



REGIONAL ARTS
COMMISSION
OF ST. LOUIS

Organizational Grant Eligibility & Restrictions

Organizational Grants are available to arts and culture mission-driven nonprofit organizations that produce and present arts and culture programming in St. Louis City and County.

GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Eligible organizations meet the following requirements:

- **Mission and purpose:** Arts and culture mission-driven nonprofit organization. The organization's primary purpose must be the creation, presentation, or utilization of arts and culture, as demonstrated by the organization's mission statement and operational budget.
- **Local focus:** Arts and cultural activities of the applicant organization must occur in St. Louis City and/or St. Louis County. Funding may not be used to support events that take place outside of St. Louis City and/or St. Louis County.
- **Nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization:** Organization remains in "good standing" as a nonprofit corporation in the State of Missouri and 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or a unit of federal or local government such as a library, county, or municipal agency.
- **Arts programming:** Organization must execute annual arts programming. Programming must be publicly accessible.
- **Timeframe:** The activities and/or operations for which the applicant is applying must take place between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027.

Organizational Grants are not available for:

- Degree-granting institutions and educational institutions, including childcare centers, pre-school, elementary, middle, and high schools, and colleges and universities are ineligible to apply. Organizations that are closely affiliated with such institutions are encouraged to contact RAC prior to applying to ensure eligibility.
- Programs, projects, or events not accessible to the public.
- Grants to non-arts nonprofit organizations. Non-arts nonprofit organizations should apply to Program Support.
- Grants to individuals, including artists. Individual artists with project ideas should apply to the Artist Grants program.

- Projects for which the selection of artists or art works is based upon criteria other than artistic and/or cultural significance.
- Benefits, fundraisers, or awards programs.
- Programs that are part of a religious service.
- Political advocacy.
- Construction, purchase, or renovation of facilities. (Design fees, preparing space for an exhibit, installation or de-installation of art, and community planning are eligible.)
- Cash reserves or endowments.
- Deficit or debt reduction efforts.
- Tuition assistance.
- Costs of receptions and social activities, except when incidental and related to arts activities.