



PROJECT ASSISTANCE GRANT GUIDELINES



Cabarrus non-profit organizations not qualifying for Operating Support may apply for Project Assistance Grants. The purpose of this grant is to support community programs that demonstrate artistic merit through engagement of arts professionals. Project Assistance Grants support exemplary forms of artistic expression in a variety of artistic disciplines (visual, performing, literary and multimedia arts).

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

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

Eligibility

Organizations that meet the eligibility requirements may apply for Project Assistance Grants, however eligibility does not guarantee funding.

An eligible organization:

- Is based in Cabarrus County
- Has tax-exempt status
- Is not a K-12 educational institution (Please contact liz@cabarrusartscouncil.org for Arts Education Grant)
- Project Assistance Grants may not be used to fund religious, history, or political programs.
- Has completed any projects that received grassroots funding in the prior year and submitted all required final reports.

Project Timeline

Funded projects must be completed between July 1, 2026 and June 15, 2027.

Matching Requirements

- Organizations may apply for up to 50% of the cost of the project.
- Grant funds must be matched in cash. In-kind contributions may not be considered for matching purposes, but may be documented as additional evidence of support.

Funding Requirements

- Project Assistance Grants may support artistic expenses directly related to the proposed project.
- Allowable fees may include artist fees, marketing, promotion, travel, contractual fees, rental or purchase of equipment and other project-related costs.
- Organizations may apply for only one arts council grant per cycle. Municipalities with multiple departments supporting projects should contact Liz Fitzgerald at liz@cabarrusartscouncil.org if you would like to submit a second application for consideration.
- All funding must be used for programming occurring in Cabarrus County. Grassroots Grants allocations must reflect all parts of our community, and we encourage applicants from throughout our community to apply.
- Project Assistance Grants fund project costs and may NOT be used for:
 1. Administrative staff or general operating expenses
 2. Activities concurrent with the project that are not arts-related
 3. Food or beverages for hospitality or entertainment functions
 4. Capital expenditures
 5. Fundraising events
 6. Prizes, tuition, or scholarships
 7. Purchase of artwork
 8. 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.