



2025-2027 CULTURAL ARTS AWARDS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if our organization is outside of Sacramento County?

You must be a Sacramento County based organization to qualify.

Can individual artists apply?

No. the Cultural Arts Awards is a general operating grant for nonprofit organizations.

Is this grant for a specific project?

No. the Cultural Arts Awards is a three-year general operating grant and is not tied to any specific program or project.

Can fiscally sponsored entities apply?

No. fiscally sponsored entities are not eligible.

Are we still eligible if we are not registered with the Attorney General's Registry of Charities and Fundraisers?

You must provide evidence of registration with the Attorney General's Registry of Charities and Fundraisers at the time of application. Organizations without current registration are ineligible.

What if I want to attach 10 images and a video for my work samples, is this ok?

Yes! Our panelist will review up to 10 images AND up to 5 minutes of video or audio AND up to 5 pages of text-based materials (12pt font).

My fiscal year ends in June, should I upload 2022/2023 or 2023/2024 fiscal documentation?

We are looking for your financial documentation for the time frame which ENDS in 2023.

Can I attach only one type of media for the work samples or can I do photos and videos?

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What if our 2023 unrestricted income is just under \$25,000, can I still qualify for this award?

No. unfortunately, your unrestricted income for fiscal year 2023 must be at or over \$25,000.

Do I qualify if I operate a for-profit business in the arts and culture sector?

No. This grant is only for organizations who hold a nonprofit status under 501 (C)(3) and 501 (C)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

We have a draft of the FY23 audited financial statement, however, the audit will not be finalized until spring of 2025. What should we do?

Organizations with a FY2023 revenue of at or over \$1,000,000 must provide an audited financial statement. If the 2023 audited financial statement is unavailable, we recommend uploading a draft of your FY23 financial statement AND an audited financial statement for the last completed year.

What if our organization has been operating for more than three years but we just received our nonprofit status under the Internal Revenue Code?

Organizations who have been operational for more than three years and have been recently incorporated may still be eligible. The OAC will need to see evidence of operations for at least three years.

I only see three areas to provide URL links to my work samples, how can I provide more than three work samples?

You will need to use a link which directs us to a grouping of images or documents.

How do I know if our programming is within a HUD Qualified Census Tract?

A Qualified Census Tract (QCT) is a census tract in which at least 50% of households have an income less than 60% of the Area Median Gross Income (AMGI). The OAC is interested in what part of your 2023 programming was located within a 2023 or current HUD qualified Census Tract. You can use the QTC map to search for programming addresses at https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sadda/sadda_qct.html or locate 2023 QTC data at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/qct.html#year2023>.