

EXPANDING ACCESS TO ARTS FUNDING

Western New York Regional Regrant Partnership

OVERVIEW

Cullen Foundation and New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) are partnering on a special re-grant program to benefit Western New York's residents through the funding of a wide range of arts and cultural opportunities offered by nonprofit community-based organizations.

A special grant cycle inviting nonprofit organizations in six (6) counties of Western New York (WNY) will encourage arts-focused applications to increase the reach and diversity of programs benefitting the residents of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara, and Wyoming counties.


The program objective is to expand New York State funding to a broader range of arts and cultural projects, nonprofit organizations, and artists previously unreached by NYSCA and its Statewide Community Regrant sites (SCR sites) which in turn will create more arts participation opportunities for WNY residents.

GRANT PURPOSE & DETAILS

Any 501(c)3 nonprofit located in the six (6) WNY counties (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara, and Wyoming) that has not received NYSCA funding or SCR regrant funding in 2020, 2021 or 2022 may apply for funding for arts-related projects or programs to be completed between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023.

This one-time, special funding opportunity is open to nonprofits outside of NYSCA's typical base of applicants/grantees in an effort to more widely support arts engagements throughout WNY and accelerate collaborative efforts to reach new audiences through unique arts programming opportunities.

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST ARE ARTS PROJECTS THAT




Provide new opportunities for community members' engagement with the arts




Offer access to arts and cultural opportunities in otherwise underserved communities



Celebrate or promote the WNY region's rich racial/cultural diversity



Demonstrate collaboration between the nonprofit applicant/grantee, local artists and/or arts organizations



Focus on providing arts experiences for previously unreached organizations and community audience members (i.e. the constituents of the nonprofit applicant)

CONTACT

After you review and confirm the [eligibility criteria](#) in detail, if you still have questions as to your eligibility, you can confirm it by contacting Cullen Foundation staff.

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GRANT SIZE

Grant awards will vary depending on the size and scope of the project; the optimal range of requests is between \$2,500 to \$5,000 with a maximum award of \$5,000. Funds will be disbursed in September 2022 for grantee use from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be 501(c)3 organizations based in the six-county region of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara, and Wyoming counties in New York State. The project must be arts based. One request will be accepted per WNY-based nonprofit applicant. [Click to access other important details](#) on eligibility for this program.

PROCESS SCHEDULE

The application cycle/process opens May 1, 2022 and closes at 11:59 PM on June 22, 2022. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis – apply today!

Grant decisions will be announced in August 2022. Funds will be sent to recipients on September 1, 2022. Grantees must use the funds for approved programs and activities conducted between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The entire process is online on [Cullen Foundation's grant portal](#). If you need assistance completing an application, please contact a Cullen staff member.



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