2024 Grants Guide

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture's mission is to inspire and strengthen the community by investing in arts and culture. In 2023, CAC will be accepting applications for its 2024-25 General Operating Support, 2024 Project Support, and 2024-25 Cultural Heritage grants. To learn more about CAC, visit: www.cacgrants.org.

CAC Grant	General Operating Support (GOS)	Project Support (PS)	Cultural Heritage Grant (CH)
What is it?	**Multi-year core support** grants to qualifying organizations with a primary mission of art and culture in Cuyahoga County.	Annual grants of up to $20,000 for arts and culture **projects**.	Flexible support grants for **qualifying cultural heritage organizations** with a primary mission of arts and culture and a budget under $500,000.
Who can apply?	Organizations that have previously received and successfully completed at least two Project Support grants or at least one General Operating Support grant from CAC	New applicants and returning Project Support grantees	Organizations that have previously received and successfully completed at least two Project Support grants or at least one Cultural Heritage grant from CAC
Eligibility Requirements	Applicant must: - Have a primary mission of arts or culture - Have a permanent/viable base in Cuyahoga County for at least 3 years - Be and have been a 501c3 for at least 3 years. - Be incorporated and authorized to do business in Ohio as verified by the Secretary of State - Employ at least one paid staff member for a minimum of 2 years	Applicant must: - Be a 501c3 organization **not serving as a fiscal sponsor or agent** - Have a permanent/viable base in Cuyahoga County for at least 1 year - Be incorporated and authorized to do business in Ohio as verified by the Secretary of State. - Have produced or presented arts and/or cultural program(s) in Cuyahoga County that are open to the public within the previous two years	Applicant must: - Have a primary mission of arts or culture - Have a permanent/viable base in Cuyahoga County for at least 2 years - Be a 501c3 organization. - Be incorporated and authorized to do business in Ohio as verified by the Secretary of State - Have an organizational budget (expenses) up to $500,000 - Must be authentically representative of the culturally specific population they serve

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Required Financial Documentation	Independently certified financial audit/review for **2020, 2021 and 2022**	990-N, 990, or 990EZ. An organization eligible for a maximum request amount over $5,000 may also need to submit additional documentation per the guidelines.	Most recently completed **990 or 990 EZ**
Grant Period	**2-year grant commitment** Jan. 1, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2025	**1 year** January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024	**2-year grant commitment** Jan. 1, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2025
Eligibility Check Deadline	**Thursday, June 1, 2023 by 4:30pm ET**		
Application Deadline	**Thursday, August 3, 2023 by 4:30pm ET**		
Grant Size	Determined by formula. See guidelines for detail.	Determined by a formula process. Grants range from $1,000 to $20,000.	Determined by a formula process. Grants range from $5,000 to $30,000.
Application Basics	narrative questions; financial snapshot; organization assessment; support material; demographic information and SMU|DataArts Cultural Data Profile. *Current GOS grant recipients that have received four consecutive years of CAC funding do not need to complete an application for funding in 2024. These organizations still must complete the Eligibility Check.	narrative questions; project budget; support materials; and SMU|DataArts Cultural Data Profile **(CDP optional for organizations whose maximum grant amount request is up to $5,000).** *Qualifying 2023 PS Grantees may not need to complete an application to receive a 2024 PS grant. These organizations still must complete the Eligibility Check.	narrative questions; financial snapshot; organization assessment; support materials; demographic information and SMU|DataArts Cultural Data Profile. *Current CH grant recipients do not need to complete an application for funding in 2024; they are eligible to receive a 2024-2025 CH grant. These organizations still must complete the Eligibility Check.

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Match Component	1:1 cash match required. For every CAC dollar you receive, you must raise one dollar from another source.	1:1 cash match required. For every CAC dollar you receive, you must raise one dollar from another source. For organizations whose maximum grant request amount is $5,000, 50% of match can be met through in-kind support.	1:1 cash match required. For every CAC dollar you receive, you must raise one dollar from another source.
Reporting requirements	4 reports over 2-year grant period (2 mid-year and 2 year-end reports with goal setting)	1 final report due 30 days after project is completed.	4 reports over 2-year grant period (2 mid-year check-ins and 2 year-end reports with goal setting)
Guidelines	Full guidelines for the 2024 – 25 General Operating Support grant.	Full guidelines for the 2024 Project Support grant.	Full guidelines for the 2024-2025 Cultural Heritage grant.
Have questions?	Please contact our grantmaking team.		