



OREGON ARTS
COMMISSION

Career Opportunity Grants for Artists Guidelines

FY2009 Application Postmark Deadlines:

August 13, 2008

Activity between: October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009

November 14, 2008:

Activity between: January 1, 2009– December 31, 2009

February 13, 2009:

Activity between: April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010

May 14, 2009:

Activity between: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Oregon Arts Commission: Vision and Goals

The arts and culture are touchstones of community and civic life and it is essential to preserve, stabilize and develop their central role to benefit Oregonians and Oregon's quality of life. The Oregon Arts Commission believes:

- The arts help us discover who we are
- The arts bring people together, strengthening communities
- The arts are critical for our students
- The arts add value to Oregon's economy

The Commission's grants, programs and services work to ensure that:

1. Oregonians have wide access to the arts and their intrinsic and extrinsic benefits
2. Oregon arts organizations have the skills and resources to offer high quality programs throughout the state
3. Public and private support for arts and culture is increased and leveraged
4. Oregonians have access to quality arts learning opportunities
5. Oregon artists create work of acknowledged high quality

Purpose of the Career Opportunity Grants

Career Opportunity Grants for Artists provide financial support to enable Oregon artists to take advantage of opportunities to enhance their careers through the development of arts, business or professional skills, to expand marketing capacity and/or to further develop the nature or quality of their artwork. The following list, while not including all potential activities for which support may be used, illustrates the range of activities for which artists may receive assistance:

- Travel associated with a professional artistic opportunity (computed at most economical and direct route)
- Advanced study with a significant master or mentor (not related to an academic degree)
- Contracting of professional services for a specific opportunity (i.e. a photographer to document work)
- Rental of equipment, instruments, or working space for a unique artistic opportunity;
- Materials to complete work scheduled for a gallery exhibition, performance or publication, etc., that will have a significant impact on the artist's career
- Preparation, freight and shipping costs associated with an exhibition or presentation of applicant's work

Eligibility

Full-time students and non-professionals who produce art as a hobby are not eligible.

Eligible artist applicants must:

- Be a current Oregon resident
- Have been an Oregon resident for one full year prior to the application deadline date
- Not have received funding from the Oregon Arts Commission in the past twelve (12) months from the application deadline

The program is open to both emerging and established artists. Emerging artists are expected to show some history of publication, exhibition or performance that was juried, programmed, or edited by an individual other than the applicant. Applicant artists must demonstrate both professionalism and artistic merit presented through the application, support materials, work samples and proposed plans.

Limitations

Career Opportunity grants will not fund:

- Capital construction (i.e. studio renovations)
- Tuition assistance for college, university, or other formal courses of study
- Work that has already been completed
- Reimbursement of fees already incurred
- Applicants who have received funding from the Commission in the past twelve (12) months

Review Criteria

Applications will be evaluated against the following review criteria. This is a competitive grant program; applicants should address each point within the review criteria.

Artistic Merit (50%)

- Qualifications, background, and experience of the applicant artist as demonstrated through his/her resume, work samples and other support material;

Career Impact (30%)

- The potential of the proposed activity to advance the artist's work or career;
- Quality of the proposed consultancy/activity/opportunity/event;

Planning (15%)

- A clearly defined need for the artistic or business skill proposed to be developed;
- Quality of planning for the project, including the impact of the proposed project on the artist;

Budget (5%)

- Appropriateness of the costs associated with the proposed activity;
- Balanced and accurate budget submitted with the application.

Grant Awards

Career Opportunity Grants for Artists range from \$300 to \$1,500 depending on the scope and nature of the activity. Applicants may apply for funding for a portion of a project. This is a competitive grant program, and not all eligible applicants will receive funding.

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, and awarded on a quarterly basis, so applicants should check with the Oregon Arts Commission, online at www.oregonartscommission.org/grants or by phone at (503) 986-0082, to confirm the availability of funds.

Deadline

Completed applications **must be postmarked or hand-delivered to the Arts Commission office by 5 p.m. on any of these quarterly deadlines.**

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Assistance

Assistance from the Arts Commission staff is available to applicants. Contact the Oregon Arts Commission office at (503) 986-0082 or oregon.artscomm@state.or.us with questions.

Application Review Process

Arts Commission staff will review applications submitted for eligibility, completeness and budget accuracy.

Arts Commission staff and a small panel will review each application according to the review criteria listed above and make final recommendations for funding to the Arts Commission.

Final Reports

So that the Oregon Arts Commission can better tell its story, arts organizations receiving grants must complete a final expense and narrative report. Final financial reports must reflect the application budget as submitted or revised to the Arts Commission. Grant reports must be submitted within thirty (30) days of the completion of the grant period.

ALTERNATE FORMAT APPLICATION

Upon request, Arts Commission grant application materials will be made available in alternate format such as Braille, large type, or on audiotape.

For applicants who are hearing-impaired and require TTD/TTY assistance, call (800) 735-2900.