CREATIVE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Supporting artists in the creation of new work.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, December 5, 2022 by 3:00PM
WHO MAY APPLY: Individual Artists ONLY
AWARD AMOUNT: $2500
PROJECT PERIOD: January 1 – December 31, 2023

Huntington Arts Council Creative Individual Grant supports local, artist-initiated activity, and highlights the role of artists as important members of the community. The grant is targeted toward supporting artists in projects of outstanding artistic merit and is open and accessible to the public. The regrant opportunity represents a “live and work” investment in local artists.

NYSCA embraces the widest spectrum of cultural expression and artistic pluralism and encourages funded organizations to demonstrate a holistic and comprehensive commitment to DEIA (diversity, equity, inclusion, and access).

NYSCA interprets underrepresented communities as including, but not limited to, African American/Caribbean, Latino/Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, Native American/Indigenous communities; people in geographically remote areas; disabled communities; LGBTQIA communities; neurodiverse communities; vulnerable aging populations; veterans; low income and unhoused populations; as well as justice-involved juveniles and adults.

Grant Priorities:
New for 2023 - priority will be given to new applicants and applicants not previously funded within the past 3 SCR grants cycles, this includes Restart. These applicants will have 1 point added to the fiscal managerial component of their project.

- Engage artists of all disciplines in creating new, original work (composers, musicians, writers, visual artists, etc.).
- Inclusive to artists at various career stages.
- Quality & authenticity of the creative process.
- The project enriches the cultural life and fulfills a cultural need on Long Island.
- Potential to nurture personal artistic growth and development.
- The project must engage a segment of the community through a public program, such as an exhibition or performance that is open to the public.

Eligibility:

- Applicants MUST live, own or rent a studio in Nassau or Suffolk Counties at the time of application and for the duration of the project. Proof of residence is required to apply in the form of a utility bill or driver’s license.
- Artists must be 18 years of age at the time of application
- Open to all disciplines
  - Visual Arts: Painter, Sculptor, Installation Artist, Photographer, Printmaker
  - Literary Arts: Poet, Novelist, Playwright
  - Music: Composer, Musician
  - Performance Arts: Choreographer
  - Media: Filmmaker, Video Artist
- Projects MUST be new – previous, continuous, or incomplete work is not eligible.

*Creative Individual Grants are not intended for interpretive work or artists presenting existing work.*

Program Criteria:
All community arts grant applications are reviewed for completeness and then sent to the respective panels.

Artistic Programming - Encompassing the visual, performing, media, literary arts. New projects that describe clear concepts, the artist's creative process and artistic growth.

Public Impact - An organized marketing plan that includes a variety of marketing platforms. Outreach to under-resourced neighborhoods or cultural groups and differently abled or linguistically diverse audiences.

Fiscal/Managerial - Professionalism of application, achievable and organized timeline. Project outcome is a tangible finished product and includes a culminating public event.

Budget - Sound financials, completed budget worksheet.

The criteria are weighted according to these percentages:
- Artistic: 50%
- Public Impact: 30%
- Fiscal/Managerial: 10%
- Budget: 10%
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Applicant Profile**: Submit general information including contact information, electoral district numbers, proof of residency.
2. **Project Profile**: Submit important details about your proposed project.
3. **Public Impact**: Describe in detail the public component, audiences you plan to engage.
4. **Fiscal and Managerial Profile**: Describe in detail the plan of your project, including how you plan to promote it and carry it out successfully. Be sure to include the anticipated date(s) of your event(s).
5. **Budget**: List your project income sources and expenses.
6. **Work Samples and Support Material**: Upload or provide web links to samples of past or current work. Upload a limited number (up to three items) of supplemental materials, such as: newspaper clippings, brochures, PR materials, Letters of Support.
7. **Certification of Application**: Verify the information in the application form.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

- ✔ Proof of County residency: current lease or mortgage agreement listing the artist’s name and NYS County address, driver’s license or ID card, voter registration card, utility bill.
- ✔ IRS Form W-9
- ✔ Work Sample
- ✔ Resume or Curriculum Vitae for Applicant Artist (maximum two pages)