



BALTIMORE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON ARTS & SCIENCES

Recognizing the important role the arts, history and sciences play in the everyday lives of its citizens, Baltimore County's arts and sciences grant program is designed to ignite creativity in the region's cultural organizations, encourage public participation, extend outreach to students and diverse populations, and provide the residents of Baltimore County with a range of offerings that reflect the diversity of the County's cultural heritage.

Baltimore County encourages development of high-quality artistic programs through grants to cultural institutions and non-profit community organizations in the Greater Baltimore area.

The Baltimore County Commission on Arts and Sciences grant program is financed by funds recommended by the County Executive and appropriated by the County Council. Supplemental funding is made possible through a Community Arts Development Program Grant from the Maryland State Arts Council.

Information, applications, and deadlines for grant funding can be found at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/arts.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ARTS & SCIENCES PROJECT GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Purpose

Arts & Sciences Project Grants funded by Baltimore County government will help community-based organizations produce and present arts, science, history and humanities programs and activities in local communities in Baltimore County.

Eligibility

Community-based not-for-profit organizations in Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Howard, and Harford Counties are eligible to apply for funding for arts activities that take place in Baltimore County and serve Baltimore County residents. Project Grants provide funding support for specific projects, such as performances, exhibits, lectures, classes, and workshops. General operating support is not available through Project Grants.

All performances, exhibits, and activities for which project grant funding is requested must take place in Baltimore County.

Eligible organizations include arts organizations, after-school programs, civic groups, museums, religious organizations, schools, social clubs, and other community-based groups that present arts programs and projects.

Review Criteria

Review of Project Grants is based upon the following criteria:

- Quality of the proposed activities
- Service to Baltimore County residents
- Number of proposed activities that take place in Baltimore County
- Partnerships with County-based organizations
- Feasibility of the budget and funding commitments
- Ability of the applicant to carry out the proposed activities

Funding Amounts

Applicants may request up to 15 percent (15%) of the cost of the proposed arts activities. Project Grant funding requests may not exceed \$7,500. Grant funds must be used for specific projects and may not be used for general operating expenses.

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PROJECT GRANT USES

Allowable Uses for Grant Funds include but are not limited to:

- Paying artists, technicians, and individuals who coordinate arts activities
- Renting equipment needed for performances or exhibits
- Renting space needed for performances or exhibits
- Purchasing supplies or materials
- Publicizing events

Non-Allowable Uses for Grant Funds include but are not limited to:

- Programs/projects that are part of the regular school curriculum
- Purchase of or improvement to buildings
- Purchase of permanent equipment
- Activities that are primarily religious in nature
- Activities not open to the public or accessible to persons with disabilities
- Newsletters
- Travel out of state
- Organizations that fundraise with the purpose of turning over profits to a current Baltimore County grantee
- Support of fundraising, the profits of which will be used for a non-arts project or purpose
- Support of fundraising, the profits of which will be donated to a for-profit entity
- Re-granting
- Scholarships
- Formation of a school, church or community band

Deadline Information:

The support period for FY2017 Project Grants is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. All activities must take place during this period and must take place in Baltimore County.

<i>Application Deadline</i>	<i>For projects that will begin or take place between</i>
Thursday, March 24, 2016, 4:00 p.m.	July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017

Grant application and required documents available at www.baltimorecounty.gov/arts

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BALTIMORE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ARTS & SCIENCES TECHNICAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS

- Must comply with Title VI, Section 601, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which states that no persons, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination related to, the arts.
- Must comply with Title IV, Section 1681, of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Section 6101, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex or age.
- Must comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which states that no otherwise qualified person shall, solely by reason of his or her handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination related to, the arts.
- Must maintain complete and accurate records of all activities connected with the grant.
- Must notify the Director of the Baltimore County Commission on Arts & Sciences in writing if a significant change is made in any funded grant activity.
- Must give credit whenever and wherever credit is being given (e.g., flyers, brochures, posters, radio and television commercials, web sites, etc.), and verbally acknowledged as a program sponsor at an event as follows:

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In printed materials, signs, and on web sites, the Commission credit artwork should be used. Artwork may be downloaded from www.baltimorecountymd.gov/arts