

Regional Artist Project Grant Guidelines 2017-2018

I. What is the Regional Artist Project Grant Program?

The Regional Artist Project Grant Program provides financial support to high quality professional artists in all disciplines to pursue projects which further their artistic development. The purpose of the grant is to provide support for projects that will take an accomplished artist to a new level of achievement, demonstrate growth and change in the artist's field, or help the artist to explore a new direction in his/her art discipline.

II. Who sponsors the Regional Artist Project Grant Program?

The program is supported by a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council and is sponsored locally with matching monies from the Hiddenite Arts and Heritage Center in Alexander County, Burke Arts Council, the Rock School of Valdese, Caldwell Arts Council, the United Arts Council of Catawba County, and McDowell Arts Council Association.

Applications for grants are available in the offices of any of the five sponsoring organizations.

III. What artists are eligible for grants?

Artists of all disciplines are eligible to receive grants. Applicants must have been a resident of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, or Catawba County for at least one year. Current staff of the sponsor organizations, board members, and immediate family are not eligible to apply.

Artists can be funded only twice in a five-year period. Only one application per person, group or household will be accepted.

Successful applicants should have a strong record of accomplishment in an art form. Though the artist may not earn a living exclusively through the practice of this art form, applicants should demonstrate a commitment to do so when and if it becomes practical. Applicants may choose to apply as an individual or as part of a group, but not as both. A group may only apply for the creation of a new work. It is required that all grant applications be reviewed with a staff person from one of the organizations sponsoring the Regional Artist Project.

Applicants must be 18 years of age at the time of application. Full-time students, or those seeking a degree, are not eligible for this grant.

IV. What projects are likely to be funded?

The Regional Artist Project Grant Committee is interested in assisting in the career development of artists. Therefore, the committee expects to receive diverse project proposals. Projects funded may NOT begin before November 1, 2017 and must be completed by June 1, 2018. The relationship of the project to career advancement must be well defined.

Typical grant awards might include funds for expenses in the following areas:

1. Presentation: Cost of producing a CD for a composer(s), a DVD for a choreographer(s), a portfolio for an artist(s), editorial assistance for a writer(s), etc.
2. Travel: Attendance at workshops or seminars such as portfolio preparation, proposal writing, or effective presentation of talent.
3. Services: Rental of facilities for presentation of new work.
4. Supplies and Equipment: Purchase of equipment or purchase of supplies and materials necessary for the completion or production of work, which is deemed by the artist/artistic group to be pivotal to career development. Funding will not be given for projects which result in reproduction of a visual artists' work.
5. Training: Advanced study or coaching that will enhance artistic abilities
6. Creation of new work.

V. What criteria will be used?

Generally, the criteria will include:

1. Serious professional commitment
2. Overall excellence of the work and demonstration of exceptional talent
3. Contribution to professional artistic growth
4. Practicality of the project budget and complete budget detail
5. Applicant's ability to complete the project

VI. How much money can I expect to be granted?

No more than \$1,500 will be granted to any artist or artistic group. Often, only partial funding is awarded.