



2020 Grant Guidelines

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SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS IN RENTON

DEADLINES

Rolling deadline. Applications will be reviewed and presented to the Arts Commission the 1st Tuesday of each month.

GET HELP

We are on hand to answer your questions and assist with your application. Call during regular business hours.

425.430.6581

Funding for arts, cultural and heritage projects that serve residents and visitors in Renton, Washington

We encourage innovative projects by artists and communities that fill in cultural gaps and inspire new forms of creative participation, particularly for under-served groups.

Grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Projects must take place during 2020 and should be completed by December 31, 2020.

Program Overview

Purpose

• The Renton Municipal Arts Commission's grant program offers grants to individuals, organizations and community groups for arts and culture projects and events that serve the general public in Renton.

Public Funding = Public Benefit

Washington State law requires that individuals or organizations who receive public funding must provide a public benefit defined as the "the necessary support of the poor and infirm." Examples of public benefit are:

- Free public performances, exhibitions, workshops, screenings, or readings.
- Free scholarships to ongoing, fee-based arts educational or training programs.
- Accommodating services that expand access and inclusion to individuals with limited physical or English-speaking abilities.

Application Review Process

The Renton Municipal Arts Commission approves all funding. Approvals are based on recommendations from the Arts Commission Grants Committee. Applications are reviewed on a competitive basis according to the overall purpose of the program and the criteria for eligible organizations. Incomplete applications submitted after the deadline may not be reviewed.

2020 Timeline

Applications will be considered as they are received. The Grants Committee will review complete application packets and make their recommendation for funding to the Arts Commission at the next convenient Art Commission meeting. The Commission meets the first Tuesday of the month.

Application packet

The application is available at rentonwa.gov/rmac. Please complete the form in its entirety and submit all supplemental materials. Incomplete applications will delay funding consideration. Additional information or clarification may be requested by the Grants Committee.

Funds May Be Used To:

- Produce one-time performances, exhibits, special events or programs that bring arts or cultural experiences to Renton residents.
- Provide opportunities for independent artists to develop and present new work in all mediums.
- Improve arts and cultural opportunities for artists and audiences from diverse communities.
- Participatory and educational opportunities for youth, multicultural, seniors, and special populations.
- Increase access to arts and cultural events by providing discount tickets and/or free educational programs.

Funding Restrictions include:

Due to certain City, State and Federal law regulations and established Renton Arts Commission policy, the following are NOT eligible for funding:

- Projects that have already been completed
- Religious services
- Political events
- For-profit projects
- Capital construction projects
- Cash awards to individuals
- Projects exclusively or primarily benefiting the membership of an organization or those which preclude reasonable access by the general public
- Projects permanently located within privately owned facilities

Contact

For technical assistance and questions about your application contact: 425.430.6581

Email: arts@rentonwa.gov

Funding

Generally, the maximum award is \$10,000 and the minimum award is \$500. However, the Arts Commission may recommend greater or lesser amounts.

Timing of Projects

Projects must take place during 2020 and should be completed by December 31, 2020.

Payment

Payment will be made at the end of the project. Exceptions may be made, depending on circumstances and City policy. The funding recipient will turn in an invoice and a final report to the Arts Commission for reimbursement. Invoices and final reports are due by December 31st. Checks are normally mailed within 30 days of the invoice date and receipt of completed paperwork.

Eligibility

Who May Apply

- Individuals, groups of people (all ages), neighborhood or business organizations seeking funding for an art project or cultural event
- Independent Artists, Arts and Cultural organizations, including professional and community-based groups
- IRS not-for-profit status – 501 (c)(3) – is not required.
- A City of Renton business license may be required.



Evaluation Criteria

Artistic Innovation

- Quality and promise of the proposed arts, cultural, and heritage project to meet the cultural needs of an audience and/or constituent group.
- Innovative approach to foster creative and civic participation by Renton's diverse residents and visitors, particularly underserved people and communities.
- Fills a gap in art, cultural, or heritage offerings and opportunities not regularly available to Renton residents and visitors.

Public Access and Benefit

- Proposed projects must take place in Renton.
- Proposed projects must serve and be accessible to residents of Renton.
- Independent artists must present new works to the public. Priority will be given to projects that involve Renton-based artists and organizations.

Project Feasibility

- Demonstrated experience of project leaders to accomplish the scope and scale of the project.
- Evidence of thoughtful planning including clearly articulated goals and process for evaluation.
- Realistic budget and timeline.

Application Instructions

- Complete the application available on rentonwa.gov/rmac, including supplemental materials
- Start the application process as far in advance as possible **at least three months before your project start or event date**
- Submit completed application to arts@rentonwa.gov
- You may be asked to present your proposal to the Arts Commission
- For additional information or clarification, please call (425) 430-6581, or email arts@rentonwa.gov