Creation Grant | FY2023 New Changes to Guidelines

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 FY2023 Creation Grant Guidelines and Application are as follows:

Grant Guidelines:

- **Clarification – Who May Not Apply**
  - Nonprofits and organizations

- **New Changes and Clarifications – Criteria for Selection**
  - **Artistic Excellence (60%)**
    - Removed - A clear description of the art form and/or the artist's creative process is included
    - Moved to “Impact” - The proposed work will potentially reveal something about the world by communicating unique perspective(s) or by inviting the viewer, reader, or audience to question, discover, and/or explore new ideas
    - Removed - Commitment to working in the chosen form is demonstrated
    - Moved to “Impact” - There is strong potential for public presentation
    - Added - the creative work demonstrates integrity and ethical use of material with specific cultural origins and content
  - **Project Management (25%)**
    - Weighted percentage changed from 30% to 25%
  - **Removed - Application Quality (10%)**
  - **New – Impact (15%)**

- **Clarification – Eligible Expenses**
  - Clarification - Creation Grant funds must be used only for the creation of new work. We encourage applicants to use the funding to pay for their time (and equitable compensation for other artists’ time if applicable).
  - Removed - The grant award may not be used for more than $1,000 towards the equipment expense
  - Clarification – The cost of travel within the United States

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