



REGIONAL ARTS
COMMISSION
OF ST. LOUIS

Artist Support Grant Restrictions

Artist Support Grants are designated for artists living in St. Louis City and St. Louis County.

Definition

RAC defines an individual artist as an individual regularly creating, practicing, performing, and presenting an artistic or cultural practice with the intention of communicating through self-expression, passing on of traditional knowledge, or offering the community cultural resources and experiences.

Disciplines

Artistic and cultural practice includes, but is not limited to dance, design, folk and traditional arts, literary arts, media arts, music, presenting and multidisciplinary works, theatre arts, visual arts, social practice, and public art.

RAC understands artistic and cultural practices are defined broadly. RAC is unable to consider applications from individuals whose main connection to the arts is through *arts administration* or *commercial merchants or vendors* working in fields such as but not limited to: content creation; curation; baking and culinary arts; cosmetology and skincare products; interior, landscape design; event planning and production; and wellness and fitness.

**Content Creation is the process of producing and sharing media on specific topics/interests. Content Creators whose primary subject matter falls outside of RAC's supported artistic disciplines are not eligible for Artist Support. For example, creators who produce and share educational, lifestyle, tourism, or wellness content are not eligible.*

**Curation, the presentation of other artists works including archiving, journalism, commission, criticism, or where the applicants work is not the primary content.*

Additionally:

A proposed project cannot receive funding from multiple RAC grant opportunities. This includes:

- Projects where an individual artist is partnering with, employed by, or contracted by a RAC organizational grant recipient, and
- Individual artists collaborating on the same project and applying separately.
- Multiple applications for the same project will render all applications ineligible to receive funding.

An individual artist cannot submit multiple applications.

- If you as an individual artist plan to submit an individual application AND an application as a principal of a 501c(3) organization, please email grants@racstl.org before proceeding.

An individual artist cannot have multiple open grants.

- Prior and active grants must be closed out with the submission of a final report before applying for another RAC grant opportunity. If you have questions about eligibility, please reach out to grants@racstl.org.

Grant funds cannot be designated for such things as:

- Personal vacation
- College tuition
- Any items not directly related to an artist's professional, artistic, or project development.

Grant funds may not pay for projects for which the main intent is fundraising or charity.

No part of the grant may be used for reimbursement of expenses prior to the grant activity period (2026 Artist Support Grant period: November 1, 2026 – October 31, 2027)

Any funds not expended for the purposes of the grant as applied for must be returned to RAC.

No part of the grant may be used directly or indirectly to participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office or to attempt to influence legislation or to support or promote, directly or indirectly, terrorism or violent acts.

Organizations are ineligible to apply.