



City of Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture Arts and Cultural Events/Projects/Programs Funding

MISSION

The mission of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture shall be to help create and nurture a climate and conditions in Grand Junction in which the arts and culture can thrive and grow.

VISION

Grand Junction is recognized as a place where people live and visit because arts and culture are a major attraction and an important element in the quality of life of the community.

FUNDING APPLICANTS:

PLEASE CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE GOAL AND ONE OBJECTIVE THAT BEST FITS YOUR REQUEST'S INTENT.

A. (Goal 1) To support local arts and cultural organizations:

Objectives:

- Create and maintain jobs in the arts and cultural industry
- Encourage collaborative efforts and partnerships
- Facilitate new avenues of expression

B. (Goal 2) To enrich the community of the Grand Valley:

Objectives:

- Expand the audience for the arts
- Educate the community about the arts and new forms of artistic expression
- Reflect the diversity and cultural heritage of the area
- Encourage cultural tourism

C. (Goal 3) To elevate excellence in the arts and in culture:

Objectives:

- Inspire local artists through exposure to and interaction with national and international artists
- Support activities that establish higher standards and integrity
- Provide opportunities for beginning artists to grow and develop their talents

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA:

- The artistic merit and quality of the project, and contribution to diversity, innovation, and interdisciplinary focus.
- The significance, impact, or educational benefit of the proposal to the community, and extent to which the organization seeks community involvement, volunteer participation, organizational collaboration and/or additional financial contributions.
- The artistic and administrative capability of the applicant to complete the project.
- The appropriateness of the proposed budget.

- The specific goals, unmet needs, and unique contributions of the proposal to the arts and culture landscape of the community.

WHAT THE COMMISSION DOES NOT FUND:

1. Scholarships or prizes of any kind
2. Fundraisers
3. Capital expenditures or equipment purchases over \$1,500
4. General operating expenditures exclusively
5. Projects intended to reduce previously incurred deficits
6. Organizations that have received funding for same project from City Council in the current year

REQUIREMENTS:

1. The applicant must be in Colorado. Priority may be given to Mesa County organizations which utilize Mesa County artists.
2. The event/project/program must take place in Grand Junction and must happen between March 31, 2026, and March 30, 2027.
3. The total request for funding may not exceed \$4500. Preference will be given to expenditures that pay artists or are arts related.
4. The applicant will submit a complete and timely proposal in a format outlined by the Commission and make a 3-minute presentation about the proposal to the Commission. **Performing Arts organizations must include a video of their performance or like performance as part of their application.**
5. Funding will be awarded only to non-profit organizations or agencies, not individuals. Organizations are not required to have 501(c)(3) status but must be a corporation in good standing with the Colo. Sect. of State (or pending) and meet federal 501(c)(3) requirements (www.sos.state.co.us)
6. Each organization may submit only one individual funding request; however, it can be for multiple events, and an organization may submit a second funding request for a project which involves other nonprofit organizations as equal partners and is clearly intended to be a broad-based collaborative venture.
7. District 51 must apply on behalf of an individual school program. (Example: Mesa County Valley School District 51, on behalf of Dos Rios Elementary)
8. The applicant will submit a complete and timely report to the Art Commission within 60 days of completion of the project or will forfeit consideration of future funding from the Commission for a 2-year period. The final report document is available [here](#).
9. Organizations are required to sit out for one year after receiving funding for three previous consecutive years from the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

The Commission on Arts and Culture resolves that its members should avoid any action which could possibly be interpreted as a use of Commission membership to further the Commission member's own interest or that of any organization with which the member is affiliated.

To avoid any possible conflict of interest, or the appearance of any conflict of interest:

1. No Commission member shall be an employee of any local arts or cultural organization. (City of Grand Junction Resolution No. 8-12). This shall not prohibit any Commission member from being a general member or patron of any local arts and cultural organizations.

2. No Commission member shall apply for funding for personal funding or for any organization with which he/she is affiliated, but the organization is not, however, disqualified from submitting such an application.
3. Commission members should strive to avoid a bias toward a particular artistic discipline, institution, or geographic area.
4. A Commission member shall refrain from advocating for and shall abstain from voting on any application from an organization with which he/she is directly affiliated, although this shall not apply to organizations of which he/she is a general member or patron.
5. No Commission member shall receive any benefit or remuneration whatsoever in exchange for his/her acting as a member of the Commission, except for reimbursement of any necessary and actual expenses he/she may incur.

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