

GRANTS FOR ARTS ORGANIZATIONS OVERVIEW

Fiscal Year 2017

Delaware Division of the Arts

The Delaware Division of the Arts, a branch of the Delaware Department of State, is dedicated to cultivating and supporting the arts to enhance the quality of life for all Delawareans. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, the Division administers grants and programs that support arts programming, educate the public, increase awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life.

Eligibility

To be eligible for grants for Arts Organizations, applicants must:

1. Have the promotion, presentation, production, and/or teaching of the arts as their primary purpose as outlined in their charter, incorporation papers, bylaws, and IRS nonprofit determination letter.
2. Have a stable, functioning board of directors that meets at least quarterly.
3. Be based and chartered in Delaware as a nonprofit organization; exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) or 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; and eligible to receive donations allowable as charitable contributions under Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

New arts organizations must successfully complete the Division of the Arts [STARTUP](#) program for emerging arts organizations before applying for General Operating Support, Arts Stabilization Fund, or Education Resource grants.

Grant Categories for Arts Organizations

1. **GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT (GOS)** grants are awarded to Delaware nonprofit arts organizations in support of their annual operating expenses. [Full applications](#) are accepted triennially in the "on year," with [Interim reports](#) submitted in the "off years." See [General Operating Support Applicants for FY2017](#) for a listing of individual arts organization application requirements in FY2017. **Annual March 1 deadline.**
2. **ARTS STABILIZATION FUND (ASF)** grants provide non-profit arts organizations with funding for improvements to facilities owned and operated (or under long-term lease) by the organization. **Annual March 1 deadline.**
3. **EDUCATION RESOURCE (EDR)** grants assist Delaware's arts organizations in developing and serving as education resources to Delaware's schools on behalf of their students. **Annual March 1 deadline.**
4. **STARTUP** consists of modest program support, training, and consultant input for emerging arts organizations. Participation in the STARTUP program is a pre-requisite to applying for General Operating Support. Organizations must submit a letter of interest to the Division of the Arts to receive approval to apply for the STARTUP program. **Annual March 1 deadline.**
5. **Arts Access Grants** provide up to \$1,000 to support the presentation of performing, visual, literary, media, or folk arts in communities throughout the state. Organizations that receive General Operating Support or Project Support from the Division are generally not eligible to apply. **Rolling deadline.**

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Application Deadline

All e-Grant applications are available at <http://artsdel.egrant.net>.

General Operating Support (Full Application and Interim Report), Education Resource, Arts Stabilization, and STARTUP application deadline is **4:30 pm on March 1, 2016**.

Arts Access Grant applications must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the project start date to be eligible.

Notification of Grant Awards

After all **General Operating Support, Education Resource, Arts Stabilization, and STARTUP** applications have gone through a grant review process, the Delaware State Arts Council will make final funding recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017 at their June 2016 funding meeting. The recommended grant awards will apply to Fiscal Year 2017 only. Applicants will be notified of final funding decisions after July 1, 2016, following the Council meeting and passage of the state budget. For details on the grant review process, go to [Delaware Division of the Arts Grant Review Process](#).

Arts Access Grants go through an internal staff review process, with the Division Director making final funding decisions. Applicants will be notified within four (4) weeks of the application submission.

Grantee Responsibilities

Receipt of state and federal grants carries with it certain obligations and responsibilities. By submitting a Division of the Arts grant application, applicants are affirming that they are familiar with the requirements of the Delaware Division of the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, as presented in the Division of the Arts [Grantee Responsibilities](#). Topics include:

- Fiscal requirements for state and federal reporting
- Statement of Assurances (Contract)
- Grant payment procedures
- Calendar information for DelawareScene.com
- On-site evaluations
- Final reports
- Acknowledgements (credits for funding)
- NEA subgrantee compliance ([NEA General Terms and Conditions](#))
- IRS Exempt Organization Public Disclosure and Availability ([Requirements](#))

All materials submitted to the Division of the Arts in the grant application process are subject to public inspection upon request to the Division, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. It is advised that any confidential information contained in financial documents and audits (e.g., donors' names) be redacted prior to submission.