

Community Arts Seed Grants

At Cabarrus Arts Council, our vision is a vibrant Cabarrus connected through the arts. Our local creatives are often at the center of bringing people together. Community Arts Seed Grants are designed to make that even easier by providing seed funding for creative ideas to take root across our neighborhoods. Individual artists working with businesses, neighborhood associations, parks, schools and community-based organizations are encouraged to apply for assistance with project expenses associated with presenting creative experiences in Cabarrus.

Grant Award: \$250

Eligible Requests

- Event must contain an element that is artistic in nature, including performance, exhibit, non-commercial film, creative writing, or workshops/classes in a creative discipline.
- Event must include a physical, in-person event happening in Cabarrus County.
- Event budget should be reasonable and sufficient to execute the project within the project period.
- Event must be open to the public and either free or low cost for participants.
- The event(s) must take place between December 1, 2025 – April 1, 2026.
- Priority will be given to proposals submitted by creatives living within the community intended to be served.

Ineligible Requests

- General operating support, capital expenditures or fundraisers.
- Food or beverages for hospitality or entertainment functions
- Re-granting.
- Religious or primarily faith-based programs.
- Advocacy of specific political causes or candidates.

Application Components

1. Community Event Information: Describe what will be taking place at your community event, especially how arts are incorporated into the event. Be specific about dates, locations, the community partners confirmed to make the project viable, the names of creatives leading the event, who your intended audience is, and anticipated number of participants. (One page)

2. Artist Statement: Describe your artistic/ creative practice, your training, and your experience relative to producing this event.
3. Partner Letters of Commitment: Supply a letter from each partner providing the gathering space and other resources necessary for the event.
4. Budget: Provide a description of how the grant funds will be utilized, and if the project costs exceed the \$250 award, how additional expenses will be covered.

All grant recipients will be required to publicly market and promote the event(s) and include Cabarrus Arts Council logo and sponsor acknowledgement in those promotions. You will also need to submit a W9 form. Within 2 weeks of the event(s) grant recipient will need to provide a brief summary evaluating the success of the event, including photographs from the event and participation numbers (# of adults, # of children, # of artists).

Complete your application using this Google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_br4pe7gnmBSJUf1GTD20cSt4ReWp_PiTSzKPTlyiCvLEFA/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=104764881715031712338