

# MAINE ARTS COMMISSION

## Project Grant for Artists

**Application deadline: April 21, 2016 at 5 p.m.**

**Maximum award: \$2,500** (Average grant award last year was \$1,300)

The Project Grant for Artists supports creative projects throughout Maine, assisting artists with the creation of new work and the continuation of existing arts programs. Projects can be in any artistic discipline and on any scale.

No match or nonprofit affiliation is required.

**This funding cycle for this program is July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.**

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You are eligible to apply if you meet all of the following criteria:

- Have resided full-time in Maine for at least one year immediately prior to the application deadline.
- Will reside full-time in Maine throughout the project period.
- Are at least 18 years of age or older by the application deadline.
- Are not a matriculated student enrolled in a degree or certificate-granting program.
- Are in compliance with final reports required for any previous Maine Arts Commission award you have received.

### APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

Project Grant for Artists applications are reviewed on a competitive basis using the following criteria:

- Quality of the project plan, components and outcomes (25%)
- Artistic strength and creative practice (25%)
- Community impact (20%)
- Capacity to complete the project (20%)
- Application quality (10%)

### APPLICATION NARRATIVE *(All character counts include spaces. 4,400 characters/page)*

1. Provide a detailed description of the project, including dates, locations, partners and expected outcomes, project timeline and plan. *(3,450 characters max.)*
2. What makes the project artistically strong? *(2,300 characters max.)*
3. How will this project advance your career and your creative practice? *(2,300 characters max.)*
4. How will your project benefit the public? Please include the following: description of the community the project will impact, anticipated number of people the project will reach, and partnerships and collaborations. *(2,300 characters max.)*
5. Provide examples of similar projects that you have successfully completed *(2,300 characters max.)*

### INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Grant awards may not be re-granted nor used to cover the costs of brick-and-mortar projects, permanent or capital equipment, operating support, personal travel or fundraising.

## APPLICATION PACKAGE REQUIREMENTS

A complete application package for the Project Grant for Artists contains:

### ONLINE

- Complete answers to all narrative prompts
- Completed project budget
- Resumes, bios, or curriculum vitae for all key personnel

### BY MAIL OR FAX

- Completed State of Maine Vendor Form with ***exactly the same name and contact information as used in your application.***

### OPTIONAL

To provide a snapshot of the quality of your work please provide no fewer than two and no more than five artistic samples. Samples may be any combination of:

- Images
- Audio or video (no more than 15 minutes in length)
- Prose or poetry (no more than 20 pages in length)
- Reviews
- Marketing materials
- One to three letters of support

For additional information about artist samples, click [here](#).

Maine Arts Commission reserves the right to use submitted materials in the non-commercial promotion of the artist and/or Maine Arts Commission programs.

## ASSISTANCE

You are welcome to contact agency staff to discuss your ideas at any time prior to the application deadline. You may also request an informal consultation about your completed application narrative two weeks or more prior to the application deadline.

**GENERAL QUESTIONS**—Questions about the application or review process can be directed to Kathy Ann Shaw, Senior Director for Grants and Arts Accessibility, at [kathy.shaw@maine.gov](mailto:kathy.shaw@maine.gov) or 207-287-2750.

**SPECIFIC QUESTIONS**—Please direct specific questions about your Project Grant for Artists application to agency staff based on the discipline of your application.

**Craft and Visual Arts:** Julie Horn, Visual Arts Director, [julie.horn@maine.gov](mailto:julie.horn@maine.gov) or 207-287-2790

**Performing and Media Arts:** Kerstin Gilg, Media and Performing Arts Director, [kerstin.gilg@maine.gov](mailto:kerstin.gilg@maine.gov) or 207-287-6719

**Traditional Arts:** Kathleen Mundell, Traditional Arts and Creative Aging Director, [kathleen.mundell@maine.gov](mailto:kathleen.mundell@maine.gov) or 207-287-6746

**Literary Arts:** Julie Richard, Executive Director, [julie.richard@maine.gov](mailto:julie.richard@maine.gov) or 207-287-2710

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