



AWF EXPLORE Grants

Explore grants provide arts organizations who have fully developed ideas with the resources to test and implement the concept. These grants hope to foster the creativity and risk-taking that is essential to creating new and better ways of operating in the current COVID-19 world and addressing some of the aspects of arts organizations that were not working well before the pandemic. Priority will be given to projects that have maximum potential benefit for the organization and the field.

Applications are assessed on the following EXPLORE criteria:

- The Idea/Need: Clear identification of challenges to be address; case for why this project is important to the organization right now.
- The Plan A clear and appropriate plan that informs implementation; appropriateness of the proposed budget; methods for tracking process and progress; a system for assessing the potential impact on the organization(s).
- The Capacity: The capacity of the organization to carry out the project.
- The Impact: Potential to impact the organizations(s).
- The Broader Learning: Potential to inform the field.

Explore Grant Application Questions

Section 1: Organization Information

Applicant Organization Name *

Applicant EIN:

Applicant Organization Website *

Applicant Organization Street Address *

Applicant Organization City *

Applicant Organization Zip Code *

Primary Contact Name *

Primary Contact Title

Primary Contact Telephone Number *

Primary Contact Email *

Name, Title, Email of Organization's Executive Director / Artistic Director (if not the same as person listed above)

Year Applicant Organization Founded *

Applicant Organization annual operating expenses (based on most recently completed fiscal year) *

If this request is for a collaborative effort among organizations, please list the collaborating partner organization name, name of person involved in the collaboration, and that person's email.

Section 2: Demographics

Our intent is to prioritize organizations that have historically been marginalized and underfunded due to systemic inequities. We are looking for organizations whose actual purpose, intent, and activities are specifically focused on the demographic group, AND reflective in the organization's leadership or staff.

Is your organization specifically led by, for, AND about people of color? (Demonstrated by a combination of a. mission, history, and programmatic activities; b. artists, audiences, leadership, and communities served; and c. artistic, executive, and board leadership.) *
Yes No

If you answered yes above, please specify: (choose one)

African American/ Black

Asian/Pacific Islander

American Indian/ Alaskan Native

Latinx

Middle Eastern

Multi-racial (representing people of more than one racial/ethnic backgrounds)

Is your organization specifically by, for, AND about people with disabilities?

(Demonstrated by a combination of a. mission, history, and programmatic activities; b. artists, audiences, and communities served; and c. artistic, executive, and board leadership.)

Yes No

Is your organization specifically by, for, AND about LGBTQ people? (Demonstrated by a combination of a. mission, history, and programmatic activities; b. artists, audiences, and communities served; and c. artistic, executive, and board leadership.) *

Yes No

Is your organization specifically by, for, AND about women? (Demonstrated by a combination of a. mission, history, and programmatic activities; b. artists, audiences, and communities served; and c. artistic, executive, and board leadership.)

Yes No

Section 3: Application Questions

1. Background: Tell us about your organization (and the other organizations involved in this project, if applicable). Give us a sense of what drives your work and what you are most proud of in terms of your organization's accomplishments. *

2. Project Title or Brief Description *

3. Idea/Need: What question(s) or idea(s) will be explored? How did you identify the question/need? *

4. Why is this project important to your organization at this moment? Contextualize the idea/need in your organization's history or current context. *

5. Project Plan: What is your plan for the implementation of the change idea? How was the strategy developed? How does this differ from other approaches or projects the organization has implemented? Please be as specific and detailed as possible. *

6. Capacity: Who will be involved? What is the capacity of the organization to undertake this project? More than a list of staff or consultants, we are looking to understand how the skills needed to undertake the project align with the staffing level, skills, background, and resources of the organization. *

7. Timeline: What is the timeframe for the project, including start and end dates? *

8. Assessment: How will progress be tracked? More than metrics, we want to know what will give you the confidence that this effort is taking you in the right direction and meeting the goals you have in undertaking the activities outlined above. *

9. Impact: What is your desired outcome? How do you expect this project to impact your organization or the collaborative of organizations involved? How will this project help you get where you want to go? *

10. Broader Reach: How do you envision this project impacting the broader field? How will what you learn be useful to others? Why do you think it will be useful to others?

11. Other: Please add anything else you would like to share.

Section 4: Attachments

Project Budget: Include income and expenses. AWF may be the only prospective funder, but if the total project expenses exceed AWF's maximum grant size, indicate how you plan to fund the balance and whether additional funds have been secured or are pending. *

Audit or 990: From the most recently completed fiscal year. *

Current Year Budget: With Year-to-Date Profit and Loss comparison. *

For Collaborative Efforts: If this is a collaborative effort among organizations, please upload a brief description of each partner organization.

Optional: Additional documents related to the project.

Optional: Additional video or audio related to the project. Please limit the length to no more than 4 minutes.

This is a preview of the application
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<https://artsworkfund.org/explore.html>