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Program Goals

From small towns to major metropolitan areas, New York's arts venues are community lifelines and drivers of growth. Through the Facilities Projects Program, NYSCA makes strategic investments that enable cultural facilities to become more physically accessible and sustainable, enhancing arts organizations' abilities to connect with their communities. Strong facilities projects combine excellence in design with informed decisions that strengthen arts and cultural organizations across the state. NYSCA supports critical renovation, expansion and rehabilitation projects, as well as the purchase of major artistic equipment like theatrical lights and dance floors.

Program Prerequisites

- Applicants must have received three consecutive years of prior NYSCA support.

- Applicants must own their facility or have a long-term lease with at least six years to go at the time of the application.

- Applicants must have completed any facilities projects previously funded by NYSCA before applying for new support in the program.

- The project for which funding is sought cannot be supported by any other New York State programs or agencies. Projects which include other New York State support in the project budget are ineligible for NYSCA support.

Key Dates & Deadlines

Guidelines
Released
January 14, 2020

Application
Period Begins
January 28, 2020

Deadline: March 12, 2020 4PM

Award(s)
Announced By
EST December 15, 2020

Previous Year Statistics

- $1,154,313 awarded

- 37 grants made to 37 organizations

- Grants across 18 counties and 7 REDC regions

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☐ **Design Studies**

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(By Invitation)

Tips

- For ALL projects, the following priorities are considered: Projects that improve, expand, or rehabilitate existing buildings to provide access for all. • Projects that address known health and safety deficiencies. • Projects that address issues of building stabilization. • Projects from organizations that further cultural development in rural or minority communities. • Projects that reduce an organization's operating costs. • Projects that demonstrate environmental stewardship and/or sustainable building practices.

- If you are unsure what category to apply for, look at the support materials lists to see if you will be able to produce those documents.

- Your budget should include only the cost of eligible expenses (see above for what these are in each category). Please do not include ineligible items in the budget such as staff time, overhead, etc.

- If your request is part of a larger project, please contextualize it, but don't spend too much time on it. You may want to parse out a piece of a larger project so the panel isn't overwhelmed. Since our funding is limited. For example, if you are doing a large capital project, you might want to approach NYSCA for a discrete portion of it, like a new elevator.

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FAQs

What expenses should be shown in the project budget?

Only the expenses that are eligible for support. For Design Studies: the architect's fees for conceptual and schematic design phases. For Capital Projects: the costs of construction materials and labor. For Capital Equipment: the cost of equipment plus installation. In-kind support is acceptable. Please do not show indirect expenses such as staff time.

If my organization has received support in Design Studies, can we apply for Capital Projects in the next application cycle?

It depends. Applicants must have completed any previously supported facilities projects (capital equipment, capital projects, design studies AND REDC, Mid-Cap) before applying for a new project, including submission of the final report.

My organization leases space from a church; are we eligible?

No. These organizations are not eligible: Religious institutions or arts organizations requesting funds for a facility they share with or lease from a religious institution. Public school districts, public universities, or state agencies, or arts organizations leasing their facility from such an entity.

CFA Application Tips

- ✓ Prequalification is the first step; make sure your organization is Prequalified - and/or all vault documents are up to date.

- ✓ View application resources at www.arts.ny.gov/nysca-grant-opportunities, including our application manual PDF and interactive guide at www.arts.ny.gov/application-guide.

- ✓ There are no exceptions to the CFA application deadline once the deadline has passed. It is a time-sensitive application.

- ✓ Read the questions carefully and answer them directly. Be succinct. The NYSCA-CFA application questions have word counts.

- ✓ Use the Financial Notes section provided.

- ✓ Remember to answer all the CFA application questions and upload all support materials requested. Do not submit hard copy.

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