



WEHO ARTS GRANT PROGRAM

TRANSGENDER ARTS INITIATIVE GRANT GUIDELINES

Calendar Year 2024

Please review this document completely before beginning application.

ABOUT THE TRANSGENDER ARTS INITIATIVE GRANT (1-YEAR)

The City of West Hollywood is pleased to offer the Transgender Arts Initiative Grant, a program initiated by the City Council in 2013 intended to support and enhance the presentation of artworks in West Hollywood by artists, artist collectives or groups, and non-profit organizations that have demonstrated a significant commitment to and involvement with the West Hollywood community and/or LGBTQ community. Individual artists, artist collectives or groups, and non-profit organizations with a history of supporting transgender artists are all welcome to apply.

Proposed projects may take place in June but will not be included as part of the WeHo Pride Festival and should be considered as separate from both the WeHo Pride Weekend as well as the WeHo Pride Arts Festival.

\$27,000 Total amount of available funding in this category per year

\$ 6,500 Maximum award per artist/organization per calendar year

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 3 P.M. FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2023.

TRANSGENDER ARTS INITIATIVE GRANT CATEGORY PURPOSE AND OUTCOMES

The City of West Hollywood and Grantees in the Arts Project Grant category can expect to:

- Engage residents and visitors with the arts; expand arts audiences.
- Recognize and champion local cultural resources; discover and explore new places for artmaking.
- Provide a variety of quality arts programming that is financially and geographically accessible for the residents of West Hollywood; increase access to arts experiences.
- Increase revenues for local businesses; support arts-business partnerships.
- Encourage transgender artists and organizations to create innovative programming and artwork.
- Support transgender artists with specific professional and business development activities that will aid in building capacity and maintaining sustainability.

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- Amplify transgender voices, express trans and gender non-conforming experiences, and explore identity and culture through the artistic process.

TRANSGENDER ARTS INITIATIVE GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for consideration, organizations must satisfy all the following requirements:

1. Applicants must plan to hold an art exhibit, performance or screening somewhere within the City of West Hollywood or immediately adjacent (within 5 blocks of the border of West Hollywood) within the calendar year 2024 (except the first Friday, Saturday, Sunday of June). The proposed project should be 1 (one) presentation, as opposed to a series of projects over an extended period.
2. Applicants must be able to demonstrate significant commitment to and involvement with the West Hollywood community and/or LGBTQ community.
3. Applicants must be based in LA County and must submit an on-line application by the application deadline.

TRANSGENDER ARTS INITIATIVE GRANT REVIEW CRITERIA

All applicants will be screened initially by staff to ensure compliance with the eligibility requirements. Applicants who do not meet these requirements will not be forwarded on to the grants panel for review.

A peer review panel will evaluate and score grant applications using the following criteria:

- Cohesive project (0-5 points)
- Clear timeline and detailed budget (0-5 points)
- Commitment to the West Hollywood Community (0-5 points)
- Trans representation in artists and/or audience (0-5 points)

NOTE: Organizations whose business location is within the City of West Hollywood will receive a bonus of 1 point to their total score, per City policy.

NOTE: The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission reserves the right to reassign a grant application to another grant category for which the application and organization may be more appropriate.

WEHO ARTS GRANT PROGRAM GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The City of West Hollywood through its Arts Division and Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission provides accessible arts and cultural programming for all residents.

The mission of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission is to promote and nurture the arts and cultural life of the City of West Hollywood. The Commission supports quality arts and cultural organizations in the City; promotes arts and cultural activities; and advises City Council on policies affecting the arts and cultural life of the City, its residents and organizations that provide such services to the City.

The City offers a wide range of grant opportunities that support:

- Community-based programs, projects, and events;
- Organizational development;
- Increased visibility of Transgender artists; and
- Career development of individual artists.

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The City of West Hollywood is pleased to offer arts grants to eligible artists and nonprofit arts organizations for the production, performance or presentation of art projects that take place in the City of West Hollywood and that serve the West Hollywood community. These general guidelines pertain to the following grant categories: **Arts Project, Community Arts, Organizational Development, Transgender Arts Initiative, and WeHo Artist.**

We invite and encourage artists and organizations representing diverse populations and diverse artistic disciplines to apply for these grants. As stated in our Cultural Equity Statement, the City of West Hollywood's Arts Division and Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission's definition of diversity includes all ways in which people differ, including but not limited to, race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, education, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, geography, citizenship status, religion, language, physical appearance, and the intersection of these various identities. We commit to ensuring cultural equity in all arts policies and practices. Read the Cultural Equity Statement in its entirety at weho.org/arts.

All grant applications are submitted electronically. Applications are accessed through the City's website at weho.org/arts.

ARTS GRANT REVIEW PROCESS

The City employs a peer panel review process for applications submitted for Arts Project Grants, Organizational Development Grants, and Transgender Arts Initiative Grants. The review process is a standard process and best practice for government-funded arts grant programs. The peer review panel consists of nine (9) qualified arts professionals and individuals who are experienced in disciplines of the arts or have a record of arts activities, experience, and knowledge. The peer review panel will score applications based on the grant review criteria established by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. Arts grantee scores are presented to the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission to assign funding amount recommendations. The Subcommittee's recommendations are reviewed and approved by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. The Commission's funding recommendations are reviewed and approved by the City Council.

The WeHo Artist Grant applications are reviewed by the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee, then forwarded to the Commission for approval.

ARTS GRANT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants who are organizations must be a registered 501 (c)(3) nonprofit and active nonprofit or provide evidence that they are under a fiscal sponsorship agreement with another nonprofit organization.
- Applicants may only receive funding from one grant category each calendar year.
- If the applicant is already receiving funding from another City Division or Department, or is co-sponsored by a City Council office, they are not eligible for an Arts Grant for that same project or program.
- City of West Hollywood elected and appointed officials, its employees and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply.
- Proposed projects may not include fundraisers, capital campaigns, murals, or religious-based programs/events.
- Proposed projects must take place in West Hollywood or in the immediate West Hollywood adjacent area (within 5 blocks of the border) and demonstrate marketing and outreach

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strategies targeting West Hollywood residents and constituents. If you are unsure of the borders of West Hollywood please see the map found [here](#).

- Applicants must be based in LA County (WeHo Artist applicants must reside in the City of West Hollywood).
- Organizations with budgets of \$1 Million Dollars or more are required to provide a cultural equity statement.
- Applicants must submit an application online by the deadline.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- All grant information provided by the applicant becomes public record.
- Any organization that accepts grant funding is subject to audit by the City to ensure that grant funds were used for the project as reported by the organization. Should organizations not adequately account for use of the grant funds, they may be ineligible for any further grant funding from the City.

EXPECTATIONS DURING FUNDED PERIOD

- Organizations must provide proof in the form of a Certificate of General Liability Insurance in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage. This does not apply to individual artist applicants.
- Grantees must send a Thank You letter OR attend a City Council meeting to speak about their grant during their grant period.
- Grantees must attend an orientation meeting.
- Grantees are entitled to no more than 10 hours of in-kind City facility usage to be used on one day.
- Grantees are required to pay for any technology consultants (used for any lighting, film screenings, and projections primarily), if utilizing a City facility.
- Funded projects must take place during the contracted period.
- Grantees must submit a Media Advisory Form 60 days prior to funded program.
- Grantees are required to submit a Final Report within 30 days of completing the grant project.

ARTS GRANT PROGRAM TIMELINE

Friday, July 1, 2023	Application deadline
August 17, 2023	Peer review of grant applications
September 14, 2023	Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee make funding recommendations
September 28, 2023	Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission consider approval of funding recommendations
October 9, 2023	City Council considers approval of funding recommendations
October 10, 2023	Grant recipient notifications
Thursday, November 16 10am-12pm	Grantee Orientation (in person at Plummer Park)
January 2024	Earliest award of grant funds*

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	<i>*Award of funds depend on grantee's compliance with contracting requirements, such as insurance.</i>
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ARTS GRANT PROGRAM WORKSHOP

The City will conduct one virtual Arts Grant Program Workshop:

Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

*This virtual meeting will be recorded. Applicants who are unable to attend the meeting may submit questions in advance. All questions are due by **Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 5p.m.***

ARTS PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE

Application DEADLINE is 3 p.m. Friday, July 1, 2023.

For more information please call: Eva Angeloff at (323) 848-6354 or email eangeloff@weho.org. You can also find more information at www.weho.org/arts