

# 5x5 and Teacher Arts Grants (TAG) Information for Arts Organizations

## What are the 5x5 and Teachers Arts Grants?

5x5 and Teacher Arts Grants (TAG) support K-12 teachers and administrators in enhancing classroom instruction throughout the Fund for the Arts service area (Bullitt, Jefferson, Oldham, and Shelby counties in Kentucky; and Clark, Floyd, and Harrison counties in Indiana). Both 5x5 and TAG programs are directly connected to core learning outcomes and complement what students are learning in the classroom.

## Who is eligible to apply?

**To be eligible to apply** as a 5x5/TAG arts program provider, applicants must meet **all** the following criteria:

- Recognized as a 501(c)(3) for at least the last three consecutive years.
- Has a primary place of business in Greater Louisville.
- Employs at least one full-time equivalent (FTE) staff or contract person to ensure consistent delivery of programs.
- Maintains liability coverage of no less than \$1,000,000.
- Has skilled, trained teaching artists with classroom and teaching experience in the applicant's artistic area of expertise.
- Completes annual background checks on all teaching artists who interact with students. Guidance from JCPS is available for your reference [here](#).
- Be in good standing with current and/or previous Fund for the Arts grant requirements and reporting.

## Mission and Programs:

- Has at least three years of experience providing arts in learning programming in schools and/or out-of-school-time locations.
- Provides arts in learning programming at least nine months of the year and that aligns with at least one of the following artistic areas: Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literary Arts, Media Arts, Museums, Music, Musical Theater, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Arts, Theater, Visual Arts.
- Has arts in learning programs that are directly connected to core content and academic standards and can provide evidence of the connection.

## How do I/we apply?

- Please submit one application for each program your organization would like to offer through 5x5 and TAG.
- You are welcome to copy and paste into fields, but please avoid list markers and extra formatting.
- If you are a returning organization (an organization who provided programming in 2023-2024) who would like to submit a 2023-2024 program with some, or no, changes for 2024-2025 consideration, please complete the abbreviated application [here](#).

- Prior to submitting an abbreviated application, please review your organization’s descriptions as presented in the online 2023-2024 School Year 5x5 and TAG Program Brochure by [clicking here](#).
- If your organization offered a program last school year (2023-2024) that is not available in the upcoming school year (2024-2025), you do not need to include that program in the abbreviated application. Only programs submitted via the abbreviated and/or full application will be considered for 2024-2025.
- You may include up to 10 programs for resubmission per abbreviated application. If you would like to submit more than 10 programs for resubmission, you will need to submit multiple abbreviated applications.
- Arts program providers should not exceed 15 total proposed programs (new and/or old) for 2024-2025.

### What is the deadline to apply?

All Program Proposals are due in the Online Grant Portal by **11:59 pm, EST Friday, May 31**.

### Preliminary Timeline

Italicized rows are specific to teachers and administrators, but have been included for arts program provider reference. All times listed are EST. For the most up-to-date timeline, please visit [fundforthearts.org/5x5andtag/](http://fundforthearts.org/5x5andtag/).

Monday, April 8	5x5 and TAG Program Application Opens in the Fund for the Arts (FFTA) Online Grant Portal
Tuesdays 4-5 pm	<p>Arts Program Provider Applicant Virtual Office Hours with FFTA Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoom Link: <a href="#">Click here to join</a>.</li> <li>• Meeting ID: 835 5540 2129</li> <li>• Passcode: 393225</li> <li>• Call-In Number: +1 (312) 626-6799</li> </ul> <p>Virtual Office Hours are available for anyone planning to submit 5x5/TAG program proposals, to provide time for questions with FFTA staff. Additional resources include the recorded Information Session.</p>
April 24 12-1 pm	Arts Program Provider Applicant Virtual Information Session <a href="#">Click here to watch the recording</a> .
Friday, May 17	Deadline to receive staff feedback/assistance on application in advance of application deadline
By Friday, May 31 11:59 pm	5x5 and TAG Program Applications Due in the FFTA Online Grant Portal
<i>By Friday, May 31</i>	<i>Final 2023-2024 Impact Surveys due in the FFTA Online Grant Portal*</i> <i>*Pending School District Approvals</i>
By Friday, June 15	2023-2024 5x5 and TAG Invoices must be submitted via email to FFTA
By Friday, June 28	Applicants Notified of Program Approval Status with Draft Brochure

	Included for Review
By Friday, July 12	Final Brochure Edits Due to FFTA
Monday, July 22	<i>Teacher &amp; Administrator Application Opens in the FFTA Online Grant Portal</i>
TBA	<i>Teacher &amp; Administrator Applicant Virtual Information Session</i>
Tuesdays July 23-September 3 4-6 pm	<i>Teacher &amp; Administrator Applicant Virtual Office Hours</i>
TBA	<i>Teacher &amp; Administrator deadline to receive staff feedback/assistance on application in advance of application deadline</i>
By Friday, September 6 11:59 pm	<i>Teacher &amp; Administrator Applications Due in the FFTA Online Grant Portal</i>
Monday, September 9-Friday, September 20	<i>5x5 and TAG Teacher &amp; Administrator Application Review Period</i>
By Friday, September 27	Award Announcements emailed to school liaisons and principals + Arts Program Providers
September 30-May 30	Programs may begin after scheduling with arts program providers; All Teaching Artists must have required background checks complete prior to starting their program(s).
Friday, November 15	<i>Program Schedules Due in the Fund for the Arts online grant portal</i>
By Friday, May 30, 2025	<i>Final Impact Surveys due in the FFTA online Grant Portal*</i>  <i>*Pending School District Approvals</i>
By Friday, June 14, 2025	5x5 and TAG Invoices must be submitted via email to FFTA

### Questions?

Contact the Fund for the Arts Community Investment & Support Team at [grants@fundforthearts.org](mailto:grants@fundforthearts.org)