

NAC AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT: Individual Artists

Providing Project-Based Support for Artists



HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) was enacted on March 11, 2021. This historic legislation represents a significant commitment to the arts and a recognition of the value of the arts and culture sector to the nation's economy and recovery. In order to respond to the great need of artists in the wake of COVID-19, the Nevada Arts Council will award ARP funds to individual artists throughout Nevada to support the production and presentation of artistic projects across all disciplines and help artists rebuild after the impacts of COVID-19. Examples of eligible projects include art exhibitions, performances, readings, concerts, the creation of art, and portfolio creation. Virtual/online projects are also eligible.

To offer flexibility to artists and expedite funding, the American Rescue Plan Grant for Individual Artists will be awarded on a first come, first-served basis for each grant cycle. Grant funds are limited, so early submission is encouraged.

Grantees must submit the Final Report online within 45 days of project completion or June 30, 2022, whichever is first.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Must be at least 21 years old
- Must be a U.S. citizen or have legal permanent resident status
- Must be a current Nevada resident and have been in residence for at least one year prior to the date of the grant application
- Must not be enrolled as a degree-seeking student
- Artists working in collaborations must file a single application with one individual named as the primary applicant
- Must be a practicing, professional artist with a sustained commitment to their art form:
 - The term "artist" applies broadly across disciplines, including performing, visual, literary, media, and multi-disciplinary artists who devote a significant portion of their time to the creation of artwork
 - The professional artist is likely paid for performances, sells their artwork, or shares their body of work with the public on a regular basis

GRANT PERIOD

CYCLE A: Aug. 1–Dec. 31, 2021
(applications open 7/1/21)

CYCLE B: Jan. 1–June 30, 2022
(applications open 12/1/21)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

At least 30 days before the proposed project (while funds remain available)

GRANT AMOUNT

\$1,000 artist fee/stipend
(no match required)

ELIGIBILITY SNAPSHOT

Individual, NV Resident, 21 years or older, non-student

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At this time, applicants may only receive one American Rescue Plan Grant for Individual Artists per fiscal year. Receiving an American Rescue Plan Grant will not affect your eligibility to apply for any other Nevada Arts Council Grants.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Primary portion of the project must occur within the 6-month grant cycle
- Project must clearly demonstrate artistic excellence and artistic merit which includes the following:
 - Clear objectives and achievable outcomes for the project
 - Clear budget for any projected expenses (not including grantee's artist fees)
 - Specified methods to evaluate outcomes of the project
 - Demonstrated impact on at least one of the following:
 - the artist's personal craft and/or body of work
 - the artist's discipline, field of study, community of practice, or cultural community as defined by the artist
 - a broader community, such as the general public, state or regional community organizations
 - Alignment with at least one of the following National Endowment for the Arts' Primary Strategic Outcomes:
 - Creation: The Portfolio of American Art is Expanded
 - Engagement: Americans Throughout the Nation Experience Art
 - Livability: American Communities are Strengthened Through the Arts
 - Understanding: Public knowledge and understanding about the contributions of the arts are enhanced

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- ARP grant funds must be used solely as an artist fee/stipend for the grantee to carry out the specific project/activity.
- Each grantee will receive \$1,000 towards their project paid through an initial \$500 artist fee/stipend, then a second \$500 artist fee/stipend upon satisfactory proof of project completion provided in the Final Report.
- ARP grant funds may not be used for:
 - Curating another artist's exhibition
 - Attending classes/workshops
 - Presenting or teaching a class/workshop (requests for funds to support a teaching artist residency must be submitted through the Arts Learning Express Grant which is only open to individuals on the [Artists in Schools + Communities Roster](#))

REVIEW PROCESS

To expedite the distribution of American Rescue Plan funds, Nevada Arts Council staff will review applications for eligibility, completeness, and adherence to the project requirements. Applications that meet all eligibility and project requirements are awarded in the order in which they are received while funds remain available. A record of the review process is maintained for all applications.

REQUIRED SUPPORT MATERIALS

All materials must be submitted online with the completed application and narrative questions.

1. Proof of age (copy of driver's license, state ID, or other official document such as passport or birth certificate)
2. Proof of residency (Nevada driver's license or ID renewed at least one year prior to application date or other official document such as utility bill, paystub, or lease dated at least one year prior with applicant's name and address listed)
3. Résumés or Biographies for the applicant and all key/collaborating artists (click [HERE](#) for details and samples of Artist Résumés and Biographies)
4. Proposed Project Expenses
5. Artistic Work Samples (produced within the last five years)
 - Up to 5 samples of artistic work which demonstrate the artistic excellence of the applicant and any collaborating artists or organizations associated with this project
 - Samples should clearly support the project narrative and may include video of live performances, audio clips of music, images of artistic work, writing samples, etc.
6. Additional Support Material (optional)
 - Up to 5 additional items of your choice that support your project such as: marketing and publicity samples (i.e. advertisements, posters, programs, fliers, news articles), contracts that specify cost, project dates, and services to be provided (facility, marketing, tech crew, etc.), letters of agreement/contracts with participating artists, companies, or organizations, evaluation forms for participants, public evaluation of programming, and/or results of such evaluations

The Nevada Arts Council reserves the right to request additional documentation as needed as part of the grant eligibility review.

SUPPORT MATERIAL GUIDELINES

- Samples may be images, audio, and/or video
- All audio and video samples combined may not exceed 10 minutes total
- You may submit a link to a video/audio sample or upload a video/audio sample directly. Do not submit links to sites that require downloading (e.g. Dropbox).
- Writing samples may not exceed 10 pages each
- Each distinct item of support material/work sample should be a separate file

HOW TO APPLY

Please review the [FY22 GRANT POLICIES](#) before applying. Then complete application questions and submit all required support material online at: <https://nevadaartscouncil.submittable.com/submit>

Click [HERE](#) to access additional resources for NAC grant applicants including a guide to submitting applications online.