



Head Start Arts Integration Proposal Guidelines | FY2021

The Head Start Arts Integration program supports children and teachers in early education programs with direct opportunities to think, create, and learn through the arts, helping children gain appreciation for the arts and be better prepared for school. Organizations may request up to \$6,000 from the Vermont Arts Council to provide arts-based and creative programming for children and families enrolled in Head Start and/or to build the capacity of existing arts partnerships with Head Start during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Who May Submit a Proposal

The applicant must be a Vermont nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status, such as an arts organization or social service organization providing Head Start classes, that:

- has been in operation for at least one year prior to submitting a proposal
- has a [Dun and Bradstreet number](#)

Who May Not Apply or Receive Funding

- organizations that have received any other Arts Council grant in FY2019 to support the same project
- organizations that have previously received Arts Council grants and have not completed required reporting

Grant Amounts and Matching Requirements

Grant amounts are up to \$6,000. Grant amounts are dependent upon federal and state funding and are subject to change.

Criteria for Selection and Expectations

Head Start Arts Integration Grants support students and teachers in early arts education. Successful proposals:

- include a partnership with a with at least one of [Vermont's regional Head Start programs](#)
- engage children in the arts and connect children with artists
- employ a teaching artist(s) to lead arts or arts-integrated activities in at least one Head Start classroom
- directly or indirectly bring high-quality creative experiences into Head Start classrooms
- are designed to actively engage classroom teachers and support teachers beyond the project timeline
- demonstrate a reasonable budget and well-planned timeline
- have a system of evaluation in place

Application and Deadline

Send a completed proposal to [Troy Hickman](#) by May 6, 2021 for projects that begin on or after June 1, 2021 and are completed by October 31, 2021.

Preparing your Proposal

Proposals should include:

- a description of the proposed arts-integration partnership with a Head Start agency or school(s) and answers to narrative questions
- a timeline and set of activities that support and connect teaching artists, classroom teachers, and students
- the names of key artists and stakeholders involved in the project
- a reasonable budget

Access and Nondiscrimination 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 sending an [email to Troy Hickman](#), or by calling 802.402.4496.