Artist Development Grant | FY2023 Guideline Changes

The Vermont Arts Council supports the work of Vermont 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. The list of changes to the FY2023 Artist Development Grant Guidelines are as follows:

- **Who May Apply**
  
  Individual Vermont artists who:
  
  - New (underlined) - are a practicing artist. VAC defines practicing artist as: A person that intentionally creates or practices art that:
    - is committed to devoting significant time to artistic activity, as is possible financially
    - works in an artistic discipline such as visual arts, crafts, performing arts (including music), literary arts, media & design arts, and multidisciplinary arts

- **This Program Does Not Fund**
  
  - New (underlined) - The Artist Development Grant does not fund academic tuition or projects that receive college credit; international travel; the purchase of permanent equipment (valued at $5,000 or more); lobbying expenses; fundraising events; the same project twice in the same fiscal year; or events that do not meet with our access and nondiscrimination policy.

- **Grant Amounts**
  
  New (underlined) - You may apply for any amount up to $2,000 – we strongly encourage applicants to apply for the LEAST amount of funding necessary for their request. Money is limited, and we want to be able to support as many artists as possible. No partial grants will be awarded – meaning you will either receive the full amount you apply for, or no funding. Grant amounts are dependent upon federal and state funding and are subject to change.
• Criteria

New (underlined) – Applications are evaluated in three areas:

  o artistic excellence, merit and impact
    The applicant demonstrates that the quality of the artists, instructors, professionals, activities, and/or services that the project involves will:
      ▪ positively impact the applicant’s skill and/or knowledge in a meaningful way
      ▪ increase the viability of the applicant’s artistic business
      ▪ make it possible to accept a rare opportunity

  o budget
    ▪ The budget demonstrates that the applicant anticipates the cost of the activity and can account for additional necessary revenue.

  o artistic practice
    ▪ The applicant demonstrates that they are a practicing artist, or artist group, working in an artistic discipline such as visual arts, crafts, performing arts (including music), literary arts, media & design arts, and multidisciplinary arts.

• Deadlines and Notification

New (underlined) - Application deadlines are September 6, 2022 and January 31, 2023 by 1:00 p.m. The proposed activities must begin after the grant application deadline and end no later than August 31, 2023. Award notifications are typically made within eight weeks of each application deadline.

Questions?
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