

The Community Arts Grant awards funding to Baltimore City artists and neighborhoods who work together to creatively re-imagine and enliven public spaces through new, exterior wall mural art projects. The Artist-neighborhood collaborative projects must be free and open to the public and exist in outdoor, publicly accessible space.

The 2021 Community Arts Grant is made possible by the generous support of the Baltimore Department of Housing and Community Development, The Maryland State Arts Council, and the City of Baltimore, Brandon M. Scott, Mayor

Grant Applicants:

Working together, artists and community groups design and propose an exterior wall mural art concept for their community.

Artists and communities are encouraged to submit exciting art design concepts that represent the distinct character and quality of a local community, with consideration to local cultural heritage and diversity.

Projects must employ community engagement in the creative process.

Projects must be openly accessible, free of charge.

Selection Process: Once proposals are received, they are scored by an independent panel of arts, culture, and community stakeholders. The panel makes recommendations to advance select projects for environmental review and final approval. Once the environmental review is approved, the project proposal is eligible for award.

Selection Criteria: Quality of application, Feasibility of proposal, Qualifications of artist, Realistic budget and time line, Project Management plan, Appropriateness of art concept design, Impact & visibility of the project, Project located within Baltimore City limits, Community Engagement Plan, Environmental Review

Grant Timeline

- Application Opens on: 3/18/21
- Application Deadline: 4/23/21
- Grant Award Notifications are announced in May 2021
- **Project Completion Deadline: December 1, 2021**

Project Eligibility

All exterior wall mural projects must be sited in Baltimore City, publicly visible and accessible at no cost to the public. Mural restorations are not eligible for funding.

Applicant Eligibility The Community Arts grant program is open to Baltimore City neighborhood and community-based organizations that partner with artists, artist teams, designers, design teams, or arts organizations.

- **The lead applicant must be designated by the IRS as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.** If this is not the case, applicants can apply through a 501(c)3 organization that agrees to act as the fiscal agent.

- Employees of DHCD and the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts are not eligible to apply.

Project Budget:

Project budgets must be submitted as part of your application. Budgets should realistically reflect the costs of executing the project.

Eligible project expenses are:

-Material supplies costs

-Artist fees

-Installation costs

The Grantee is responsible for any other expenses.

Matching funds are not required for this grant, however, if the project budget exceeds the total award amount requested, the source of additional funding must be made clear in the proposed project budget.

An organizational operating budget for the most recently completed fiscal year must be submitted for the lead applicant organization.

Grant Award:

The 2021 Community Arts Grant funds awards up to \$16,000.00

Responsibilities of Grant Recipients

- Grantees are responsible for furnishing receipts, invoices for project expenses: material supplies, artist fees, and installation costs. Grantees must provide closing budget, final report and photographic evidence of completed mural work. Expenses that fall outside of Artist Fee, Material Supplies Costs, and Installation Costs are not reimbursable. Sales tax will not be reimbursed.
- Grantees must submit periodic reports on the progress of the project.

Payments: Payments are released once obligations are met.

Contact

The Community Arts Grant is a program of the [Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts](#). For more information on this program or for technical assistance, contact: Chris Brooks | 410.752.8632 | cbrooks@promotionandarts.org

Community Arts Grants:

- support communities and artists working together in a collaborative way
- support the creation of temporary public art projects on highly visible sites
- support the active engagement of local community residents in the project design
- support the creation of art on outdoor, publicly accessible spaces, free and open to the public

TO APPLY:

1. Create an account with Submittable. It's free.
2. Enter your contact information
3. Follow steps to upload your CV (or Resume), Samples of previous work, and Description Sheet

Mail submissions:

Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts

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