

Grassroots Arts Program Subgranting Workshop



Wilkes Art Gallery

2025-2026 Applications

Open: April 23rd, 2025 at 10 AM

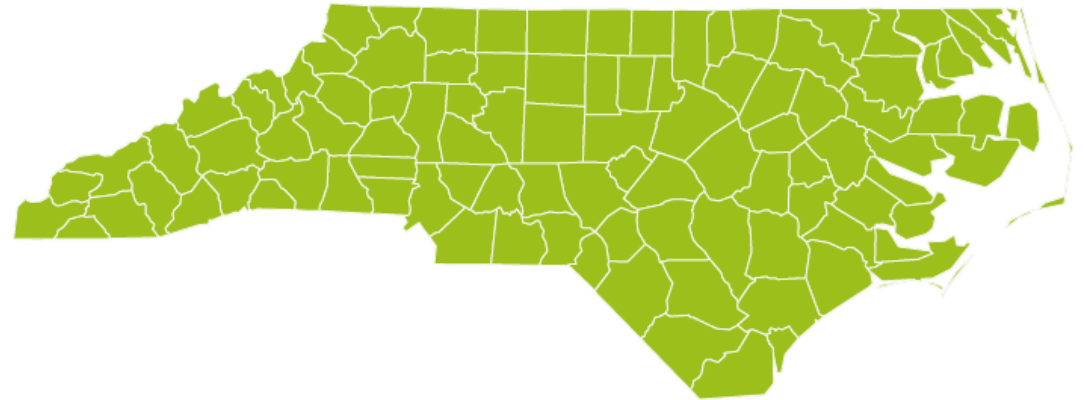
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Grassroots Arts Program

The Grassroots Arts program is a partnership between local arts councils and the North Carolina Arts Council. All 100 counties in N.C. receive program funds.



Grassroots Arts Program

In counties with populations of 50,000 or more, the local arts council will distribute 50 percent of the Grassroots funds to local arts organizations through a competitive grant process.



Eligibility for Application



- While nonprofit status is preferred, organizations that have been in operation for a least one year may apply.
- All organizations must reside and carry out projects in **Wilkes County.**
- Projects must take place between July 1, 2025 and June 15, 2026.
- Only complete applications received by the due date will be considered.

Subgrant Requirements



- Matching Requirement
 - One – to – one cash match
- N.C. Arts Council and Local Arts Council Recognition
 - Logos and credit line according to guidelines
- Reporting Requirements
- Final Report to Wilkes Art Gallery
 - Thank you letters to state legislators
 - No Overdue Tax Form

What the Grant Will Fund

- Program expenses for projects of high artistic merit including artist fees and travel, space rental, marketing, advertising, costumes, sets, props, music and equipment rental.
- Limited operating expenses for arts organizations only.

*** Organizations receiving N.C. Arts Council Sustaining Support Funding are not eligible to receive GAP subgrant funding.

What the Grant Will NOT Fund

- Individual applicants
- Art supplies
- Fundraising events or expenses
- Food or beverages
- Prizes, tuition or scholarships
- School band activities or equipment
- Purchase of artwork
- Internal programs for schools, colleges, universities, or libraries
- Programs with religious content

The Application

Organizational Information & Project Description

I. Organization Information

Name of Organization _____

Contact Person's Name _____

Contact Person's Title _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

State: North Carolina Zip Code _____ County _____

Work Phone (____) _____ Fax Number (____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Website _____

Organization's EIN _____

Organization's UEI _____

Applicant Race_ Please select one _____

Please give a brief description of your organization, including mission, board and staff composition, current arts programs and services and number and kinds of people served. Public schools and other large governmental or community agencies should provide a description of their arts program only rather than the entire organization.

Remember to include a financial statement from your most recent completed, the approved annual budget for your current FY and the projected budget for next FY.

FY 2023-24: Finalized income and expense statement for the year
FY 2024-25 (current fiscal year): approved (projected) operating budget
FY 2025-26 (next fiscal year): approved (projected) operating budget

Organizational Finances:

Please attach a finalized profit and loss (income and expense) report for the last completed FY, the annual (projected) operating budget for the current fiscal year, and the annual (projected) operating budget for the year in which the grant funds will be used. Please copy the totals from these attachments in the spaces below. (NOTE: you should have THREE financial documents for the years stated in the chart below or you will not be considered for funding).

***Public schools and other large governmental or community agencies are exempt from this requirement.

Last Completed FY: 2023-24	Current FY: 2024-25	Next FY: 2025-26
Final Income:	Budget Income:	Budget Income:
Final Expense:	Budget Expense:	Budget Expense:

II. Project Description

Grant Amount Requested: _____

Project Start Date: _____

Project End Date: _____

Project Narrative:

Please attach a narrative providing the information requested below for the project you propose. Please be concise and specific as possible:

1. Project title or summary description
2. Project goals
3. Description of intended participants/audience, including estimated numbers and racial and cultural composition
4. Location where project will take place
5. Description of project activities
6. Description of the artists to be involved in the project, how and why they were chosen and, if appropriate, the rate of payment for their services (If you have not yet selected the artists, describe the kinds of artists you intend to involve and how you will select them.)
7. Description of how the project will be publicized and promoted to reach intended participants
8. Description of how you will evaluate the project

Audience and Location

- **Description of intended audience or participants:**
 - Be specific: “We expect the community participation to be 200 adults and 300 middle-school-aged children, with approximately 64% Caucasian and 36% to be African American.”
- **Location of project**

Project Description

- **Project title or summary description**
 - Why should the project be funded?
 - Include any community partnerships
- **Project Goals**
 - What will participants learn or gain from the arts experience?
 - How will the project impact the community?

Activities and Artists

- **Description of Project activities**
 - For example: Each art camp student will engage in a rotating schedule of visual and performing arts classes. This includes 20 hours a week of instruction, with at least 10 hours devoted to sculpture, drawing and painting and 10 hours to dance, theatre and musical instruction.
- **Description of the artists involved**
 - How they were chosen (include credentials in narrative)
 - Rate of Payment
 - If the artists have not been chosen yet, describe the process for choosing artists.

Marketing and Evaluation

How the project will be publicized and promoted

- Specific outreach to include intended audience?
- Community Partner's newsletters?
- Press releases, website, advertising, PSAs

How will the project be evaluated?

- Surveys? Participant feedback?
- Revenue?
- Community Impact?

Project Budget:

Please provide a projected budget for your proposed project utilizing the format below.

Project Expenses	Cash Expenses	=	Grant Amount Requested	+	Applicant Cash Match
A. Personnel					
1. Administrative Staff	0				
2. Artistic Staff	0				
3. Technical/Production Staff	0				
B. Outside Fees and Services					
1. Artistic Contracts	0				
2. Other Contracts	0				
C. Space Rental	0				
D. Travel	0				
E. Marketing	0				
F. Remaining Project Expenses	0				
G. Total Cash Expenses	0	=	0	+	0

Project Income

A. Admissions	
B. Contracted Services Revenue	
C. Other Revenue	
D. Private Support	
1. Corporate Support	
2. Foundation Support	
3. Other Private Support	
E. Government Support	
1. Federal	
2. State/Regional	
3. Local	
F. Applicant Cash	
G. Grant Amount Requested in this application	
H. Total Cash Income (Must at least equal Total Cash Expenses, Item G above)	0

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3. Technical/Production Staff	_____		_____		_____
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1. Artistic Contracts	_____		_____		_____
2. Other Contracts	_____		_____		_____

C. Space Rental	_____		_____		_____
D. Travel	_____		_____		_____
E. Marketing	_____		_____		_____
F. Remaining Project Expenses	_____		_____		_____
G. Total Cash Expenses	_____	=	_____	+	_____

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- F. Applicant Cash _____
- G. Grant Amount Requested in
this application _____
- H. Total Cash Income (Must at
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Expenses, Item G above) _____

Evaluation

How Applications are Evaluated



Subgrant Panels

- Panel of community members review each grant
- Panelists base funding decisions on the quality of the grant application, not on their relationship with, or knowledge of the organization
- Panelists review overall completeness of the grant and score applications on specific criteria



Criteria

- Artistic quality of the proposed project
- Community impact of project or program
- Ability to plan and implement project
- Stability and fiscal responsibility of the organization

Priorities for Funding



- The **first priority** is to provide program or operating support to qualified arts organizations (where they exist), such as theaters, symphonies, galleries, art guilds, choral societies, dance companies, folk arts societies, writer's groups, and arts festivals. Subgrants of Grassroots funds may not be awarded to arts organizations that already receive operating support directly from the N.C. Arts Council.
- The **second priority** funds is to support arts learning and arts-in-education programs conducted by qualified artists. These can be artist residencies in schools, after-school programs, summer camps, or adult arts learning classes. Grassroots funds may not be used for activities associated with a school's internal arts programs such as in-school student performances, the purchase of supplies, or student art competitions and publications.
- The **third priority** is to support other community, civic, and municipal organizations that provide high-quality experiences for the greater community. These programs must be conducted by qualified artists.

If you get funded...

- Your organization will enter into a contractual agreement with Wilkes Art Gallery.
- Submittal of No Overdue Tax Debts Form
- Your organization will complete a final report by June 30 with:
 - Audience numbers
 - Audience demographics
- Demonstrate use of N.C. Arts Council logo and credit line on promotional materials
- Grant payments may be distributed in installments
- Keep local arts council updated on the progress of your program. If something changes and you can't use all the funds, your local arts council must know by April. They will need to roll the funds into one of their programs.
- **NOTE: Late final reports=no funding next grant cycle.**

Questions?

If you need help with your application, or have specific questions, contact:

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