

Delaware Division of the Arts Announces First Round of Grants in Support of Arts Projects for Fiscal Year 2017



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The Delaware Division of the Arts is investing nearly \$3 million in more than 100 arts and community organizations that will serve Delawareans statewide with arts programming and services, arts education, and arts marketing and promotion. This first round of funding for FY2017 includes the major grant categories: General Operating Support, Project Support, Arts Stabilization Fund, Education Resource, and StartUp.

Grant review panels made up of Delaware artists, arts educators, arts and nonprofit organization administrators, corporate and fundraising managers, and interested community members, provided an impartial peer review of these grant applications, reflecting the importance of having diverse public and expert participation in the grant-making process.

“We are proud to invest in communities across Delaware, from Claymont to Selbyville, through grants that support arts education, arts and community development, arts service organizations, and arts for underserved communities,” said Paul Weagraff, Director of the Division of the Arts.

“In Delaware, the arts were one of the top ten employers and contributed over \$150 million dollars in revenue to the state with nearly a 7 to 1 return on public investment,” said Governor Jack A. Markell. “The arts are integral to

Delaware's economic vitality, and these grants ensure sustained arts programming for all Delawareans."

The awards include general operating support for more than 70 arts organizations statewide, including three emerging arts organizations, and 43 grants support integration of the arts with learning, health and well-being, and community engagement. These project and education-based grants bring teaching artists into the classroom to integrate the arts in the STEM curriculum, provide reading readiness activities in early childhood centers, support after-school arts learning opportunities, and provide arts activities for those struggling with addiction, physical and intellectual disabilities; and incarceration. Six grants provide support for capital improvements and repairs to facilities owned by arts organizations.

Funding for the Delaware Division of the Arts comes from the Delaware General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, an independent federal agency. In addition, the funds for capital improvements grants (Arts Stabilization Fund) are drawn from the Arts Consortium of Delaware, Inc. (ArtCo) endowment. A complete list of grants for the first round of FY 2017 can be found [here](#).

GRANT BREAKDOWN BY TYPE

Grant Program	# Grants	Amount Awarded
General Operating Support	71	\$2,535,100
Project Support	27	\$206,500
Arts Stabilization Fund	5	\$75,000
Education Resource	16	\$140,000
StartUp	3	\$4,000
TOTAL	122	\$2,960,600

The Division also awards grants on an on-going basis throughout the year, including Arts Access grants, Artist Residencies, Individual Artist Fellowships, Individual Artist Opportunity grants, and TranspARTation grants. Full grant descriptions are available on the Division's website and at the end of the release.

Interested members of the public, artists, arts organizations, and community leaders are encouraged to visit the Delaware Division of the Arts website to learn more about these programs. Notification of grant deadlines, guidelines and applications, as well as technical assistance opportunities are published in the monthly e-newsletter, *Arts E-News*. Please visit our website at artsdel.org for more details.

GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Arts Organizations: Non-profit Delaware organizations whose primary mission is the promotion, production, presentation, or teaching of the arts

General Operating Support – support of annual operating expenses to ensure that year-round participation in the arts is available to the people of Delaware. This grant category utilizes a three-year application cycle. Full applications are due every three years, with Interim applications due in the “off” year. Annual March 1 deadline.

Arts Stabilization – supports improvements to facilities owned (or under long-term lease) and operated by the organization. ASF grants are funded through the Division's participation in the Arts Consortium of Delaware, Inc. (ArtCo) endowment. Annual March 1 deadline.

StartUp – a comprehensive program of financial support, training and consultant input to develop and strengthen the management capacity of emerging arts organizations so that

they can operate in a sustainable manner. Completion of the StartUp program is a prerequisite for emerging organizations seeking General Operating Support.

Arts Access Grant – provides up to \$1,000 for the presentation of performing, visual, literary, media, or folk arts in communities throughout the state. Applications must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the project start date, and are reviewed as they are received, beginning on July 1 of each year. Organizations that receive General Operating or Project Support from the Division are not eligible to apply. Rolling deadline.

Schools: Delaware pre-K through 12 public, charter, private, and parochial schools

Artist Residency – grants for residencies with visual, literary, performing or media artists working with students in the classroom or in professional development workshops with teachers.

TranspARTation – grants that support transportation costs for schools to travel to Delaware arts and cultural institutions and venues in order for students to attend arts performances, events and exhibits. Rolling deadline.

Arts Organizations and Schools:

Education Resource – grants to strengthen school-based arts education projects, programs, and activities that utilize the arts education resources of the Delaware arts community or strengthen arts organizations' capacity to serve as professional development resources for teaching artists and educators. Annual March 1 deadline.

Community-Based Organizations: Non-profit Delaware organizations, colleges, universities, and government entities that do not have the arts as their primary mission

Project Support – supports arts programs provided by CBOs that assist in the growth of a vibrant cultural environment by encouraging the continued development of arts activities in communities throughout the state. College and university projects must be non-credit and serve the general community. Annual March 1 deadline.

Arts Access Grant – provides up to \$1,000 for the presentation of performing, visual, literary, media, or folk arts in communities throughout the state. Applications must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the project start date, and are reviewed as they are received, beginning on July 1 of each year. Organizations that receive General Operating or Project Support from the Division are not eligible to apply. Rolling deadline.

Individual Artists: Delaware residents, 18 years of age or older, not enrolled in a degree-granting program

Artist Fellowships – supports individual artists in their work as visual, performing, media, folk, and/or literary artists. FY17 Masters categories are Visual and Folk Arts. Annual August 1 deadline. *Applications now open. Deadline August 1 by 4:30 p.m.*

Artist Opportunity Grants – supports individual artists with unique professional and artistic development or presentation opportunities. Rolling deadlines.

For more information about these grants, please visit our website at artsdel.org/grants.

About the Delaware Division of the Arts

The [Delaware Division of the Arts](http://artsdel.org) is an agency of the State of Delaware. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, the Division administers grants and programs that support arts programming, educate the public, increase

awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life. Funding for Division programs is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware General Assembly and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. For more information about the Delaware Division of the Arts, visit artsdel.org or call 302-577-8278.

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