



Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition Grants: Support Individual Artists

Descriptions below do not include all possible opportunities eligible for support, but illustrate a general range of activities for which artists can receive assistance.

□ EDUCATION GRANT- up to \$500 available (artist must match funds)

Received Deadlines: 1st day of each month

Grant assists artists in receiving technical training, attending workshops, national or regional conferences, training seminars, or other related events. Travel expense or tuition can be covered, and the artist must match all funds. In-kind contributions cannot be accepted for the artist's match.

Grant will be awarded based on quality of the educational opportunity for the artist and the appropriateness of the budget.

□ PROFESSIONAL BASICS GRANT- up to \$250 available. If artists match funds, up to \$500 available.

Received Deadlines: January 15, April 15, July 15, October 15

- Grant assists artists in the final physical presentation and documentation of artwork for professional development. Applicants may apply for funds to cover costs associated with:

1-time grant subcategories: artists may only use funding each area once

- matting and framing or display pedestals
- website design or building
- crating/shipping
- images of your artwork- slides, digital images, and/or professional photographer

For all except the images of your artwork category, successful applications must demonstrate how the project will be used at a specific professional venue. Evidence of completed framing/pedestals, photo images, website URL, or shipping receipts must be submitted with the final report. In-kind contributions cannot be accepted for the artist's match.

□ CREATIVE PROJECTS GRANT- up to \$900 for initial proposal, additional marketing, planning services and financial support is possible for up to \$500

Received Deadlines: January 15, April 15, July 15, October 15

**-1 page project summary for feedback from committee is recommended
-sketches, storyboard or concept drawings encouraged**

This grant supports an artist to create new work that will culminate in a public event focused on his or her work. This grant category encourages creative thinking and planning by the artist.

Possibilities may include projects such as:

- installations
- creating body of work for exhibitions in public spaces
- residencies

The grant will be awarded based upon the quality of project concept and excellence as demonstrated through past works of art. The project must show a timeline and listing of venues (indicating those that are confirmed).

□ COMMUNITY/ARTIST PARTNERSHIP (CAP) GRANT- up to \$1200

Received Deadlines: January 15, April 15, July 15, October 15

The purpose of this grant is to motivate Oklahoma artists to initiate leadership in creative projects that partner with non-profit organizations in communities within the state of Oklahoma. Examples of non-profit tax-exempt (501-(C)3) organizations include: schools, social service, museums, neighborhood and volunteer organizations and clubs. The grant supports community-oriented art projects, which may include public art, community art events, and other activities that relate to specific Oklahoma communities, especially those

underserved by other art organizations. The amount granted by OVAC must be matched by the sponsoring community organization by at least one-half in cash provided by the community organization.

Projects will be evaluated for creative content, community benefit, effectiveness of the presentation, documentary support, number of people affected, the depth or quality of the art experience for the people affected, innovativeness, geographic areas underserved by other art organizations, and professional capacity of the artist(s) to successfully carry out the project.

Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition Grants: BASIC POLICIES

Who May Apply-

- ❖ Individuals who have been residents of Oklahoma for a minimum of one year prior to the application deadline and are residents at the time that the grant is awarded.
- ❖ Applicant must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the application.
- ❖ Applicant is not enrolled as a student in a degree-seeking program at time of application or during the grant period.
- ❖ Artists who submitted a "Final Project Report" within 30 days from the completion of any previous grant awarded by OVAC to the artist.

OVAC Funds-

- ❖ Projects/events happening in the future
- ❖ The professional development of Oklahoma artists' careers.
- ❖ The creation of works of visual art by Oklahoma artists.
- ❖ Continuing education of Oklahoma artists.
- ❖ Collaboration among artists and communities.

OVAC Does Not Fund-

- ❖ Organizations
- ❖ Degree-seeking students
- ❖ More than one grant per project
- ❖ Private events to which the public is not invited
- ❖ Projects that occurred prior to the application submission.

Evaluation and selection-

- ❖ All grants are evaluated and selected by a panel of artists, arts administrators, and OVAC board members from diverse disciplinary, geographic, and ethnic backgrounds. A list of committee members is available upon request. Because the intent of this award is to substantially advance an artists' work or career, applications must clearly describe the significant impact the artist's career could gain from the proposed opportunity. The merit of the opportunity and its feasibility will also be considered.
- ❖ The review and notification process takes approximately 3 weeks.

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