

ARTIST MICRO-GRANTS

Purpose

GDAC'S ARTIST MICRO-GRANT program will award individual artists of various disciplines up to \$500 per grant to complete a creative project. Designed to encourage the many musicians, actors, poets, visual artists, writers, and designers of our community, artists of all backgrounds and practices are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility

To be eligible for ARTIST MICRO-GRANTS, applicants must be:

- 18 or older
- A resident of Denton County
- An artist working in any media including musical and performing arts.
- A current Member of the Greater Denton Arts Council. To become a member, visit <https://dentonarts.com/membership>.

GUIDELINES

A maximum grant award of \$500 will be awarded per artist. Projects and programs must be art or art oriented, occur in Denton or Denton County, and can be applied to general expenses associated with artistic practice, including, but not limited to, studio rental, production costs, exhibition related expenses or supplies, or other materials needed to complete an arts project.

Projects for this year's grants cycle must fall within the dates of July 1, 2024-June 2025.

In keeping with the goals of the Texas Commission on the Arts, projects that encourage or enhance cultural diversity and/or serve underserved populations are strongly encouraged to apply.

Funds will NOT be awarded for the following:

- Fundraising initiatives or for-profit events
- Medical expenses or deficit reduction
- Capital improvements and brick and mortar improvements.
- Political or sectarian activities or for organizations that prohibit accessibility.
- Scholarships or tuition to institutions of higher education

Artists may submit only one grant application per granting year.

2024 MICRO-GRANT MATERIALS

HOW TO APPLY

Grant applications will be available beginning April 22nd at <http://www.dentonarts.com/grants>. Full details of required attachments and supplemental materials are outlined in the application forms.

Completed grant applications and supporting materials must be emailed to krissi.oden@dentonarts.com or be delivered to the Greater Denton Arts Council at the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center, 400 E Hickory, Denton, TX 76201 by May 20th, 2024 at 5 PM.

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Early submissions are strongly encouraged.

GRANT REVIEW PROCESS

The Grant Review Committee, consisting of community representatives at large, will evaluate and review applications. Funding recommendations to the GDAC Board of Directors will be based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- Artistic quality
- Goals & results of the proposed project
- Community impact
- Accuracy and completeness of application

Artist Micro-grant applicants may be contacted with additional questions or request for interview with the Grants Review Committee.

The GDAC Board of Directors will make final decisions concerning funding. All grant applicants will be notified of acceptance/denial by Friday, June 21st, 2024. Contracts will be sent out the following week and must be signed and returned by July 12th, 2024.

PAYMENT OF MONIES

Grants awards will be distributed via mail or can be available for pick up at the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 22, 2024 - Grant workshop training and applications available online
- May 24, 2024, 5 PM - Deadline for applications
- June 18, 2024 – Panelist Recommendations presented to GDAC Board of Directors
- June 21, 2024 – Notification to Grant Recipients and Contract
- July 12, 2024- Signed contract returned to GDAC and checks issued to artist
- 30 Days after completion of project; no later than June 30, 2025 - Grant reports due

If you have any questions throughout the application process, please contact the Greater Denton Arts Council at Krissi.oden@dentonarts.com or 940-382-2787.

REQUIREMENTS, EVALUATIONS AND FINAL REPORTS

- Evaluations and summary reports are required to be completed 30 days after the funded project, no later than June 30, 2025.
- Summary reports must include receipts accounting for all expenditures made with GDAC funding
- Organizations or artists who do not submit a complete evaluation will be ineligible to receive funding in the following grant year cycle.