



Black Artists Fund Grant Guidelines

What is the Black Artists Fund?

The Black Artists Fund is an initiative to provide grants to fund new works created by Black artists to celebrate, build awareness, and amplify that creations of the many talented Black artists in Greater Louisville. The Black Artists Fund provides grants of \$500 to \$2,000 to Black artists for the creation of new work across all disciplines and styles (dance, music, design, folk art, theatre, visual arts, poetry, spoken word, literary, etc.).

The Fund for the Arts supports a full creative life for all and is committed to championing policies and practices of cultural equity that empower a just, inclusive, equitable community. At this moment in time, to assist in achieving a thriving, vibrant, inclusive, and equitable community, we are committed to investing in, lifting up, and celebrating the voices and work of Black artists.

To read the Fund for the Arts Cultural Equity Statement, visit:

<https://fundforthearts.org/cultural-equity-statement/>.

Who may apply?

Black artists, artist collectives, and/or artist teams located in Greater Louisville*.

If you are applying as an artist collective or team, the collective or team may have a diverse makeup yet must be led by a Black artist. For collectives or teams of three or more artists, at least 51% of the team or collective membership must be Black artists.

*Greater Louisville is defined as Bullitt, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, and Spencer Counties in Kentucky and Clark, Floyd, and Harrison Counties in Indiana.

How do I apply?

Applicants may submit their Black Artists Fund application in one of three ways:

1. Responding to questions in writing in an online form.
 - a. To start your application, click here:
https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5723?SA=SNA&FID=35201
 - b. To continue working on your saved application, click here:
https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5723?SA=AM
2. Responding to questions in audio or video recordings, providing links to recorded responses in an online form.
 - a. To start your application, click here:
https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5723?SA=SNA&FID=35202
 - b. To continue working on your saved application, click here:
https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5723?SA=AM
3. Responding to questions in writing in a paper application.
 - a. To download the paper application, click here:
https://fundforthearts.org/fy21-black-artists-fund_paper-application/
 - b. To submit your application, email your application materials to
grants@fundforthearts.org

Please Note: Should you need support in completing your application (i.e., help with grant writing, access to a computer, etc.), please contact the Fund for the Arts Community Impact team at grants@fundforthearts.org.

What information do I need to provide in my application?

- ARTIST INFORMATION



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- Name and contact information
- Links to social media accounts that include examples of your work
- Your artistic discipline and style
- Number of years of experience
- Biographical statement
 - Include past artistic and/or activist accomplishments, current work, and future goals. Your statement can include artistic, personal, educational, and job-related experiences that are relevant to your application.
- Demographic information
- Work samples. You will be asked to provide up to 5 examples of your past work. Examples can be up to 5 pages of writing; up to 5 poems; up to 5 images; or up to 5 minutes of audio or video.
- WORK ACTIVITIES
 - Description of your new work.
 - Description of your inspiration (cultural, political, interpersonal, personal, interpersonal, historical, etc.) for the work.
 - Description of any support you may need to complete the work (i.e., volunteers, securing permits, securing walls for murals, etc.).
- WORK AUDIENCE
 - Description of your audience for the work and your relationship with the audience. Will the work engage a small group, large group, or a broader audience? A specific demographic(s), neighborhood, age group, etc.?
- WORK IMPACT
 - Description of expected results. How will you know that your vision for the work has been achieved? Will you have reached a certain number of people with the work? What change do you expect the work to create?
- BUDGET
 - Description of how funds will be spent.

Is there a funding limit? What are eligible expenses?

Applicants may request between \$500 and \$2,000 to support the creation of a new work. Black Artists Fund grants may be used to cover costs associated with planning, creating, and evaluating the impact of the work.

What is the timeline?

At least two rounds of funding will be awarded.

Round 1 Timeline	
Friday, July 10, 2020	Application opens
Monday, July 20, 2020 at 1:30pm	Applicant Info Session 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Link: https://zoom.us/j/92772602828?pwd=NG1GL0ROanc4Nzg2WFc2b0tuRzBzZz09 ● Meeting ID: 927 7260 2828 ● Password: 767869 Recording will be made available after the session
Monday, July 27, 2020	Round 1 applications due



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Wednesday, August 5, 2020	Round 1 grant award notifications sent via email
Friday, October 9, 2020	Round 1 work must be completed
Monday, November 9, 2020	Round 1 impact reports due

Round 2 Timeline	
Thursday, July 2, 2020	Application opens
Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 10am	Applicant Info Session 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Link: https://zoom.us/j/93351266981?pwd=d3JtaXNaM1NHeHUxZm4zSWZvK3I6QT09• Meeting ID: 933 5126 6981• Password: 187395 Recording will be made available after the session
Monday, August 10, 2020	Round 2 applications due
Wednesday, August 19, 2020	Round 2 award notifications sent via email
Tuesday, October 19, 2020	Round 2 projects must be completed
Friday, November 20, 2020	Round 2 project reports due

How will applications be reviewed?

A panel of independent peer reviewers will read the applications and make award recommendations. The reviewers will be made up of Black artists and community leaders who are representative of the applicant pool.

Fund for the Arts staff do not score applications. Fund for the Arts Board of Directors makes final approval of grant awards.

Please Note: Applications not awarded in Round 1 will be re-considered in Round 2.

How will the grant be paid?

Awardees will be sent a check for the full grant amount once the Fund for the Arts receives a signed grant agreement.

Please Note: The Fund for the Arts cuts checks on the 1st and 15th day of each month.

Who do I contact with questions?

You may email the Fund for the Arts Community Impact team at grants@fundforthearts.org.



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