Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

WHAT MAKES A GOOD COMMUNITY ART PROJECT?

- The project is generated by or with Community working with an artist to create public art project in a collaborative way
- Artists that apply in partnership with a community, not as individuals
- Project has a realistic budget and time line
- Artist / Community has a proven track record
- Project has community feedback/input/strong support from community

What information should I consider as I prepare my Community Art Grant application?

- Community Art Grant provides support for community/artist initiated temporary art projects to neighborhood organizations and community groups representing neighborhoods in Baltimore City.
- Applicants must submit a project BUDGET and TIMELINE
- Community or Neighborhood Organizations applying for grants must be a 501 (c) (3) non-profit
 organization or have a Fiscal sponsor (BOPA will NOT RECOMMEND any specific fiscal agent)
- Provide proof of INSURANCE for Artist and Support Staff
- Provide signed Waiver form for Volunteers
- ROE (Right-Of-Entry) agreement to prepare and paint walls, access property from Property Owner*
- Right-of-Way (ROW) Permit from the Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT) to close a sidewalk or street. ROW's are not permitted for Alleys from DOT
- Provide a project Concept / Goal / Artist Design
- Select Mural site, assess condition of wall
- Present project concept and Design to Community for feedback
- Determine Budget, Time line, Supplies, Project requirements (ROE agreement, ROW permit)
- You may need to secure additional funding to complete the project
- Community Art Projects may utilize Public/Private Funds
- BOPA does not provide permits for Murals in Baltimore City but we can provide assistance to paint
 a mural in your community
- Department of Housing and Development requires an Environmental Review of Activities/Projects associated with the creation of Murals funded by Baltimore City or owned by Baltimore City before granting permission to utilize City-owned properties or City funds.
- Geographic Restrictions project must be within the Baltimore City limits
- Artists 18 years of age or older who reside in the Baltimore Metro area are eligible, excluding BOPA employees & their family members.
- Murals can be funded through our office if the location meets the eligibility requirements and artist is willing to go through our design review process.

What is the difference between a Community Art Planning Grant and a Community Art Grant?

- The Community Art Grant is designed for projects executed within 12 months of Grant award
- The Community Art Planning Grant allots for extended time to plan a community art project (projects must be completed within 5 years of grant award).

How much money will be awarded for a Community Art Grant or Community Art Planning Grant?

- Grants up to \$5000 will be awarded for Community Art Planning
- Grants up to \$15000 will be awarded for Community Art projects

How do I know when if should apply for a Community Art Planning Grant instead of a Community Art Grant?

- You should apply for a Community Art Grant if you have:
- You should apply for a Community Art Planning Grant if:

Can I charge a fee to experience my community art project?

• All projects must be free and open to the public and exist in outdoor, publicly accessible space.

Can I submit for more than one Community Art Grant application per year?

You may submit one Community Art Grant and one Community Art Planning Grant per calendar year.

I've never written a narrative or proposal for a community art project, what do I say?

Describe your project as fully as possible; tell the story about your art project and how it relates to the community where it will be sited. Share details how it will be made, painted, installed and de-installed.

The Community Art Grant awards Baltimore City artists and neighborhoods who work together to enliven underutilized public spaces through high-impact, community-driven public art projects.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Public art projects large in scale or in multiples including 2D visual art such as murals, and 3D visual art such as sculptures.
- Performance art projects such as music, dance, theatre and parades
- New media art forms including projection mapping, lighting, and soundscapes

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For more information on the Community Art Grant, call 410-752-8632 or visit www.promotionandarts.org.