

Colorado Creates Grant

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PREDICTED DEADLINE

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Predicted deadline: May 29, 2025 4:00pm MDT (Full proposal)

Grant amount: US \$4,000 - US \$10,000

Fields of work: [Media Arts](#) [Art & Culture](#)

Applicant type: Government Entity, Nonprofit

Funding uses: General Operating Expense

Location of project: *Matches:* Colorado

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Overview:

Background

Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) is a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. Established to capitalize on the immense potential for our creative sector to enhance economic growth in Colorado, the mission of Colorado Creative Industries is to promote, support and expand the creative industries to drive Colorado's economy, grow jobs and enhance our quality of life.

Colorado Creates Grants

The purpose of Colorado Creates, Creative Industries' largest annual competitive grant program, is to provide support to nonprofit arts organizations who produce and present arts and cultural activities. All grants are for General Operating Support.

Grant awards are flat amounts based on the size of the applicant's cash operating revenue for the organization's most recently completed fiscal year (as of the grant deadline date). All applicants in the same budget range who are recommended for funding will receive the same dollar amount. Both the first year and the continuation of a second-year grant is contingent upon available funds.

If your cash operating revenue in your most recently completed fiscal year was \$1 million or more, you will request \$10,000. For \$500,000-999,999 the amount is \$8,500. For \$250,000-499,999 the amount is \$7,500. For \$100,000-249,999 the amount is \$6,500. For \$25,000-99,999 the amount is \$4,000.

You can learn more about this opportunity by visiting the funder's [website](#).

Eligibility:

- Your organization needs to:
 - Be an arts-focused 501(c)(3) organization or an independent component of a program associated with a college, university, or unit of government
 - A qualified nonprofit organization has a stated and board-adopted mission specific to visual, performing, media, and literary arts.
 - Examples include art museums, ceramic studios, community arts councils, creative writing programs, dance organizations, film festivals, music festivals, opera societies, orchestras and choral societies, photographic studios, quilting and fiber arts organizations, theatre groups, tribal cultural organizations, and visual arts centers.
 - An independent component is a program of an organization, college/university, or a unit of government that is both programmatically and administratively distinct from its parent organization
 - To qualify as an independent component, your organization needs to:
 - Have a community-based independent board or advisory committee with substantial responsibility for oversight and management
 - Have a distinctive and separate mission from the parent organization
 - Have staff and volunteers explicitly for the independent component's programs
 - Have a budget separate from the parent organization, producing a distinct set of financials as a part of the grant application
 - Provide programs or services open to the public

- If affiliated with a university or college, document that the programs/services/activities serve 50% or more non-student or faculty audiences
- Hold your primary business location in Colorado
- Have supporting the arts as your organizational mission, including but not limited to visual, performing, literary, and media arts organizations
- Have held public arts programs in Colorado for at least three years before the application deadline
- Have a cash operating budget of at least \$25,000 for your last completed fiscal year
- Be registered in Good Standing with the Colorado Secretary of State and current with annual corporate reports and charitable solicitation registration
- Be current in reporting for other Colorado Creative Industries grants or programs
- Show collaboration, a mutual investment of funds or other resources to the activity, with other organizations
- This grant is for general operating support. Allowable operations and facilities expenses include:
 - Facilities rent (home base of operations, not special program expenses)
 - Operations costs
 - Maintenance
 - Insurance

Ineligibility:

- Applicants may not apply using a fiscal agent.
- No organization may be the lead applicant on more than one application.
- These organizations are not eligible:
 - Organizations managing a state certified Colorado Creative District
 - church or religious, sectarian organization, or a public or private K-12 school or school district
 - organizations are required to sit out for one year after two consecutive years of Colorado Creates funding. View your ineligibility status.
 - An organization whose primary purpose is to channel resources — financial, human, or other — to an affiliated organization may not apply if the affiliated organization submits an application, even if both organizations have their own 501(c)(3) status.
- Generally, history museums, botanic gardens, preservation organizations, economic development and planning agencies, and therapeutic and social service agencies are not eligible, even if they have 501(c)(3) status. (stated mission is not specific to arts)
- Organizations that have other goals but include some arts programming are not eligible, unless they program and/or present proportionally-significant artistic or cultural programming in an area, or to a specific community with limited access.
- These do not qualify as independent components:
 - Academic departments or schools of colleges and universities
 - Programs or projects of organizations, for example, “friends of” groups sponsored by the organization that are programs or fundraising bodies, not independent components
 - General city or county governments
- Funds cannot be used for:
 - Capital improvements
 - New construction
 - Renovation
 - Restoration
 - Purchase of major equipment (\$5,000 or more)
 - Debt and deficit reduction
 - Re-granting of grant funds
 - Indirect costs

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