

What actions by the MO legislature will better assist RAC and other arts orgs in the region? In other words, what can we ask them to do on RAC's behalf?

It is important to express the importance of the arts section to all of our elected officials. The arts and culture sector contributes more than 57 million dollars to the state and local economies.

What do you anticipate will be the average grant amount in 2022?

We estimate \$5,000 for program grants and \$2,500 for artist support grants. This number could change based on our actual revenues in 2022.

How will the grant application and review process change in 2022?

The primary change to the grant application and review process will be the implementation of our new grants management system, Blackbaud GMS. The user interface will be easy to use and the entire process from application to payment will take place in the 2022 calendar year. We will post updated guidelines and informative webinars about the grant process on our website in January 2022.

When will the RAC building re-open to the public or events and meetings?

At this time, RAC is currently evaluating when to reopen to the public. Due to staffing capacity, it is likely the building will remain closed through first quarter of 2022.

What grants and programs are cancelled, postponed and/or not going to happen in 2022?

RAC is postponing its Artist Fellowship grants and the Teaching Artist Institute in 2022.

When will RAC accept new proposals?

Applications will be accepted starting in February 2022 for the program grants and the artist support grants.

Have you changed your policy to again allow nonprofits that present arts programs to be funded? If not, is that in the future plans? If it is, when will this occur?

RAC traditionally has supported all organizations who present arts programs through its program support grants. In 2021, RAC made an adjustment to focus primarily on arts organizations because of a decline in revenue. In 2022, funding will once again be made available for non-arts organizations who have arts programming to apply for program support funding.

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How can citizens contribute toward RAC's efforts to support the arts ecosystem in the St. Louis region?

Three easy things! 1.) Be sure to sign up for the latest news and information from RAC [here](#). 2.) Please consider supporting RAC financially [here](#). 3.) Call or email your local elected officials and make sure they support 5% pandemic rescue funding for RAC! [Learn more about the 5% campaign](#). Also, let your legislators know that RAC needs a seat at the table concerning any economic plans or initiatives.

Will that include university-affiliated arts programs? Those were made ineligible prior to 2020.

While all arts-related programs are welcome to apply for program support grants in 2022, we are still reviewing our guidelines concerning university-affiliated arts programs. Please visit RAC's website in the new year for updates.

How will allocation for program support be determined and what will be the amounts given?

Based on 2022 hotel/motel tax revenue projections, we have allocated \$650,000 for program support grants in 2022. This is about half of our pre-covid program support budget.

Will artists who requested artist support grant prior to covid name be move to the top of the list?

The 2022 artist support grant application will be made available to all eligible artists in the region. We will work to ensure we communicate the application process broadly to maximize participation.

Is there a minimum revenue requirement to apply for a program or operating grant?

We will not be offering new general operating support grants in 2022. Our current cohort of grantees will remain the same through 2022.

Are there any specific recommendations for what stands out to RAC for successful grant applications? Is it presentation of art alone, or are youth and DEI-focused programs given heavier priority?

RAC will post updated criteria, guidelines and informative webinars about the 2022 grant process in January. We want to make sure the process is effective and efficient. RAC will only ask for data that is relevant and useful. We believe our stakeholders and grantees will be pleased with our application process in the new year.