

2025-2026 Mission Support Grant

ArtsKC - Regional Arts Council

Evaluation Form

Note to Evaluators - Thank you for reading!

Scoring and written answers will be considered during our committee meetings to consider for funding recommendations. We are committed to holding a respectful and dignified process for our applicants. In your writing, it's best to use constructive critique and professional respect. Your answers will be compiled for feedback to applicants, but anonymously, and may be re-worded.

Scoring areas are Highest: 10, Lowest: 1. Each scoring area is equally weighted.

Grant Application Name

Character Limit: 100

Artistic and Programmatic Excellence*

Does this organization demonstrate a record of excellence in artistic achievement and programming? Does it show a commitment to high artistic and programming standards?

Character Limit: 1000

Artistic and Programmatic Excellence Rating*

Scoring Options: 1 - 10

Community Impact*

Does this organization make Kansas City a more vibrant community by broadening access to high-quality arts experiences? Is the organization meeting its impact goals in the community? Are their partnerships and collaborations appropriate and successful?

Character Limit: 1000

Community Impact Rating*

Scoring Options: 1 - 10

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility*

Does this organization make meaningful progress towards diversity, equity, and inclusion?

- Consider the diversity of the Board, Staff, Audience and Participants.
- Review the Diversity Statement. If they have one, do you believe the organization is following it in their practices?
- Does the organization add to diverse experiences in our community?

- Take the location of the organization into account as you assess its diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Do you feel the organization is aware of its diversity situation and taking appropriate steps to improve it?
- Will this project be accessible to people with disabilities (mental and physical)? Does the applicant strive for high access accommodation standards?

Do you have suggestions for the organization to improve?

Character Limit: 1000

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Rating*

Scoring Options: 1 - 10

Financial Management and Need*

Financial Management:

- Does the budget align with the organization's stated goals and programming?
- Does the organization demonstrate fiscal responsibility (e.g., audited financials, no history of deficits)?
- Is there evidence of a thoughtful plan to address financial challenges?

Financial Need:

- How critical is this grant to the organization's ability to meet community needs?
- Has a need for this funding been well articulated in the application?

Character Limit: 1000

Financial Management and Need Rating*

Scoring Options: 1 - 10

Other Factors

Are there other factors that you believe should be taken into account in determining funding for this applicant?

Character Limit: 1000

Funding Priority?*

Should this organization be a priority for funding in this category? What is your overall assessment?

Answers to this question are considered but do not change the numerical score.

Choices

Yes

No

Maybe