

2019-2020 Inspiration Grant Round 1

ArtsKC - Regional Arts Council

Preliminary Application

PLEASE NOTE: The Preliminary Application process is very competitive and less than 50% of those submitted are approved to move on to the next stage. So it is important that you provide enough clear details for the reviewers to understand what you plan to do and how it would help you in the professional development of your arts practice. Answers that are too brief, general or vague do not work in your favor.

The highest priorities for funding are projects or activities with the potential to have substantial impact on the career development and working capacity or efficiency of the artists involved. Applications for assistance with normal, 'business as usual' expenses involved with the applicant's customary art practice or professional activities are not a high priority for funding and are generally not funded.

If you have a question about the suitability of your idea for an Inspiration Grant, ask the ArtsKC Grants Manager: Heather Beffa, beffa@artskc.org.

Project Name*

NAME OF PROJECT: Please give your project a brief descriptive name.

Character Limit: 100

Project Description*

Please provide a description of the project or activity to be funded.

Character Limit: 3000

Amount Requested*

Inspiration Grants to a single individual applicant range from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$2,500.

Most grants awarded are for LESS than the maximum. The majority of Inspiration grants awarded range from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Matching Funds: Requests for \$1,500 or less do not require any matching funds. Requests for more than \$1,500 require matching funds for the amount of the request that is more than \$1,500; one dollar of additional revenue should match every dollar in excess of \$1,500.

For example, a request for \$2,500 would require \$1,000 of matching funds, and the project budget would total at least \$3,500.

Personal funds or in-kind resources can be used for the matching requirement if necessary.

Matching funds do not have to be secured before applying for the Inspiration grant, but it can be helpful to note the status of the funds.

Enter the amount of your Inspiration Grant request in the space below.

Character Limit: 20

Project Cost*

What is the total projected cost of the project or activity? Please enter the total of all expenses in the space below.

Character Limit: 20

Art Type*

Please choose a category for your project. If more than one of these applies, choose "Multidisciplinary Combination." If your project cannot be categorized in any of these ways, please choose Other, and write a quick detail in the next question.

Choices

Visual
Music
Dance
Theatre
Literature / Poetry
Multidisciplinary Combination
Other

Art Type - Other detail

Character Limit: 250

Use of Grant Funds*

What is the proposed use of the grant funds?

Character Limit: 250

Location of project or activity.*

In what geographical location does the project or activity take place? Select all that apply. If elements of the project are planned for both outside and inside the KC area, or in more than one area county, indicate that by choosing more than one item from the list below.

Choices

Outside of the Kansas City metro area
Clay County, MO
Jackson County, MO
Johnson County, KS
Platte County, MO
Wyandotte County, KS

Activity Dates*

For this round, supported activities should take place between October 1, 2019 and May 29, 2020, although they can extend before and after this period.

When will your project take place?

Character Limit: 250

Local Community Impact*

In what ways do you think this project could have an impact on the local Kansas City creative community, or on the community at large?

Character Limit: 2500

Are Other Artists Involved?

If there are other artists involved in your project in a meaningful way, please list them below and explain briefly how they are involved.

If you are applying on behalf of an artist collective or a performing arts group, please provide the names and artistic disciplines for others in the group.

Character Limit: 1500

Advancement of Professional Development*

Explain how this project will advance your professional development as an artist or arts professional. For example, how might it provide valuable training or experience for your work? Will it help your ability to earn more revenue as an artist, or to expand or change the direction of your work? Will it help you to work more efficiently, or perhaps to explore new ideas? All of these elements can be valid contributions to enhancing your professional development as an artist.

NOTE: It is often helpful to explain how this project relates to your previous art practice or working experience, as well as to plans and goals for your work in the future.

Character Limit: 2500

Marketing, Outreach, or Advertising*

How will people learn about your project? How do you plan to tell people about your project? Who do you intend to be your target audience? If there are any related expenses, make sure to include these in your budget.

Character Limit: 1000

Additional Information*

What other details about the project and your request for Inspiration grant funding would you like the review panelists to know?

If you are awarded less than the full amount requested, how would you consider adjusting your expense budget and/or making up the shortfall in revenue?

Character Limit: 1500

Project Budget*

Upload a budget document that includes all project income and all project expenses. The income should include the amount of your ArtsKC grant request. The source of any matching revenue, if required, should be shown. The total amount for expenses and the total amount of income should be equal to each other, so your budget is balanced.

This file may be an Excel, Word or PDF document.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Use the Resume, Artist Statement and Bio sections below to tell the panel about yourself, your experience, and your work in general.

Resume*

Upload your professional resume or cv, OR your artist resume or cv

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Artist Statement or Bio

OPTIONAL: Upload your Artist Statement or Bio

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Use the Work Sample sections below to add up to six samples of your recent or current work, especially works that are closely related to your proposal. Sketches, outlines, diagrams and other unfinished work are accepted, especially if it will help reviewers understand and imagine your proposed project.

Formats and limits

Files can be PDF, JPEG, GIF, PNG, Doc, Docx, Xls, Xlsx, Txt or CSV.

Include high-quality images that are not blurry or pixelated.

For writers, provide a total of no more than 10 - 15 pages of material.

For performing artists, add web links to music, video, YouTube, Vimeo, etc. Do not upload media files, because they do not work with our grants system. Type links in full "http" format in the boxes, and include passwords if needed. The committee has a limited amount of time to review applications, so links to short excerpts are best. They are unlikely to sample more than a short section of longer works, so guide them to the most important part.

Work Sample 1*

Upload a sample of your current work or recent work, or provide an internet link to it. Provide information about the sample in the box below. Include the most closely related or best work here, as the first sample.

Character Limit: 500 | File Size Limit: 2 MB

Work Sample 2*

Upload a sample of your current work or recent work, or provide an internet link to it. Provide information about the sample in the box below.

Character Limit: 500 | File Size Limit: 2 MB

Work Sample 3*

Upload a sample of your current or recent work, or provide an internet link to it. Provide information about the sample in the box below.

Character Limit: 500 | File Size Limit: 2 MB

Work Sample 4

Upload a sample of your current work or recent work, or provide an internet link to it. Provide information about the sample in the box below.

Character Limit: 500 | File Size Limit: 2 MB

Work Sample 5

Upload a sample of your current or recent work, or provide an internet link to it. Provide information about the sample in the box below.

Character Limit: 500 | File Size Limit: 2 MB

Work Sample 6

Upload a sample of your current or recent work, or provide an internet link to it. Provide information about the sample in the box below.

Character Limit: 500 | File Size Limit: 2 MB

If your application is chosen to receive a grant, ArtsKC will need some material with which to represent you to our donors and the general public.

Summary for Representation of your Project by ArtsKC*

Please provide a short summary about your project for ArtsKC to use in potential announcements, promotion and fundraising. For examples, read about some of our past Inspiration Grantees here. This summary may be changed or shortened by ArtsKC Staff as needed for social media or other purposes. Using information from this application, and without adding any new details, please write a summary with this outline:

Your name, type of artist, what you plan to do, why, with whom, where, and how. Grant funds will be used for_____.

Character Limit: 800

Image for ArtsKC's Representation of your Project*

All applicants must include at least one image for ArtsKC to use in public representation of your project, if you are awarded a grant. Images of the work itself, or of you working on the project

in your studio or other creative space are best.

You can include images that are already included in this application. In this case, please upload it again.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Diversity Questions

One of the many well-recognized benefits of the arts is their power to bring together people of diverse cultures, backgrounds, ethnicities and socio-economic circumstances. [Click here](#) for our official Diversity Statement.

As part of our commitment to be more equitable, we are gathering specific information from our applicants. The following questions are intended to help us learn more about the artists that reach out to us, and are **optional**. Answers to these questions are private, and are not shared with evaluators or the general public. Answers to these questions do not influence the outcome of your application.

If you are applying on behalf of a small group of artists, choose answers to the Diversity Questions that represent yourself.

If you prefer not to answer these questions, skip to the instruction at the bottom of the page: "Save, Preview, and Submit..."

Age range

Mark only one.

Choices

- 18-24
- 35-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75 or older

Gender

Check all that apply. If you choose Prefer to Self Describe or Other, please write in the next box.

Choices

- Female
- Male
- Non-Binary / Third Gender
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to Self Describe

Other

Detail for Gender: Prefer to Self Describe, or Other

Character Limit: 250

Pronouns

Mark only one. For Other, write in the next box.

Choices

he / his
she / her
they / their
other

Detail for Pronouns: Other

Character Limit: 250

Ethnicity

Check all that apply. For Other, write in the next box.

Choices

American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Hispanic or Latino
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Caucasian
Prefer not to say
Other

Detail for Ethnicity: Other

Character Limit: 250

Veteran Status

Character Limit: 250

Disability

Character Limit: 250

Sexual Orientation

For Other / Not listed above, write in the next box.

Choices

Heterosexual or Straight
Homosexual
Bisexual
Prefer not to answer
Other / Not listed above

Detail for Sexual Orientation: Other / Not listed

Character Limit: 250

Save, Preview, and Submit Application

We recommend clicking "Save Application," then, let the page reload. Next, click on "Application Packet," at the top of the page to **preview your application and attachments as a combined PDF, which is how our committee reviews it (not including diversity information).**

Up until the time you hit "Submit Application," or the deadline, you can return to your application online to revise and edit your request.

FINISHED? Be sure to click the **Submit Application** button!