

ARTS RESILIENCY INITIATIVE

Community Project Awards



AWARDS: Eligible applicants may request between \$10,000 and \$15,000 for organizations employing artists. No cash match is required. An organization may receive only one ARI award.

ELIGIBILITY: All applicants must possess nonprofit status or nonprofit intent. Applicants may be: 1) arts and cultural organizations in any arts discipline (literature, performing arts, visual arts, traditional arts, multidisciplinary arts, etc.); 2) other organizations that provide arts programming (government entities, social service agencies, etc.); or 3) educational organizations (public, private, charter, and parochial schools from pre-kindergarten through university level) providing arts programming in a community setting. The OAC has board adopted funding restrictions, please review these prior to applying; see the [Introduction and Overview](#) for details.

HOW THE INITIATIVE WORKS: ARI Community Project Awards are designed to support Ohio artists engaged in community-focused projects. All OAC funds must be directed to outside artist fees. No cash match is required, but grantee organizations must provide the administrative time and supplies needed to complete each project. Projects may involve either one paid artist or a team of paid artists. Projects may or may not involve other unpaid community volunteers or participants. Naming a specific artist(s) in an application is not required; that is, artist(s) may be determined by a grantee after receipt of an award. However, applications will be evaluated in part according to their readiness level and viability. Applicants in search of qualified artists in their area are encouraged (but not required) to consider those listed in the OAC's [Ohio Artist Registry](#). Selected artist(s) must be an Ohio resident.

The most successful ARI Community Project Award applications will be those planned in conjunction with community members. Projects from rural or historically under-funded areas of Ohio, as well as those led by and/or featuring BIPOC leaders and artists, will be prioritized. Projects with long-lasting benefits that will outlive the grant-making period itself will be prioritized over those that will benefit only direct project participants during 2022.

Sample activities may include:

- creation of new public art
- a newly commissioned work
- preservation of oral histories or local stories

APPLICATION DEADLINE

November 1, 2021

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- creation of a new exhibition
- an artist-led community-wide project

Awards will be made in amounts of between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

HOW TO APPLY: Organizations interesting in applying for an ARI Community Project Award are asked to submit a one-page letter of interest (LOI) describing their upcoming project, [using this form](#). The LOI should describe the project, summarize the community’s role in project planning and/or execution, list the artist(s) participating (if known), and provide a total estimated project cost. The LOI deadline is November 1, 2021.

Organizations selected to apply for the ARI Community Project initiative, based on their LOI, will then be notified by November 5, 2021. Application information will be provided at that time with a final deadline of December 3, 2021. Award recipients will be notified by December 15, 2021.

LOI AND APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

1. Project will result in lasting artistic, educational, or cultural value
2. Project is being overseen by qualified administrative personnel
3. Activities will be led by highly qualified Ohio artist(s)
4. Project planning involved a broad range of community voices
5. Project budget is appropriate and realistic
6. Project is viable and can be successfully completed during grant period

TIMELINE

DATE	TASK/DEADLINE
November 1, 2021	Deadline for Letter of Interest (LOI) submission online
November 5, 2021	Invitations issued to all award finalists
December 3, 2021	ARTIE Application deadline for invited applicants
December 15, 2021	Award recipients notified
January 1, 2022 (or later for some projects)	Funded activities may begin; first installment (75%) of award paid upon submission of signed Grant Agreement
June 30, 2022 (or sooner for some projects)	Funded activities end; final installment (25%) of award paid upon completion of Final Report