

2026-2027 Inspiration Grant - Round I

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 reworded.

Inspiration grants are project grants for individual artists or small groups of artists. Visual, dance, music, theater, poetry, literature, fashion, film, and interdisciplinary art applications are welcome. The purpose of these grants is to support ambitious projects of *risk, growth, and change* for the artist and/or projects that 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 considered to be a high priority for funding.

Project Name

Name of Project

Character Limit: 100

Conflict of Interest Disclosure*

Before evaluating this application, please verify that you do not have a conflict of interest with this applicant. Examples that might constitute a conflict of interest include:

- Any relationship to the artist; family, close friend, employer/employee, donor, or beneficiary
- Immediate family has a relationship to the artist
- Personal financial benefit if artist is awarded
- Any other reason you may not be able to weigh in your opinion in an unbiased fashion

Choices

I DO have a conflict of interest with this organization

I do NOT have a conflict of interest

Evaluation Questions

Artistic Achievement and Quality*

Does the project application show a commitment to high artistic standards based on the project description and work samples? Based on items like resume, bio, and artist statement, does the artist(s) show relevant artistic achievement for this project?

Character Limit: 1000

Artistic Achievement and Quality Score*

- 5 - Excellent
- 4 - Very Good
- 3 - Adequate
- 2 - Unclear
- 1 - Needs further development

Scoring Options: 1 - 5

Career and Community Impact*

Does this project have the potential for a substantial impact on the career development and capacity of the individuals involved? Will there be a positive impact on the local creative community, broader community, or on the region's reputation and visibility as a thriving hub for arts and culture? (Not all projects are expected to have impact in both areas.)

Character Limit: 1000

Career and Community Impact Rating*

- 5 - Excellent
- 4 - Very Good
- 3 - Adequate
- 2 - Unclear
- 1 - Needs further development

Scoring Options: 1 - 5

Feasibility and Budget*

Given the plan and budget, does the project have a good chance of being completed successfully? Is the budget detailed, balanced, and reasonable?

Character Limit: 1000

Feasibility and Budget Score*

- 5 - Excellent
- 4 - Very Good
- 3 - Adequate
- 2 - Unclear
- 1 - Needs further development

Scoring Options: 1 - 5

Questions, Comments and Future Advice

Do you have any other questions and comments about this proposal? Do you have any advice for the artist about seeking funding in the future, either from ArtsKC or other sources?

Character Limit: 1000

Funding Recommendation*

Should this project be recommended for Inspiration grant funding?

Choices

Yes

No

Maybe