

## For Immediate Release

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# Grants for Artists, Arts Projects and Arts Organizations in Eugene

Applications for Lane Arts Council's 2023-24 Community Arts Grants and Artist Grants now open

**Eugene, OR** - Applications are now open for Lane Arts Council's 2023-24 Community Arts Grants and Artist Grant. Funded by the <u>City of Eugene Cultural Services Division</u> and administered by <u>Lane</u> <u>Arts Council</u>, these grant programs directly support individual artists, arts projects, and arts organizations in the Eugene area.

Three grant opportunities are open for the 2023-24 funding cycle: Community Arts Project Grant, Community Arts Program Grant, and Artist Grant. Applications for all grant programs are due April 14th. Awards will be announced in June 2023 to fund artists, arts projects, and arts organizations for activities completed between July 1st, 2023, and June 30th, 2024.

### **Community Arts Program Grant**

Guidelines and application: http://lanearts.org/community-arts-grants/

The Community Arts Program Grant provides up to \$5,000 in operating support funds to Eugene's small and mid-sized nonprofit community arts organizations. The primary goal of the Program Grant is to support nonprofit arts organizations in their strategic development and organizational goal fulfillment. The most competitive applicants are arts organizations who have arts as the core of their mission and provide public access to ongoing, sustained, artistic programming, and outreach programs or services in Eugene.

### **Community Arts Project Grant**

Guidelines and application: http://lanearts.org/community-arts-grants/ The Community Arts Project Grant provides up to \$2,500 to individuals, collectives, or organizations for projects that emphasize accessibility to underserved audiences and provide arts programming that takes place in Eugene. Proposals might include exhibits, performances, festivals, workshops, events, programs, and other arts and culture projects. The most competitive proposals demonstrate community impact and clear access to underserved and underrepresented communities whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by race, ethnicity, economics, or disability.

### Artist Grant

Guidelines and application: http://lanearts.org/artist-grant/ The Artist Grant, now in its fourth year, provides up to \$2,000 to support individual artists, performers, and creatives of all disciplines. Artists can apply for one of three funding areas:

- <u>Production</u>: to move forward a new creative endeavor that contributes to artistic development, professional growth, or accessing new career opportunities
- <u>Development</u>: to engage in administrative or artistic learning, skill-building, or professional development that contributes to improved business or artistic practice
- <u>Investment</u>: to bolster artistic business capacity through equipment or supply purchasing, staffing, or other operating expenses

#### Grant Information Sessions: February 13th & 14th

Attend these free virtual information sessions to ask questions and learn specifics about the Artist Grant, Community Arts Program Grant, and Community Arts Project Grant. To register, visit Lane Arts Council's <u>website</u>: www.lanearts.org

- Community Arts Grant Info Session (for both the Community Arts Program Grant and Project Grant): Monday, February 13th, 3-4pm
- Artist Grant Info Session: Tuesday, February 14th, 5-6pm

Lane Arts Council's grant programs are designed to create opportunities for artists, ensure opportunities for arts engagement, cultivate a diversity of art forms, and help strengthen Eugene's arts community. They support the growing role of the arts in the cultural, social, educational, and economic recovery of community life in Eugene.

2021-22 Artist Grant recipient Mija Matriz shared her gratitude regarding the grant she received during the previous Artist Grant cycle, "I've learned so much from this experience. As an experiential learner, there are many things I can only learn by doing them. I'm very grateful I was able to begin developing this branch of my business without taking a big financial risk, thanks to this grant.

#### About Lane Arts Council

Lane Arts Council is a nonprofit organization that works to cultivate strong and creative arts communities throughout Lane County. They provide high-quality arts experiences, engage people of all ages in arts education, and encourage artistic endeavors.

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