training/ consultants for board development, diversity initiatives, strategic planning, fundraising, communications/ marketing, etc.
- c. Hiring artists and ensembles of color to facilitate programming

Application Procedure

- Grant Applicant Networking (5-6pm) and Workshop (6-7pm) at Cabarrus Arts Council, 65 Union Street South on Wednesday, September 13
- Please email completed application and all attachments to: heather@cabarrusartscouncil.org.
- If you require assistance email liz@cabarrusartscouncil.org the week before your application is due. Staff may not be able to assist you the day applications are due.
- Final reports are due no later than NOON on June 15, 2023