



Head Start Arts Integration Grant Guidelines | FY2019

Head Start Arts Integration Grants support arts-integrated experiences for early education students and teachers in Head Start classrooms to help children become better prepared for school.

Who May Apply

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 an application
- 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 \$4,000. Current FY2018 grantees may apply for additional funding up to \$1,500 (total requests of up to \$5,500). A 1:1 cash match is required. Seventy-five percent of the grant amount will be paid on receipt of a signed contract; the remaining twenty-five percent will be paid upon receipt of the final report. 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](#)
- employ a teaching artist(s) in residence who demonstrates both artistic excellence and experience in early education settings to work in at least one Head Start classroom
- are designed to provide targeted support for children in reaching academic, social, and/or emotional outcomes
- are designed to actively engage classroom teachers and support teachers beyond the residency timeline
- demonstrate a reasonable budget and well-planned timeline
- have a system of evaluation in place

Current grantees (FY2018) applying for additional funding (up to \$1,500) should include a plan for addressing one of the following Council goals:

- increasing the number of children that learn in and through the arts. The Council invites applicants to serve additional classrooms in sites where they are currently working or propose working in sites and geographical areas that are not currently served by the program
- strengthening the quality of support for teachers and students. We invite these applicants to implement or hone new and innovative activities that can be a model to the field for improving learning environments

Application and Deadline

[Apply online](#) by September 19, 2018 for activities that begin on or after October 1, 2018 and are completed by August 31, 2019.

Preparing your 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
- a timeline and set of activities that support and connect teaching artists, classroom teachers, and students
- the names of the artists/people involved in the project
- the teaching artist's resume, evidence of the 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
- 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 802.828.3778.

Inquiries about using the online granting system should be made by sending an [email to Meredith Bell](#) or by calling 802.828.3292.