

# 2021-2022 Inspiration Grant

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## *ArtsKC - Regional Arts Council*

### *Application*

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Inspiration grants are project grants for **individual artists** or **small groups of artists**. Visual, dance, music, theater, poetry, and interdisciplinary art applications are welcome. The purpose of these grants is to support ambitious projects of *risk, growth, and change* for the artist that also make a positive impact on the community.

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.

The application process is **very competitive**. Provide readers with **clear, specific details about what you plan to do**. Be persuasive. Answers that are too brief or vague do not work in your favor.

**Grant Amounts:** Grants will be \$2,500. Due to this change, ArtsKC is no longer asking you to define your requested amount.

We highly recommend that you read the [Inspiration Grant Information Page](#), which includes general grant application advice. Questions? Ask Tara Karaim, ArtsKC Grants Manager: [grantmaking@artskc.org](mailto:grantmaking@artskc.org).

#### **Project Name\***

Please give your project a brief descriptive name.

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#### **Project Description\***

Please provide a description of the project or activity to be funded. Make sure to include the basic Who, What, Where, When, Why and How details (although you can write this in the way you choose). Specify if your activity will be virtual or in-person. Include details about marketing, outreach, or advertising to reach your target audience.

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#### **Project Cost\***

Please enter the total of all expenses. (Upload your complete budget later in the application).

Projects must total at least \$2,500. Expenses may include (but are not limited to) materials, performance fees, artist fees, tools, and/or travel.

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## 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

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## 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

Clay County, MO

Jackson County, MO

Johnson County, KS

Platte County, MO

Wyandotte County, KS

Outside the Kansas City metro area

## Activity Dates\*

For this round, supported activities should take place between **April 1, 2022 and January 23, 2022**, although they can extend slightly before and after this period. When will your project take place?

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## Local Community Impact / Other Artist Involvement\*

Who is your target audience? In what ways do you think this project could have an impact on the local creative community, or the greater community?

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

If you are applying on behalf of a group of artists, please provide the names and artistic disciplines of your group.

*Character Limit: 2500*

## Advancement of Professional Development\*

Explain how this project will advance your professional development as an artist.

For example, will it provide valuable training or experience? Will it help you earn more revenue as an artist? Will it help you work more efficiently, or perhaps explore new ideas that expand or change the direction of your work?

It is often helpful to explain how this project relates to your previous art practice or experience, and how it relates to your future.

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## Project Budget\*

Upload a budget document that includes all project income and all project expenses. In-kind or donated resources should be included. The income should include the amount of your ArtsKC grant request. The total amount for expenses and the total amount of income should be equal to each other, so your budget is balanced.

We have created an OPTIONAL template that can be accessed <https://artskc.org/inspirationgrantinformation/-tab-id-9here>. This shows examples of what could be included. Please also consider setting aside the final payment - 20% of the grant amount - for potential tax liability.

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

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

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

## Resume\*

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

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## Artist Statement or Bio\*

Upload a short Artist Statement or Bio.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

## WORK SAMPLES

**Include samples of your recent or current work, especially works that are closely related to your proposal. Sketches, outlines, diagrams and works in progress are accepted, especially if it will help reviewers understand and imagine your proposed project.**

### Formats and limits

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

Images: Include high-quality images that are not blurry or pixelated. Here's an online tool:  
<http://resizeimage.net/>

Writing: Provide no more than 10 - 15 pages of material.

Music and Video: 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 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 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.

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### **Work Sample 2\***

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### **Work Sample 3\***

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### **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\_\_\_\_\_.

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### **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.

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## *Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Questions*

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### **OPTIONAL SECTION**

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, and to evaluate our outreach efforts as we strive to be a model of equity, 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, Equity and Inclusion Questions that represent yourself.

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

### **Age Range**

Mark only one.

#### **Choices**

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75 or older

### **Gender**

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

#### **Choices**

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

### **Detail for Gender: Other / Prefer to Self Describe**

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### **Do you consider yourself to be Transgender?**

#### **Choices**

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to Answer

## Pronouns

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

### Choices

- he / his
- she / her
- they / their
- other

## Detail for Pronouns: Other

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## Ethnicity

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

### Choices

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

## Detail for Ethnicity: Other

*Character Limit: 250*

## Veteran Status

### Choices

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

## Disability

### Choices

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

## Sexual Orientation

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

### Choices

Asexual  
Bisexual  
Gay  
Heterosexual or Straight  
Lesbian  
Pansexual  
Prefer not to answer  
Queer  
Other / Not listed above

### Detail for Sexual Orientation: Other / Not listed

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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.**

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!