

(ARTS.GOV GRANTS LANDING PAGE BLURB)**American Rescue Plan**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“Rescue Plan”) is designed to fuel the nation’s recovery from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds allocated to the National Endowment for the Arts (“Arts Endowment”) in this historic legislation represent a significant commitment to the arts and a recognition of the value of the arts and culture sector to the nation’s economy and recovery.

The Arts Endowment will competitively award Rescue Plan funds to eligible organizations nationwide. These funds are intended to help support jobs in the arts sector, keep the doors open to arts organizations nationwide, and assist the field in its response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unlike other Arts Endowment funding programs that offer project-based support, Rescue Plan funds are intended to support specific operating costs only. Cost share/matching funds are not required.

The Arts Endowment intends to make awards that will impact a broad constituency. We encourage applications from a variety of eligible organizations including: organizations that serve populations that are underserved such as those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by ethnicity, economics, geography, or disability; organizations with small and medium-sized budgets; organizations from rural to urban communities; and organizations that may be applying for federal support through the Arts Endowment for the first time.

Rescue Plan funding is available through two separate competitive opportunities:

- **Grants to Organizations** [LINK](#)
- **Grants to Local Arts Agencies for Subgranting** [LINK](#)

NOTE: Eligible local arts agencies may apply to the Grants to Organizations program for general operating support OR to the Grants to Local Arts Agencies for Subgranting program.

Rescue Plan funds will also be awarded by the Arts Endowment to the nation’s designated state and jurisdictional arts agencies (SAAs) and their regional arts organizations (RAOs) to distribute around the country. [Contact](#) your SAA or RAO for more information.

We understand that applying for federal funding and managing a grant can be a significant undertaking. Our staff strives to ensure that all applicants receive the support they need to understand every step of the process. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you about this program. Contact us [LINK](#) with your questions.

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American Rescue Plan

Grants to Organizations

Program Description

The Rescue Plan's Grants to Organizations program will be carried out through one-time grants to eligible organizations including, but not limited to, nonprofit arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, units of state or local government, federally recognized tribal communities or tribes, and a wide range of other organizations that can help advance the goals of this program. See [Eligibility LINK](#) for more information.

Grants will be made to eligible organizations to support their own operations. Unlike other Arts Endowment funding programs that offer project-based support, Rescue Plan funds are intended to support day-to-day business expenses/operating costs, and not specific programmatic activities. Cost share/matching funds are not required.

Support is limited to any or all of the following:

- Salary support, full or partial, for one or more staff positions. Staff positions funded may not conduct work independent of the organization receiving funds.
- Fees/stipends for artists and/or contractual personnel to support the services they provide for specific activities as part of organizational operations.
 - Artist fees/stipends should be related to work with a tangible outcome, such as performances, presentations, workshops, and/or the creation of artwork. This is considered a stipend to the artist for the work undertaken during the period of performance. Such work must not be performed independently of the organization receiving funds.
- Facilities costs such as mortgage principal, rent, and utilities.

- Costs associated with health and safety supplies for staff and/or visitors/audiences (e.g., personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.).
- Marketing and promotion costs.

Rescue Plan funds may be used to support existing jobs, new jobs, or to restore jobs that were furloughed or eliminated due to the pandemic.

The Arts Endowment does not fund direct grants to individuals.

Applicants may request a fixed grant amount for: \$50,000, \$100,000 or \$150,000. Cost share/matching funds are not required. We encourage applicants to select a grant amount that is reflective of their overall organization size and internal capacity. See Award Information LINK for more details. A grant period of up to two years is allowed. The Arts Endowment intends to make awards that will impact a broad constituency. We encourage applications from a variety of eligible organizations including:

- Organizations that serve populations that are underserved such as those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by ethnicity, economics, geography, or disability.
- Organizations with small and medium-sized budgets.
- Organizations from rural to urban communities.
- Organizations that may be applying for federal support through the Arts Endowment for the first time.

The Arts Endowment is committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and fostering mutual respect for the diverse beliefs and values of all individuals and groups, including:

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities,
- Tribal Colleges and Universities,
- American Indian and Alaska Native tribes,
- African American Serving Institutions,
- Hispanic Serving Institutions,
- Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, and
- Organizations that support the independence and lifelong inclusion of people with disabilities.

Proposals may focus on reaching a particular constituency; however, they may not be exclusionary under [national civil rights laws and policies](#) prohibiting discrimination. This extends to hiring practices and audience engagement activities.

Grantees will be required to report on funding received through this program. See [Award Administration LINK](#) for more information.

We recognize that the financial needs of the field far outweigh the available funds that will be awarded through this program. We anticipate making approximately 800 awards. There is no pre-determined number of awards per grant amount, so please choose the amount that makes the most sense for your organization's capacity and budget. Grants will NOT be awarded on a "first come, first served" basis.

We understand that applying for federal funding and managing a grant can be a significant undertaking. Our staff strives to ensure that every applicant receives the support they need to understand every step of the process. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you about this program. Contact us [LINK](#) with your questions.

Application Calendar

Because we anticipate a large number of applications for this funding opportunity, **applications will be submitted in two separate groups:** one for organizations with legal names beginning with A-L versus one for organizations with legal names beginning with M-Z. The different submission windows will not affect the timing of grant review, or your organization's ability to receive a grant.

To determine which group applies to you, use your organization's legal name as it appears in the current IRS 501(c)(3) status letter or in the official document that identifies your organization as a unit of state or local government, or as a federally recognized tribal community. (Do not use your organization's popular name, if different.)

If you are a parent organization ([LINK to Parent and Related Organizations](#)) that is applying on behalf of an eligible independent component, do not use the name of the independent component here.

Both the A-L group and the M-Z group will have the same Part 1 Grants.gov deadline.

Part 2 deadlines for the A-L group and the M-Z group will be different (see below).

GROUP A-L:

GROUP A-L	TBD
Part 1 - Submit to Grants.gov	
<i>Prepare application material so that it's ready to upload when the Applicant Portal opens</i>	
GROUP A-L	TBD
Part 2 - Submit to the Applicant Portal	
Earliest Announcement of Grant Award or Rejection	TBD
Earliest Start Date for Proposed Period of Performance	TBD

GROUP M-Z:

GROUP M-Z	TBD
Part 1 - Submit to Grants.gov	
<i>Prepare application material so that it's ready to upload when the Applicant Portal opens</i>	

GROUP M-Z	TBD
Part 2 - Submit to the Applicant Portal	
Earliest Announcement of Grant Award or Rejection	TBD
Earliest Start Date for Proposed Period of Performance	TBD

Tips:

- If your organization’s legal name begins with “The...” use the first letter of the main word to determine your group. For example: “The ABC Theater” would be in Group A-L, and “The XYZ Theater” would be in Group M-Z.

Select Group A-L if:

- Your organization’s legal name begins with “Friends of...”
- You are applying on behalf of a city, as the application will be categorized under “City of...”
- Your organization’s legal name begins with a digit, such as “987 Arts...”

Select Group M-Z if:

- Your organization is a college or university applying under “Trustees of...” or “Regents of...”

Contact us [LINK](#) if you are unsure which group to select.

Before submitting to [Grants.gov](#), your organization must register or renew/verify its registration with both Grants.gov and the [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#). These registrations can take several weeks.

NOTE: To help reduce burden, there will be a 180-day extension for existing SAM registrations that have expiration dates ranging between April 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021. This effort is intended as relief for those otherwise required to re-register during that timeframe. This does not impact entities registering with SAM for the first time. All organizations approved for funding must have an active SAM registration in order to receive an award.

If your organization does not have a SAM registration and you are thinking of applying for Rescue Plan funds, start the SAM registration process as soon as possible.

See “How to Apply” for more information on SAM and Grants.gov requirements.

Award Information

Grant Amounts and Matching Funds

Applicants may request a fixed grant amount for: \$50,000, \$100,000 or \$150,000. Cost share/matching funds are not required.

Applications will be reviewed and considered for recommendation at the requested amount only. Applicants may not request a grant amount other than \$50,000, \$100,000, or \$150,000.

A grant period of up to two years is allowed.

We encourage applicants to select a grant amount that is reflective of their overall organization size and internal capacity.

Because Congress envisioned this aid to support the arts community, grant funds must be allocated to the arts program/departments/section/office or arts-related activities of the grant recipient.

If you are a parent organization ([LINK to Parent and Related Organizations](#)) applying on behalf of separately identifiable and independent components, grant funds can only support eligible costs incurred by the smaller entity/independent component. When selecting a grant amount, base your decision on the overall size and capacity of the independent component.

If your organization is a smaller entity that exists within a larger organization (such as an academic department, a literary organization housed at a college or university, or an office, facility, or department of local government), base your selection on the overall size and capacity of the smaller entity, not the size of the larger organization.

Period of Performance

The Arts Endowment's grant support may start no earlier than TBD. A grant period of up to two years is allowed.

Costs that are included as part of your proposal must be incurred during the grant's established period of performance. No pre-award costs are allowable in the proposal budget. Costs that are incurred before the "Earliest Start Date for Proposed Period of Performance" will be removed from the budget.

A grantee may receive more than one federal grant during overlapping periods of performance, HOWEVER those grants must cover different costs and/or activities. If multiple grants are awarded, grantees will be required to keep documentation to show

which employees are being paid from each funding source so that the federal government isn't paying more than 100 percent of a salary.

Eligibility

Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

To be eligible, **the applicant organization must:**

- Meet the Arts Endowment's [Legal Requirements](#), including nonprofit, tax-exempt status at the time of application. (All organizations must apply directly on their own behalf. Applications through a fiscal sponsor/agent are not allowed. [See more information on fiscal sponsors/agents.](#))
- Have completed a three-year history of arts programming prior to the application deadline. For the purpose of defining eligibility, "three-year history" refers to when an organization began its programming and not when it incorporated or received nonprofit, tax-exempt status. Programming is not required to have taken place during consecutive years.
- Have submitted acceptable Final Report packages by the due date(s) for all Arts Endowment grant(s) previously received.

An organization whose primary purpose is to channel resources (financial, human, or other) to an affiliated organization is not eligible to apply if the affiliated organization submits its own application. This prohibition applies even if each organization has its own 501(c)(3) status. For example, the "Friends of ABC Museum" may not apply if the ABC Museum applies.

All applicants must have a DUNS number (www.dnb.com) and be registered with the System for Award Management (SAM, www.sam.gov) at the time of application. The SAM registration must be current at the time a grant is made and throughout the life of the award. See [Changes Coming for Federal Organizational Applicants and Awardees](#) for important information.

IMPORTANT: To help reduce burden, there will be a 180-day extension for existing SAM registrations that have expiration dates ranging between April 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021. This effort is intended as relief for those otherwise required to re-register during that timeframe. This does not impact entities registering with SAM for the first time. If your organization does not have a SAM registration and you are thinking of applying for Rescue Plan funds, start the SAM registration process as soon as possible. All organizations approved for funding must have an active SAM registration in order to receive an award.

Registration with Grants.gov and SAM is always free.

The designated state and jurisdictional arts agencies (SAAs) and their regional arts organizations (RAOs) are not eligible to apply under these guidelines.

This program does not support sub granting or regranting of funds. See the Rescue Plan's Grants to Local Arts Agencies for Subgranting Programs for more information.

Late, ineligible, and incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Applications with budgets that do not have costs at least equal to the requested grant amount will be deemed ineligible and will not be reviewed. Budget costs must be allowable in order to receive support.

Application Limits

An organization is limited to one application under the Rescue Plan's Grants to Organizations guidelines.

Eligible organizations that received CARES Act funding from the Arts Endowment may apply to the Rescue Plan's Grants to Organizations program as long as there are no overlapping costs.

Eligible local arts agencies may either apply to the Rescue Plan's Grants to Local Arts Agencies for Subgranting program OR to the Rescue Plan's Grants to Organizations program for general operating support.

You may apply to other Arts Endowment funding opportunities for which your organization is eligible, including Grants for Arts Projects. In each case, the applications cannot have any overlap in costs during the same period of performance. For example, an orchestra could request support for an arts education coordinator through the Rescue Plan's Grants to Organizations program. That same arts education coordinator could work on programs related to another Arts Endowment grant, as long as the same time and costs are not charged to both awards.

Exceptions to the one-application rule are made only for parent organizations applying on behalf of one or more separately identifiable and independent components.

Parent (and Related) Organizations

A parent organization that comprises separately identifiable and independent components (e.g., a university campus that has a presenting organization and a radio station) may apply for each such component. In addition, a parent organization also may submit one application on its own behalf as long as the proposal is different from the proposal(s) submitted by its independent component(s).

An eligible independent component must be a unit that is both programmatically and administratively distinct from the parent organization. This independent status is demonstrated by the component's:

- Unique mission, separate and distinct from the parent entity;
- Separate, dedicated staff, with duties specific to the mission of the component;
- Independent board, mostly consisting of members not associated with the parent entity and generally functioning with substantial oversight and management of the component;
- Separate budget, maintained by the component; and
- Three-year history of arts programming undertaken by the component.

To qualify as an eligible independent component, it should be equivalent to a stand-alone institution.

A parent organization should consult with our staff to verify the eligibility of its component before preparing an application. If an application is submitted by a parent organization on behalf of a component that is determined by the Arts Endowment not to be independent and separate from the parent organization, then that application may be allowed as the parent's single application.

The following **do not qualify** as eligible independent components:

- Academic departments of colleges and universities.
- Programs, initiatives, and projects of organizations.
- Collaboratives or consortiums of multiple organizations.

For example:

- An art museum on a university campus serves the general public and does not grant degrees. The museum board, not the university trustees, manages the museum's budget, staff, and programming. In this example, the art museum essentially is a stand-alone organization and qualifies as an independent component.
- A symphony association sponsors a youth orchestra in addition to its professional orchestra. Some symphony musicians serve as faculty for the youth orchestra; there is some overlap of membership between the symphony trustees and the youth orchestra's advisory board; and the executive director for the symphony association serves as CEO for both the professional and youth orchestras. In this case, while the youth orchestra may be an important program of the symphony association, it is not equivalent to a separate institution and therefore does not qualify as an independent component.

The application for the eligible independent component must be for a proposal from the component. For example, if a university campus submits an application for its art museum as an independent component, the proposal must be for the art museum. The

art museum cannot be used as a passthrough entity for projects from other areas of the university.

The parent organization must meet the eligibility requirements for all applicants. A related organization that performs grant administration duties for a parent organization (e.g., a college foundation that administers grants awarded to a college and its components) may submit applications for components and the parent organization in lieu of such applications being submitted by the parent. The related organization must meet the eligibility requirements for all applicants.

Application Review

The following criteria are considered during the review of applications:

The **artistic excellence** and **artistic merit** of the proposal, which includes the:

- Significance to the mission and core work of the organization.
- Ability to carry out an award as shown by the alignment of the budget and other resources with the goals and requirements of this funding opportunity.
- As appropriate, potential to have an immediate impact on the arts workforce.
- As appropriate, the potential to serve and/or reach individuals whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by ethnicity, economics, geography, or disability.

All eligible applications are reviewed by an advisory panel. Panel recommendations are forwarded to the National Council on the Arts, which then makes recommendations to the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. The Chairman reviews the Council's recommendations and makes the final decision on all grant awards. Pending the availability of funding, it is anticipated that applicants will be notified of recommendation or rejection in TBD.

Award Administration

Crediting Requirement

Grantees must clearly acknowledge support from the National Endowment for the Arts in their programs and related promotional material including publications and websites. Such acknowledgement should clearly indicate that funds were provided for general operating support and should not be used to indicate support for a project that the agency has not funded. Additional acknowledgment requirements may be provided later.

Administrative Requirements

Before submitting an application, organizations should review the Administrative Requirements section of the [Grants for Arts Projects guidelines](#) (this Rescue Plan funding opportunity has the same Administrative Requirements as the Arts Endowment's Grants for Arts Projects program) and the [General Terms & Conditions](#) for detailed information on legal requirements, financial reviews and audits, and other administrative matters that pertain to this funding opportunity.

In addition to the requirements described above, grantees will be required to report on funding received through this program.

Proper documentation must be maintained for all salaries charged, in whole or in part, to this award per 2 CFR §200.302, .333, .430(I). This includes:

- Personnel activity ("Time & Effort") information, which may be established electronically and made available for review, for any employee whose salary is charged, in whole or in part, to the award. OMB Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.430 (i)(1) Standards for Documentation of Personnel Expenses requires salary and wage expenses to be based on records that accurately reflect the work performed. The records must be supported by a system of internal controls which provide reasonable assurance that the charges are accurate, allowable, properly allocated and reflect the total activity for which the employee is compensated.
- For grants that engage artists and/or contractual personnel to whom fees will be paid, maintain written contracts that outline the employment terms.

National Historic Preservation Act and/or the National Environmental Policy Act Review

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, applies to any Federal funds that support activities that have the potential to impact any structure eligible for or

on the National Register of Historic Places, adjacent to a structure that is eligible for or on the National Register of Historic Places, or located in a historic district, in accordance with Section 106. This also applies to planning activities that may affect historic properties or districts.

If you are recommended for a grant, your proposal may be subject to the [National Historic Preservation Act](#) (NHPA) and/or the [National Environmental Policy Act](#) (NEPA) and the Arts Endowment will conduct a review of your proposal to ensure that it is in compliance with NHPA/NEPA.

For this funding opportunity, NHPA/NEPA review may be necessary if grants support artist fees related to public artwork. The Arts Endowment will identify these items to the extent possible during the pre-award review stage. However, grantees should contact the Office of Grants Management prior to incurring any costs that they believe might require a review for compliance. You may be asked to provide additional information on your project to ensure compliance with the Act at any time during your award period (16 USC 470).

Accessibility

Federal regulations require that all Arts Endowment-funded projects be accessible to people with disabilities. Funded activities must be held in a physically accessible venue and program access and effective communication must be provided for participants and audience members with disabilities. If your application is recommended for funding, you will be asked to provide [detailed information](#) describing how you will make your project physically and programmatically accessible to people with disabilities.

Project Reporting and Evaluation

Rescue Plan grantees will be required to report out on activities supported through this program. See here [LINK](#) for detailed information.

Contact Us

Contact us if you have questions. [LINK](#)

If you have a question about access for individuals with disabilities:



202-682-5082 Voice/T.T.Y. (Text-Telephone, a device for individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing)



Call or email the Office of Accessibility at 202-682-5532 / accessibility@arts.gov to request an accommodation or an alternate format of the guidelines.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at an average of 8 hours per response. This includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. We welcome any suggestions that you might have on improving the guidelines and making them as easy to use as possible. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: webmgr@arts.gov, attention: Reporting Burden. Note: Applicants are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

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Privacy Act

The following notice is furnished in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a:

This information is solicited under the authority of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, 20 U.S.C. 951 et seq. and is used for the purpose of application review. Personal data including home address and home telephone number will not be released and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption (b)(6). Failure to provide the requested information could result in rejection of your application.

How to Apply

Read these instructions in their entirety before you begin the application process. Contact us [LINK](#) with any questions that you may have.

Submitting an application is a multi-step process:

- **Part 1:** Submit to Grants.gov the “Application for Federal Domestic Assistance/Short Organization Form.” Refer to the Part 1 instructions below for important information and deadlines. This is a brief form that will collect very basic information about your organization.
- **Part 2:** Complete the “Grant Application Form (GAF)” through the Arts Endowment’s Applicant Portal. This web form is where you will enter the majority of your application material (e.g., project description, timelines, budget information). Refer to the Part 2 instructions below to learn more about how and when to access the Applicant Portal.

Grants.gov (Part 1) and the Arts Endowment’s Applicant Portal (Part 2) are two separate online systems.

Because we anticipate a large number of applications for this funding opportunity, **applications will be submitted in two separate groups:** one for organizations with legal names beginning with A-L versus one for organizations with legal names beginning with M-Z. The different submission windows will not affect the timing of grant review, or your organization’s ability to receive a grant.

To determine which group applies to you, use your organization’s legal name as it appears in the current IRS 501(c)(3) status letter or in the official document that identifies your organization as a unit of state or local government, or as a federally recognized tribal community. (Do not use your organization’s popular name, if different.)

If you are a parent organization ([LINK to Parent and Related Organizations](#)) that is applying on behalf of an eligible independent component, do not use the name of the independent component here.

Both the A-L group and the M-Z group will have the same Part 1 Grants.gov deadline.

Part 2 deadlines for the A-L group and the M-Z group will be different (see below).

GROUP A-L:

GROUP A-L	TBD
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Part 1 - Submit to Grants.gov	
<i>Prepare application material so that it's ready to upload when the Applicant Portal opens</i>	
Part 2 - Submit to the Applicant Portal	TBD

GROUP M-Z:

GROUP M-Z	TBD
Part 1 - Submit to Grants.gov	
<i>Prepare application material so that it's ready to upload when the Applicant Portal opens</i>	
Part 2 - Submit to the Applicant Portal	TBD

Tips:

- If your organization's legal name begins with "The..." use the first letter of the main word to determine your group. For example: "The ABC Theater" would be in Group A-L, and "The XYZ Theater" would be in Group M-Z.

Select Group A-L if:

- Your organization's legal name begins with "Friends of..."
- You are applying on behalf of a city, as the application will be categorized under "City of..."
- Your organization's legal name begins with a digit, such as "987 Arts..."

Select Group M-Z if:

- Your organization is a college or university applying under "Trustees of..." or "Regents of..."

Contact us [LINK](#) if you are unsure which group to select.

Before submitting to [Grants.gov](#), your organization must register or renew/verify its registration with both Grants.gov and the [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#). These registrations can take several weeks.

IMPORTANT: To help reduce burden, there will be a 180-day extension for existing SAM registrations that have expiration dates ranging between April 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021. This effort is intended as relief for those otherwise required to re-register during that timeframe. This does not impact entities registering with SAM for the first time.

Part 1 - Submit to Grants.gov

Complete and submit the Application for Federal Domestic Assistance/Short Organizational Form to Grants.gov.

Step 1: Grants.gov and SAM.gov registrations

- All applicants must have a DUNS number (www.dnb.com) and be registered with the System for Award Management (SAM, www.sam.gov) at the time of application. The SAM registration must be current at the time a grant is made and throughout the life of the award. See [Changes Coming for Federal Organizational Applicants and Awardees](#) for important information.
- Registration/renewal with SAM.gov and Grants.gov are completely free.
- To help reduce burden, there will be a 180-day extension for existing SAM registrations that have expiration dates ranging between April 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021. This effort is intended as relief for those otherwise required to re-register during that timeframe. This does not impact entities registering with SAM for the first time.
- If your organization is currently registered with SAM, but that registration is not currently active, you may still apply. Grants.gov will not validate your registration to confirm that it is current at the time of application. In the meantime, renew your registration as soon as possible because we still check your SAM and DUNS registrations before making a grant award.
- When registering/renewing your SAM account, be sure to select “Yes” when completing the “Representations & Certifications” section. All awardees are required to have these representations & certifications in order to receive an award.
- Go to Grants.gov's [Organization Registration](#) to create a new organization registration.
- **Grants.gov Contact Center:** Call 1-800-518-4726, email support@grants.gov, or consult the information posted on the Grants.gov website at [Support](#). The Grants.gov Contact Center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. NOTE: You must contact Grants.gov for help. Grants.gov is not an Arts Endowment system and is outside of our control.
- **SAM Federal Service Desk:** Call 1-866-606-8220 or see the information posted on the SAM website at [SAM Help](#). NOTE: You must contact SAM.gov for help. SAM.gov is not an Arts Endowment system and is outside of our control.
- Registration in SAM.gov and Grants.gov can take several weeks. Exceptions to the deadline will be considered only for registration or renewal issues that are the result of failures on the part of DUNS, SAM, or Grants.gov as determined by the Arts Endowment.

Step 2: Go to the Grant Opportunity Package

Access the Grant Opportunity Package with the Application for Federal Domestic Assistance/Short Organizational Form on Grants.gov by clicking on the link below:

IMPORTANT: To access the correct Grant Opportunity Package, select the funding opportunity number link that corresponds with the first letter of your organization's legal name.

See How to Apply LINK or contact us LINK if you are not sure which link to select.

GROUP A-L (AS DETERMINED BY THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR ORGANIZATION'S LEGAL NAME)	
Click Here: Funding Opportunity Number 2021NEA01ARP60AL LINK	
Part 1 Submit to Grants.gov	TBD
Part 2 Submit to the Applicant Portal	TBD

OR

GROUP M-Z (AS DETERMINED BY THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR ORGANIZATION'S LEGAL NAME)	
Click Here: Funding Opportunity Number 2021NEA01ARP60MZ LINK	
Part 1 Submit to Grants.gov	TBD
Part 2 Submit to the Applicant Portal	TBD

When you go to Grants.gov through the link above, the Grants.gov "View Grant Opportunity" screen will open. Choose "Apply" in the "Action" area. On the next screen, choose "Apply" again. You will be prompted to enter your Grants.gov Username and Password.

You will apply using a Grants.gov Workspace. To create a Workspace, look for the "Application Filing Name" field above the "Create Workspace" button (you must be logged in as the Authorized Organization Representative or AOR to be able to see this button and create the Workspace). Enter the legal name of your organization, click the "Create Workspace" button, and follow the screens from there. [Learn more about using Grants.gov's Workspace.](#)

See [detailed instructions](#) on how to complete and submit the required forms through Workspace.

You will submit the substantial part of your application during Part 2. **Please remember, the dates when the Applicant Portal will be available for you to complete Part 2 are different for Group A-L versus Group M-Z.**

Step 3: Fill out the Application for Federal Domestic Assistance/Short Organizational Form

All asterisked (*) items and yellow fields on this form are required and must be completed before you will be able to submit the form. Do not type in all capital letters when completing the form. Enter information directly into the form. Do not copy from an old Application for Federal Domestic Assistance/Short Organizational Form or another document and paste into the form.

Due to restrictions from the Department of Homeland Security we are not able to send emails to alias addresses that forward to another email account. Do not enter this type of email address in this form.

- 1. Name of Federal Agency:** Pre-populated.
- 2. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:** Pre-populated.
- 3. Date Received:** This will be filled automatically with the date that you submit your application; leave blank.
- 4. Funding Opportunity Number:** Pre-populated.
- 5. Applicant Information:**

a. Legal Name: The name provided here must be the applicant's legal name as it appears in the current IRS 501(c)(3) status letter or in the official document that identifies the organization as a unit of state or local government, or as a federally recognized tribal community or tribe. (Do not use your organization's popular name, if different.)

If you are a parent organization that is applying on behalf of an eligible independent component, do not list the name of the independent component here. You will be asked for that information later.

b. Address: Use Street 1 for your organization's physical street address. This address should agree with the address that you used with the SAM (System for Award Management). In addition, use Street 2 for your organization's mailing address if it differs from the physical street address. In the Zip/Postal Code box, organizations in the United States should enter the **full 9-digit zip code** that was assigned by the U.S. Postal Service. If you do not know your full zip code, you may look it up at www.usps.com/zip4/

d. Type of Applicant: Select the item that best characterizes your organization from the menu in the first drop down box. Additional choices are optional.

e. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): Enter the 9-digit number that was assigned by the Internal Revenue Service; do not use a Social Security Number.

f. Organizational DUNS: All organizational applicants for federal funds must have a DUNS number, which is recognized as the universal standard for identifying organizations worldwide. **The number that you enter here must agree with the number (either 9 or 13 digits) that you used with the SAM (System for Award Management) as part of the Grants.gov registration. Confirm your DUNS with SAM.gov before filling out this form.**

g. Congressional District: Enter the number of the Congressional District where the applicant organization is located. The Congressional District that you enter here must agree with the Congressional District that you used with the SAM (System for Award Management) as part of the Grants.gov registration. Use the following format: 2 character State Abbreviation-3 character District Number. For example, if your organization is located in the 5th Congressional District of California, enter "CA-005." If your state has a single At-Large Representative or your territory has a single Delegate, enter your 2-character state/territory abbreviation and "-000." If you need help determining your district, go to **www.house.gov** and use the "Find Your Representative" tool.

6. Project Information:

a. Project Title: Enter "N/A." Anything you enter here in Grants.gov will not be used in the review of your application.

b. Project Description: Enter "N/A." Anything you enter here in Grants.gov will not be used in the review of your application.

c. Proposed Project Start Date/End Date: Enter the beginning and ending dates for your requested period of performance, i.e., the span of time necessary to plan, execute, and close out your proposal. The start date should be the first day of the month, and the end date should be the last day of the month. Our support of a project may start on or after **TBD**. Generally, a grant period of up to two years is allowed. Your budget should include only the costs incurred during the requested period of performance.

7. Project Director:

Provide the requested information for the Project Director.

Provide contact information, including an email address, that will be valid through the announcement date for your category.

8. Primary Contact/Grant Administrator:

Provide the requested information for the individual who should be contacted on all matters involving this application and the administration of any grant that may be awarded. For colleges and universities, this person is often a Sponsored Research, Sponsored Programs, or Contracts and Grants Officer. For the Telephone number field, use the following format: 000-000-0000.

In some organizations, particularly smaller ones, this individual may be the same as the Project Director. If this is the case, you may check the "Same as Project Director" box and not repeat information that you have already provided in Item 7. (If the Primary Contact/Grant Administrator is the same as the Authorizing Official, complete all items under both 8 and 9 even though there will be some repetition.)

9. Authorized Representative:

Enter the requested information for the AOR (Authorized Organization Representative) who is authorized to submit this application to Grants.gov. The AOR must have the legal authority to obligate your organization (e. g., be a senior member of the staff such as an Executive Director, Director of Development). See specific requirements for who can serve as an AOR for colleges and universities. Contractors, including grant writers or grant consultants, or administrative support staff cannot serve as an AOR.

NOTE: By clicking the "I Agree" box at the top of Item 9, this individual will be certifying compliance with relevant federal requirements on your organization's behalf. (These requirements can be found in the "**Assurance of Compliance**" section of the Grants for Arts Projects guidelines.) The "Signature of Authorized Representative" and "Date Signed" boxes will be populated by Grants.gov upon submission of the application.

Step 4: Submit your application to Grants.gov

- To begin the submission process, log on to Grants.gov and go to the Forms tab on the Manage Workspace page. Click the "Sign and Submit" button, under the Forms tab.
- Be certain that you are satisfied with your Application for Federal Domestic Assistance/Short Organizational Form before you click this button. No revisions to your form can be made in Grants.gov once it is submitted.
- Once you complete and submit your application, you will see a confirmation screen explaining that your submission is being processed. Take a screenshot and retain the Grants.gov Tracking Number that you receive in the application submission confirmation screen.
- **If you wait until the day of the deadline to submit your application, you are taking a significant risk!** Give yourself ample time to resolve any problems you might encounter.

- We will not accept late applications. The only exceptions are for a technological failure on the part of Grants.gov or in the event of a major emergency (e.g., hurricane, natural disaster, etc.), as determined by the Arts Endowment. If a deadline is extended for any reason, an announcement will be posted on our website.

You must provide documentation of a Grants.gov technological failure to be considered for an exception. We will consider and address your situation as appropriate. We will not make exceptions for applications that are the result of user error, including failure to verify that your application was validated by the Grants.gov system through **Track My Application**.

- Failure to successfully submit the Application for Federal Domestic Assistance/Short Organizational Form through Grants.gov will make you ineligible to complete Part 2 of the application process.

Step 5: Track Your Application

- Verify that your application was validated by the Grants.gov system. Go to **Track My Application** to confirm the validation and track the progress of your application submission through Grants.gov. Take a screenshot of your validation confirmation for your records. Do not wait until the day of the deadline to verify your submission in case you encounter any difficulties.

Part 2: Submit to Applicant Portal

Prepare to Complete Part 2

- Read the Part 2 instructions LINK (PDF). This document will guide you through Part 2 of the application process, including information about how and when to access the Applicant Portal as well as the application questions and requirements. You must refer to the Part 2 instructions (PDF)
- You will not have access to the Applicant Portal until the Part 2 application windows listed below. Use the Part 2 instructions (PDF) to prepare your responses well in advance so you will have them ready to upload once the system opens.
- We recommend that you begin working in the Applicant Portal early in the application window to give yourself ample time to complete the process. Please note that these grants are NOT awarded on a “first come, first served” basis, so you should feel comfortable taking your time.

GROUP A-L (AS DETERMINED BY THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR ORGANIZATION'S LEGAL NAME)

Funding Opportunity Number: **2021NEA01ARP60AL**

Part 1 Submit to Grants.gov	TBD
Part 2 Submit to the Applicant Portal	TBD

OR

<p>GROUP M-Z (AS DETERMINED BY THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR ORGANIZATION'S LEGAL NAME)</p> <p>Funding Opportunity Number: 2021NEA01ARP60MZ</p>	
Part 1 Submit to Grants.gov	TBD
Part 2 Submit to the Applicant Portal	TBD