



FOR SOUTH CENTRAL NEW YORK

## 2021 Arts Cycle Guidelines

**Inquiries:** To make an inquiry to the Arts Cycle, please go to [www.donorswhocare.org](http://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 “2021 Arts Cycle,” complete and submit the “LOI”. If the inquiry is selected by our panel, you will be asked to complete a full application.

**Application:** An invitation to apply to the Arts Cycle will be required. Panel members will review all LOI’s submitted and will choose the proposed projects that they would like to extend an invitation to apply. Visit [www.donorswhocare.org](http://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](mailto:tbarber@donorswhocare.org) if you are unable to access information on-line.

### **LOI Submission Deadline:**

- **Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021**

### **Application (If Invited) Submission Deadline:**

- **Monday, March 29th 2021**

### **Note:**

- There will be only one cycle for Arts funding during 2021
- Organizations will be asked about their commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in their operations and programming
- 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
- To support the need for their project, applicants are strongly encouraged to utilize and specifically reference information in the foundation’s regional need assessments for the arts which is located on our website: [www.donorswhocare.org](http://www.donorswhocare.org).

### **Who May Qualify?**

- This opportunity is meant for organizations whose primary purpose is for the practice, performance and interpretation of the arts. As such, we will accept applications from theatres, arts councils, museums, non-profit galleries and performing arts organizations. ***This is not an opportunity for other types of organizations that might want to add an arts component to their existing programming***

- 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 be \$20,000. 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. The foundation is particularly interested in programs that improve access and participation in the arts by underserved communities

**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. The foundation is particularly interested in supporting seasons that demonstrate a commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion of underserved/underperformed artists

**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. Of particular interest are proposals that build the organizations capacity to strengthen diversity, equity and inclusion in both operations and programming.

### **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 individual artists
- Funding for religious purposes

*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 607-206-5180 or via e-mail at: [tbarber@donorswhocare.org](mailto:tbarber@donorswhocare.org)*