



Head Start Arts Integration Grant Guidelines | FY2017

Head Start Arts Integration Grants support arts integration experiences for early education teachers and students in Head Start schools.

Who May Apply

The applicant must be a Vermont arts organization or nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status that:

- has been in operation for at least one year prior to submitting an application
- has a [Dun and Bradstreet number](#)
- complies with the requirements of Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (504), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the ADA Amendment Act of 2008, and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design as well as the 2010 ADA Title III regulations for nondiscrimination

Who May Not Apply or Receive Funding

- Organizations that have received any other Arts Council grant in FY2016 to support the same project
- Organizations that have received Arts Council grants previously and have not completed reporting as required

Grant Amounts and Matching Requirements

Grant amounts are up to \$4,000. Grant amounts are dependent upon federal and state funding and are subject to change. A 1:1 cash match is required. 75% of the grant amount will be paid on receipt of a signed contract; 25% will be paid on receipt of the final report.

Criteria for Selection and Expectations

The primary focus and purpose of the Head Start Arts Integration partnerships must support teacher and student learning in early arts education. Additionally, the proposed partnership must:

- include a partnership with a Head Start agency or school(s)
- use teaching artist(s) selected from [the Council's Teaching Artist Roster](#), or teaching artist(s) who can demonstrate both the excellence of their artistic work and their ability to deliver high-quality arts integration residencies in an early education setting
- demonstrate a reasonable budget and well-planned timeline/schedule
- ensure high-quality arts integration experiences for students and teachers
- include a plan for collaboration and fostering of relationships between all partners involved, as well as a system of evaluation in place

Application and Deadline

Applications are available online for activities that begin on or after September 1, 2016 and end by August 31, 2017. The Council reserves the right to work with the applicant to improve or clarify the grant requests before funding decision are made. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

Preparing your Application

In the online application, you will be asked to provide:

- a description of the proposed arts integration partnership with a Head Start agency or school(s) and answers to narrative questions
- the names of the artists/people involved in the project
- artistic support materials (e.g., images, videos)
- the teaching artist's resume, evidence of quality of the teaching artist's professional work, and evidence of the artist's ability to work with teachers and students in an early education setting (only if not using a teaching artist from the Arts Council's roster)
- a reasonable budget and well-planned timeline/schedule

Access and Non-Discrimination Policy

The Vermont Arts Council is committed to supporting entities that maintain an environment free from discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic bias, disability, citizenship, veteran status, or other category protected by applicable state or federal law. Arts Council grant recipients who receive federal or state funds must be in compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (504), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the ADA Amendment Act of 2008, and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design as well as the 2010 ADA Title III regulations for nondiscrimination.

Questions?

Inquiries about the Head Start Arts Integration grant program should be made by [email to Erika Lowe](#), or by calling 802.828.3778.

Inquiries about using the online granting system should be made by [email to Troy Hickman](#) or by calling 802.828.3292.