ARTS RESILIENCY INITIATIVE
General Operating Awards

Ohio Arts
COUNCIL

AWARDS: Eligible applicants may request $2,000, $3,000, or $5,000. No cash match is required. An organization may receive only one ARI award.

ELIGIBILITY: All applicants must possess nonprofit status or nonprofit intent. Applicants may be: 1) arts and cultural organizations in any arts discipline (literature, performing arts, visual arts, traditional arts, multidisciplinary arts, etc.); 2) other organizations that provide arts programming (government entities, social service agencies, etc.); or 3) educational organizations (public, private, charter, and parochial schools from pre-kindergarten through university level) providing arts programming in a community setting. The OAC has board adopted funding restrictions, please review these prior to applying; see the Introduction and Overview for details.

Because this grant is for targeted, one-time relief, organizations are ineligible for this award if they:

- received a FY 2022 OAC operating support award via Sustainability or Arts Access, or OAC project support award via ArtSTART, ArtsNEXT, or Arts Partnership

- received a 2020 CARES Act award via the Ohio Arts Council, Arts Midwest, or the National Endowment for the Arts

- received a 2021 Shuttered Venues Operating Grant (AKA Save Our Stages)

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Applications reviewed and awarded first come, first served, at least two weeks prior to planned activities, until January 30 or until funds are exhausted.

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Organizations that received other types of COVID-19 related assistance—such as Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) assistance, unemployment assistance, or government loans—are eligible to apply.

HOW THE INITIATIVE WORKS: ARI General Operating Awards are one-time awards that support arts and cultural nonprofit organizations—as well as other Ohio nonprofits using the arts to improve their communities —seeking to engage audiences, present the visual or performing arts, create new artistic works, educate children or adults using the arts, or conduct a range of other creative activities and general arts programming. Funds can be used for a wide variety of artistic and/or administrative expenses, including but not limited to the following: personnel, production, marketing, supplies, planning, education, accessibility, and evaluation. Equipment purchases of up to $1,000 are also permitted. The budget section of the application in the OAC's online grant system ARTIE provides a full list of allowable expense areas. Please refer to the Introduction and Overview for a list of activities the OAC cannot fund (e.g., activities that have already begun/occurred, payments to students, out-of-state travel, food or drink, etc.).

Awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis beginning October 18, 2021, with applications reviewed on an ongoing basis to expedite turnaround time. Activities should occur no earlier than two weeks from the date your application is submitted, and must take place between November 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022. Grants will be made until funds are exhausted, or until January 30, 2022, whichever comes first.

Applicants should apply for awards of either $2,000, $3,000, or $5,000. Although the OAC Board will ultimately determine all award amounts, applicants are encouraged to apply for award sizes commensurate with the annual arts programming budget (or overall budget, in the case of arts organizations) of their most recently completed fiscal year:

- Organizations with annual arts budgets less than $50,000 should consider requesting $2,000;
- Organizations with annual arts budgets of between $50,000 and $250,000 should consider requesting $3,000;
- Organizations with annual arts budgets larger than $250,000 should consider requesting $5,000.

Funded organizations will receive 75 percent of their award at the beginning of their grant period (following submission of a Grant Agreement). The remaining 25 percent will be released at the conclusion of the grant period (as specified in an organization's application, or June 30, whichever comes first, following submission of a completed Final Report).

All ARI General Operating Award grantees will also be provided OAC staff outreach to ensure that they are made aware of future opportunities to apply for regular OAC awards at upcoming deadlines. Applicants will be particularly encouraged to apply to one of the OAC's regular grant programs during the spring of 2022 to support activities in the 2023 fiscal year (July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023). Details are available at the OAC's Grants page.

HOW TO APPLY: Applications for ARI General Operating Awards are submitted via the OAC's online grant system, ARTIE. Organizations new to the system can get started now by setting up an ARTIE profile. After registering in the system, applicants should send an email to ARTIE@oac.ohio.gov to notify us that you are ready to move ahead with your ARI General Operating support grant application.

REVIEW CRITERIA: Applications will be awarded funds provided they satisfy these review criteria:

1. Activities must be of artistic, educational, or cultural value
2. Activities are overseen by qualified administrative personnel
3. Activities are planned thoughtfully
4. Application clearly describes what success for the project will look like
5. Application clearly describes how project funds will be used
6. Activities will engage a diverse range of participants

A streamlined application process will be employed to ensure award equity and accessibility.

TIMELINE

DATE	TASK/DEADLINE
October 18, 2021	Online application available (first-come, first-served)
November 1, 2022	Funded activities may begin; first installment (75%) of award paid upon submission of signed Grant Agreement
January 30, 2022	Last date for new applications (if funding remains)
June 30, 2022 (or sooner for some projects)	Funded activities end; final installment (25%) of award paid upon completion of Final Report