



FOR SOUTH CENTRAL NEW YORK

2020 Arts Funding Cycle Guidelines

Inquiries: To make an inquiry to the 2020 Arts Funding Cycle, please go to www.donorswhocare.org and log-in or create an account at the link provided under our “Grant Seekers” tab. After successfully logging on, click the highlighted link “2020 Arts Cycle”, complete and submit the on-line “LOI”. If the inquiry is in-line with our guidelines, you will be sent the link to complete the application. If not, Tina Barber, Program Officer will be in touch to discuss why you are not eligible to apply.

Application: The Community Foundation will be accepting applications (the Uniform Grant Application) on-line. Visit www.donorswhocare.org under the “Grant Seekers” tab for in-depth instructions and links to tutorial videos. Contact Tina Barber, Program Officer at tbarber@donorswhocare.org if you are unable to access information on-line or if you will need a paper application. Please do not submit a paper application unless you’ve been instructed to do so.

Submission Deadline:

Monday, March 2nd, 2020

New for 2020: The maximum award for capital requests has been increased to \$20,000. Program, Capacity Building, Season/Performance Support and Operating requests remain at a \$15,000 maximum.

Note:

- **There will be only one cycle for Arts funding during 2020.**
- Arts organizations can also take advantage of the Small Grants Program for requests of \$5,000 or under
- Unless you’ve been instructed to by the Program Officer, please do not submit an application that has previously been declined
- All inquiries must be made 2 weeks prior to the deadline
- To support the need for their project, applicants are strongly encouraged to utilize and specifically reference information in the foundation’s regional need assessment which is located on our website: www.donorswhocare.org.

Who May Qualify?

- Any 501(c)(3) where a grant will benefit significantly (but not necessarily exclusively) residents of the Foundation’s service area: **Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and/or Tioga counties.**
- Organizations requiring a 501(c)(3) as a fiscal sponsor *may* be eligible to apply.

Types of Support Available:

The areas of support for which qualified organizations may apply are listed below. The minimum award will be \$5,001 and the maximum award will remain \$15,000 for capacity building, season/performance support, program and operating requests and will be raised to \$20,000 for capital requests. If your request is for \$5,000 or under, please utilize the Small Grants Program.

Program– Programs that address a specific, demonstrated community need or interest.

Capital– Proposals for property purchase, equipment purchase, facilities improvement, and capital campaigns. A minimum of 2 estimates must accompany a capital request.

Season or Performance Support-Proposals to underwrite a venue’s season or a specific performance will be considered through this opportunity.

Operating Support – Through this opportunity, the foundation considers requests for short-term assistance that will improve long-term sustainability.

Capacity Building- Proposals that build organizational capacity and do not qualify for NYCON’s (New York Council on Non-Profits) mini-grant program.

We Do Not Consider Requests For:

- Funding to reimburse an organization for costs that were incurred prior to the date the grant was awarded.
- Funding to pay existing mortgages
- Grants to individuals
- Funding for religious purposes

As this is a new process, we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about submission procedures or the development of your on-line application. Please contact Tina Barber, Program Officer, at 607-772-6773 or via