Artist Development Grant | FY2021 Guideline Changes

The Vermont Arts Council supports the work of artists through professional development, funding, and other resources. Each year, using feedback from applicants and panelists, we review our grantmaking to improve the application process for artists, and increase our impact. A comprehensive list of changes to the FY2021 Artist Development Grant Guidelines are as follows:

- **New** - Artist Development Grants support teaching artists in developing the necessary skills to provide instruction in K-12 schools remotely during the COVID-19 crisis

- **New - Eligible Expenses**
  - Now include adapting and responding to the current COVID-19 crisis

- **New – Who May Not Apply**
  - Artists who have received an Artist Development Grant between September 2020 and June 2021. (You may only receive one Artist Development Grant award between September 2020 and June 2021).

- **Clarification – This Program Does Not Fund**
  - The purchase of permanent equipment (valued at $1,000 or more).

- **Clarification - Grant Amounts**
  - Grant awards generally do not exceed $500, though higher levels of funding are considered if an artist demonstrates that the proposed activity will greatly advance their professional standing.

- **New – Criteria**
  - *Priority will be given to first time grantees and proposals for rare or unique opportunities.*
  - Weighted percentages for each of the criteria have been eliminated.

- **New – Deadlines and Notification**
  - An artist may apply to any of the three deadlines: **11:59 p.m. on either September 28, 2020; January 11, 2021; or May 10, 2021.**

- **New – Preparing your Application**
  - The narrative portion of the application may be completed by typing in the available text fields, or by uploading an audio or video recording answering the questions.
  - Additional details … such as … estimates for professional services – may also be necessary.

Questions?
Inquiries about the Artist Development Grant program should be made by sending an email to Dominique Gustin or by calling 802.402.4602