



ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT GUIDELINES

Purpose

Grassroots Grants are available to support local arts organizations and programs in Cabarrus County. The purpose of this grant is to fund projects of high artistic merit including artist fees and travel, space rental, marketing, advertising, costumes, sets, props, music and equipment rental. This grant can also support limited operating expenses for organizations whose primary mission is in the arts.

Application deadline: September 15, 2026 at NOON via email to heather@cabarrusartscouncil.org

Application form: Available online at cabarrusartscouncil.org/grants/

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
- Has been in operation for at least one full fiscal year

Funding

- Organization Support Grants support programming and limited general operating costs.
- Organizations that provide arts programs year-round may apply for up to 25% of their operational budget.
- Organizations may apply for one arts council grant per cycle. Programs and reporting for any prior grant must be completed.

Grant monies may not be used for: Capital expenses; Debt reduction; Fundraising; Food or beverages for hospitality; prizes, tuition or scholarships; purchase of artwork; or Lobbying expenses

Application Procedure

- Grant Applicant Online Webinar August 19 (12noon – 1pm). RSVP to <https://forms.gle/ZJBq77yrMaWMaKX18> to receive link to attend.
- 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, 2027