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Arts in Arkansas Fund Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS THE ARTS IN ARKANSAS FUND GRANT?

The purpose of this grant is to provide small arts organizations with general operating support. Priority consideration will be given to organizations led by or prioritizing programs for Black, Indigenous and other People of Color, and to geographic diversity among the grant recipient organizations. **Arts in Arkansas Fund** will provide a total of \$5,000 to support general operations (\$2,500 in year one, and final installment of \$2,500 in year two.)

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY BIPOC-LED/SERVING?

The acronym “BIPOC” stands for Black, Indigenous or other People of Color - this includes people whose racial or ethnic background is Black or African-American, Latinx or Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, or multi-ethnic/multi-racial. Organizations classified as “BIPOC-led or -serving” could include those for which:

- half or more board members identify as BIPOC
- half or more of senior staff leaders identify as BIPOC
- executive director identifies as BIPOC
- the majority of target audiences identify as BIPOC

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY “PRIORITY CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO ORGANIZATIONS LED BY AND/OR PRIORITIZING AND CENTERING BIPOC COMMUNITIES?”

This program aims to target resources at organizations that focus on the work of historically marginalized racial and ethnic communities. The selection committee will prioritize identifying a slate of grant recipients that includes strong representation from

organizations led by and serving BIPOC communities. However, other organizations may also apply, and the selection committee will also take into consideration the demographics of the specific geographic communities served by applicants.

DOES MY ORGANIZATION HAVE TO HAVE 501(C)(3) PUBLIC CHARITY STATUS TO APPLY?

Yes, in general, applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits. However, entities that do not have this status may partner with a fiscal sponsor organization that has 501(c)(3) status. If you choose to use a fiscal sponsor, you will need to upload a memorandum of understanding between the sponsored project and the fiscal sponsor. [A template is linked here](#) for reference.

I AM A NONPROFIT, HOW CAN I APPLY?

To complete an application, visit www.arcf.org/ARTS to access our online application portal.

To receive updates about future funding opportunities, follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, or [sign up for our nonprofit newsletter here](#).

I REPRESENT A CORPORATION/BUSINESS/FAMILY FOUNDATION, HOW ELSE CAN I HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION?

Arkansas Community Foundation will work with your company – whether you are a small business owner or a major corporation – to help. We are experts in and offer a variety of tools for smart corporate giving including CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) and a Corporate Giving Toolkit. [Visit our Smart Corporate Giving page](#) to learn more or contact Ashley Coldiron at 501-372-1166 for more help.