



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE
OFFICE OF ARTS AND CULTURE

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 2:00–3:30pm

GRANTS WORKSHOP!

Learn about San Mateo County's
streamlined Arts & Culture
Grant Opportunities



San Mateo County Arts Commission and The Office of Arts and Culture



2023 GRANTS



APPLY MARCH 6-24



Partners

We look to you as our partners, doing the important work to grow the arts and culture ecosystem to create a vital, healthy community.

To develop equitable and trust-based grantmaking practices, it is essential to build a respectful relationship between the OAC, the Arts Commission, and grantees, past and future. To do this, we will:

Embrace	Embrace engaging diverse, inclusive, and equitable perspectives and community voices that provide significant, relevant, and collaborative conversation and actions.
Require	Require clarity, responsiveness, and transparency from both parties.
Design	Design a streamlined online application and reporting system that is efficient, accessible, and user-friendly.
Engage	Engage an expert panel of peer readers to review the applications along with the OAC staff and recommend funding priorities to the Arts Commissioners.

Eligibility

Must be an arts or cultural organizations located in or serving residents in San Mateo County.

Must be a 501(c)(3) or fiscally sponsored nonprofit organization in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service or a local public agency/entity.

Must have been in operation for 1+ years.

Must have a budget under \$1,000,000.

2023-24 Grants Programs

Term: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Final report due June 30, 2024

- **General Support Grants**

All funds may be used by the organization as needed to support the organization's overhead, salaries, or other needs.

- **Project/Program Grants**

All funds may be used to support costs of a specific project or program.

Criteria

- Celebrate the arts and culture through programs that reflect diverse County needs
- Present effective arts and culture programs/services in San Mateo County
- Articulate a clear vision and plan for success and sustainability
- Embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion in the organization's staff, board, and community served
- Demonstrate the organization is well-managed, effective, and financially viable
- Establish impactful goals and appropriate evaluation methods
- Partner/collaborate with others for community benefit and organizational efficiency
- Attract/secure diverse board members that are engaged and contribute financially

The Application

- **In addition to organizational and contact information we ask:**
- Describe your organization's history, mission, and vision. (1,000 characters)
- What services/programs does your organization provide to residents of San Mateo County and what is the impact of those services/programs? How does your organization promote diversity, equity and inclusion through its programs? (1,500 characters)
- Do you collaborate/partner with other organizations, if so with whom and how? If not, please explain? (1,000 characters)
- List top three sources of funding. (250 characters)

The Narrative General Support

- What are your three most urgent organizational concerns/needs and how would a grant from the SMCAC help address those needs. (2,500 characters)
- Briefly describe the demographics of the population you serve, including the numbers you serve in San Mateo County. (1,000 characters)
- How do you engage community members, including those with lived experiences, to assure your strategies and solutions are tailored to meet the needs of the communities you serve? (1,500 characters)

The Narrative Project/Program Support

- Describe in detail your project or program; include its work and/or approach towards equity and serving under-resourced populations. (2,500 characters)
 - Briefly describe the demographics of the population you serve, including the numbers you serve in San Mateo County. (1,000 characters)
 - How do you engage community members, including those with lived experiences, to assure your strategies and solutions are tailored to meet the needs of the communities you serve? (1,500 characters)
 - What are the expected outcomes of the project/program and what metrics will you use to determine success?
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Documents Required

- W-9 IRS Form
- Financial Statements for last fiscal year
- Current Organizational Budget
- DEI or Non-Discrimination policy or statement (if you have one)
- Project/Program Budget (For Project/Program Support Grants only)

Review Process

- A Peer Review Panel will use rubrics that reflect the County's and Arts Commission's equity policies to review and rank the applications.
 - The Arts Commissioners will review the panel's recommendations and award grants accordingly.
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Important Dates

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Application Available



March 6, 2023

March 24, 2023

Panel Review



April 2023

May 2023

Application Deadline

Grant Award Notification





Thank you!

Questions?

