The Frederick Arts Council (FAC) advances the arts in Frederick. Through a grant from the NEA American Rescue Plan Re-Grant Program, FAC will regrant to qualified 501(c)3 non-profit organizations and award stipends for individual artists projects.

BACKGROUND
The National Endowment for the Arts is grateful for the opportunity to help the arts sector recover from the COVID-19 pandemic through funding from the American Rescue Plan. The NEA recognizes this moment as an opportunity for the sector not just to reestablish old ways of operating, but to rebuild in a way that works better for all arts organizations.

KEY FUNDING DATES
- Applications are available at www.frederickarts council.org on April 29, 2022
- Applications must be received no later than Monday, May 30, 2022 by 11:59pm.

ORGANIZATIONAL RECIPIENTS
Award for Nonprofit Arts Organizations
Grants will be awarded to 501(c)3 non-profit organizations in the following amounts:
- $15,000 for budgets of $500,000 or more
- $12,000 for budgets of $250,000-$500,000
- $10,000 for budgets of $100,000-$250,000
- $5,000 for budgets of less than $100,000

Review criteria includes: artistic merit, service to community, organizational effectiveness. No matching funds are required.

Arts Organizations Eligibility Requirements
All arts organization applicants must meet the grant eligibility requirements listed below:
• Arts Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)3, U.S. organizations located in Frederick County

IMPORTANT NOTES:
For-Profit entities and Fiscal Sponsors/Agents are not eligible subrecipients.

Organization Allowable Expenses
Funds are intended to support day-to-day business expenses/operating costs and is limited to any or all of the following costs:
• Staff salaries and artist fees
• Marketing and Promotion Costs
• Costs associated with health and safety supplies for staff and/or visitors/audiences (e.g., personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.).
• Rent & Utilities
Grant Funds May not be Used for:
Capital improvements; Mortgage payments; regranting; general fundraising; alcoholic beverages; costs supported by any other federal funding; lobbying; purchase of equipment or property; political or religious activities.

Evaluation
Evaluation criteria for organizations will include artistic excellence, service to community, and capacity to implement.

Evaluation criteria for individual artists will include artistic excellence, relevance to community and ability to implement.

All grant recipients will be required to submit a Grant Report by July 30, 2023.

INDIVIDUAL RECIPIENTS

Stipends to Individual Artists: Artist fees/stipends in the amount of $2500 or $5000 to carry out specific art projects and activities.

Eligibility
• Individual Artists must live in Frederick County for at least one year prior to the application deadline.
• Individual artist grants support work in all artistic disciplines including Visual Arts, Dance, Music, Theater, Literature or Media/Multi-Media.
• Artists must be over 18 years old.
• No matching fees required

Allowable Costs
Individual artists residing in Frederick County
• Individuals: Support to individual artists may be allowable if the subaward is not a one-time monetary recognition award. Subawards to individuals must support specific activities and result in tangible outcome such as presentations, training, research, and/or creation of an artwork. Individual artists grants are considered a stipend to the artist for the work undertaken and completed.
• If awarded proof of residency will be required.

Individual Artists Grants Cannot include:
• Support for a one-time award to honor or recognize an individual’s achievement. (e.g., Lifetime Achievement Awards)
• Fellowships or other honorifics based on the quality of past work.
• Support for rent or food assistance, or any type of “artist relief” program where the funding is to alleviate financial hardship and does not require the artist to undertake and complete work.
• Support exclusively for the business expenses of individual artists (e.g., general operating support for individuals).

Evaluation
Evaluation criteria will include artistic excellence, service to community, and capacity to implement.

Awardees must comply to the following regulations and policy requirements (see full policy regulations).

These include requirements that:
• Prohibit discrimination
• Ensure accessibility of all facilities and programs funded with federal monies
• Provide for the protection of environmental and historic resources + more
FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Arts Organization Grantees must have a Unique Employer Identifier (UEI) that reflects the organization’s legal name and current, physical address. You will need to submit your UEI to FAC before you receive your grant funds. A UEI is easily requested through the System for Award Management (SAM.gov).

- Grantees must not be disbarred, suspended, or have any other exclusions or disqualifications from doing business with the federal government. This typically results from fraudulent activity. If this applies to your organization, you will know. But you will need to “certify” to FAC that you are not excluded or disqualified. You will do this through your grant agreement.

- Grantees will be required to track all expenditures made under this award and retain all financial records and other supporting documents related to the award for a period of three years from the date you submit your final report.

- Grantees must ensure that the funded project is implemented in full accordance with the US Constitution, Federal Law, and public policy requirements: including, but not limited to, those protecting free speech, religious liberty, public welfare, the environment, and prohibiting discrimination.

CONTACT

If you have any further questions please writing to info@frederickartscouncil.org –subject line CAN Recover or call 301-662-4190

For more detailed requirements, read here.