



Artistic Grant – Application and Proposal Guidelines

The Endeavor Foundation for the Arts Artistic Grant is designed to encourage and support Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered artists in bringing their innovative artwork and unique arts projects and performances into the public domain. The Endeavor Foundation wishes to encourage artists who have shown dedication in developing their art, regardless of their level of commercial success to apply.

Purpose

The Grant is intended to support the creation, development, curation, exhibition or production of work in any art form by artists or organizations. Grants may be used for material costs, costs related to public presentation or marketing, performance, or publishing costs to the project. Grants are not retroactive and cannot be applied to activity undertaken prior to the application deadline.

Application Guidelines

The Endeavor Foundation encourages applications from artists who have genuine financial needs. Grants are intended for use in the calendar year awarded. For fund-raising, publicity and marketing purposes, The Endeavor Foundation must be informed of the date, time and location of performance/exhibition/project as soon as the date is established.

- All grantees will submit an Endeavor Foundation for the Arts Artistic Grant Final Review Guideline Report, including itemized budget expenditures and a final evaluation of the project within forty-five (45) days of the project completion date
- The application form must be completed in full before being considered for funding
- The project must be completed within the calendar year applied
- Board or staff members of the Endeavor Foundation and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply
- Projects which are connected in any manner with a currently funded Endeavor Foundation for the Arts Artistic Grant will not be considered for funding

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must be an emerging or established artist or art organization. Applicants should have completed training, an apprenticeship or produce a recognized body of work in an arts discipline that meets the requirements of one or more of the following:

- Is dedicated to the professional practice of the art, as evidenced by a significant investment of time and resources
- Receives payment for artistic work (i.e. artist fees)
- Has received public exposure, through professional showings, screenings, publication, or

performances where selection was carried out by an objective jury or publisher

- Enjoys peer recognition through: critical reviews, participation in community activities and membership in professional associations

Grant Restrictions

The Endeavor Foundation does not accept applications for the Artistic Grant to fund the following activities:

- To pay for past debts
- To pay for legal fees
- The purchase of real estate
- Moves to other cities
- Personal travel
- To pay for the costs of installations, commissions or projects ordered by others
- For projects that focus on capital expenditures
- For endowment purposes
- For formal education or training that would result in a diploma or degree (please see The Endeavor Foundation for the Arts Academic Scholarship Application)
- Purchasing permanent equipment or capital expenditures
- An existing deficit from a previous year or a previous project
- Hobbies or recreational projects
- Any project for a church or any sectarian purpose
- Endowment or debt reduction campaigns, political or lobbying activities

Evaluation Criteria

INNOVATION:

- Highlights artistic intention of the project and its potential aesthetic or cultural impact on its audience
- Demonstrates movement towards artistic challenges
- Explains how the project will expand or further the artist's goals and mission
- Fosters innovation and creativity in artist selection
- The extent to which the project contributes to the development of the artist
- The extent to which the project contributes to an art form or an artistic process
- The extent to which the project contributes to the GLBT community
- The capacity of the applicant to achieve the artistic goals of the project
- The appropriateness of the project budget
- Brings GLBT arts to greater public attention
- Demonstrates dedication to reaching and educating new audiences
- Provides evidence of sound financial management and planning and a realistic timeline for the project
- Encourages other GLBT artists to create new works or projects

Release of Funds

Grants will be awarded to the artist or organization upon approval of the Endeavor Foundation for the Arts Scholarship/Grant Review Committee. Funds will be distributed by check at a presentation event.

Required Volunteering

Recipients will be required to commit to four hours of volunteering work throughout the year. i.e. volunteering at the annual gala, donating skills for projects, or outreach efforts. Volunteer time to be arranged after receipt of award.

Periodic Reporting

The recipient of a grant from this program must be willing to make available to the Endeavor Foundation information regarding the use of funds following the award and at reasonable intervals before the completion of the project or event for which the funds are used.

Required Reporting

The recipient of a grant from this program must submit to the Endeavour Foundation for the Arts a financial report six months after award is received. The Endeavor Foundation Final Grant Review must be received within 45 days of the completion date specified on the application. This report must include a detailed description of the project including any variance from what was described in the application. If the Final Grant Review Form is not received, applicants are ineligible to apply for future grants.

Acknowledgement of Support

Recipients of this grant are required to acknowledge the support of The Endeavor Foundation for the Arts in all printed, digital, and all media platforms.

For more information, please contact The Endeavor Foundation for the Arts at: Grants@EFFTA.org.

Re-application Procedure

Previous applicants and recipients may re-apply to the Endeavor Foundation for the Arts Artistic Grant. All re-applicants must send images of work not previously submitted.

Applicants who have applied and have not received a grant can re-apply in the following year's grant cycle.

Grantees who have received a grant must wait 12 months from the time period for which they received their initial grant before reapplying. Example If you applied and received a grant in 2014, you must wait until 2016 to re-apply.

Past recipients of grants should understand that The Endeavor Foundation for the Arts does not wish to become an instrument of extended or permanent support. Recipients who re-apply must have changed circumstances which warrant further support.

To Apply

Completed grant application must be post-marked no later than **February 5, 2016**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Application procedures are as follows:

1. Artists are required to submit the cover letter with their application. Cover letter must contain the following information:
 - a. Artist mission statement
 - b. Artist educational background
 - c. Include any previous awards if received
 - d. Any previous shows, publications, or readings the artist has previously held
2. Support material demonstrating the applicant's artistic work. Support material may include:
 - a. CD's (please specify track)
 - b. DVD (please cue to start and indicate end time)
 - c. Photos or JPGs (Digital images), please limit to no more than 10 images which should be from the last year
 - d. Writing samples

Every effort will be made by the Endeavor Foundation for the Arts Scholarship/Grant Review Committee to give each applicant full consideration. Please limit your support material to a total review time of approximately 10 minutes. Applicants may also submit reviews and/or letters of support to a maximum of five pages.

3. A written proposal statement in narrative form, which should not exceed 500 words. This statement can include outside jobs which have helped support the artist's career, changes in artistic approach that have occurred, and other facts which can aid the review panel in forming an accurate picture. All aspects of artistic history, i.e. education, exhibitions, etc., should be described, and dates must be provided for all information.
4. Financial information. Financial disclosure, which entails submitting a copy of a federal tax return for the past year (if for an individual), or an Operating Budget for the previous year (for an organization). These are necessary in the determination of financial need.
5. A self-addressed and stamped envelope for the return of supplementary materials. Please check with your local post office for correct return postage.

Applications can be mailed to:

Endeavor Foundation for the Arts:

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584 Castro Street, #286

San Francisco, CA 94114

Projects must be completed within one year of the date the grant is received. Late or incomplete grant applications or proposals will not be considered. Please read the Guidelines and eligibility requirements before completing this application.



Grant Application Check List

(Please review application directions for a full description of each item)

_____ Cover Letter

_____ Application

_____ Artistic Support Materials

_____ Written Grant Proposal (no greater than 500 words)

_____ Financial information (including Federal Tax Return for individual or previous year's Operating Budget for an organization)

_____ Self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of supplementary materials