



FOR SOUTH CENTRAL NEW YORK

2024 Arts and Culture Fund Guidelines

Inquiries: The 2024 cycle will open for inquiries on Tuesday, January 23rd. To make an inquiry to the CFSCNY Arts and Culture Fund, 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 “2024 CFSCNY Arts and Culture Fund,” complete and submit the expanded “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 CFSCNY Arts and Culture Fund will be required. Grant Committee members will review all LOI’s submitted and will choose the proposed projects that they would like to extend an invitation to apply. Contact Stacy Mastrogiacom, Program Officer at stacym@donorswhocare.org if you are unable to access information on-line.

LOI Submission Deadline:

- **Monday, February 19th, 2024**

Application (If Invited) Submission Deadline:

- **Friday, March 29th, 2024**

Note:

- There will be one cycle for Arts funding during 2024
- 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.

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 are 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. There may be exceptions to this. Ask the Program Officer for more details.
- Funding to pay existing mortgages
- 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 Stacy Mastrogiacomo, Program Officer, at 607-752-2317 or via e-mail at: stacym@donorswhocare.org