

CITY OF BURBANK COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS PROGRAM
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Q. What kind of projects are you looking for?

A. Be creative! Burbank is the “Media Capital of the World” with a dynamic, creative community to engage with. Projects can take a variety of artistic and cultural forms, from original film, video and other audio-visual works, two dimensional, pictorial and sculptural works, to art exhibitions and performances. We encourage projects that educate, entertain and inspire participants, build awareness and appreciation for a variety of art forms, meet community needs and identify target audiences, and/or reflect the rich cultural diversity of the community.

Q. My organization is based in Burbank but we regularly perform/exhibit in venues outside the city, are we eligible?

A. Your organization is eligible to apply, but the project proposed must be performed, exhibited, or conducted in zip codes for the City of Burbank (91501, 91502, 91503, 91504, 91505, 91506, 91507, 91508, 91510, 91521, 91522, 91523, 91526). Consider developing a project that engages residents within city limits.

Q. Does the venue for my project need to be a traditional theatre or arts space?

A. The community arts grant program welcomes projects that take place in a variety of public spaces, including but not limited to community spaces, parks, churches, and local businesses as long as the venue is open to the public during normal business hours.

Q. What is your definition of visual and performing arts?

A. Performing arts includes theater, music, and dance. Visual arts includes but is not limited to painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, photography, video, filmmaking, design, textiles, applied arts and crafts. We are interested in learning about the range of work our local artists are involved with.

Q. I run a commercial business that sells the work of local artists. Can I apply?

Yes, we understand that artwork can also be sold and is a livelihood for many, but applicants must be non-profit organizations or individual artists.

Q. Does the project need to be a new program/activity?

A. A project may be a part of an applicant’s ongoing regular season or activities. Organizations that undertake a single “one-off” short-term project in a year—a dance festival, for example—could apply for support for that event, or they could identify components of their operations, such as securing rehearsal space, marketing activities, paying artists a salary or stipend, pay for materials and supplies, etc., as their project requires.

Q. What is the intent of this funding?

To support local artists and arts organizations and to engage Burbank residents with diverse and outstanding cultural arts projects.

Q. What criteria are used to review my application?

The four criteria areas include Artistic Quality and Merit, Community Access and Impact, Project Viability/Managerial and Fiscal Competence, and Cultural Equity & Inclusion. A Burbank residency credit

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will be awarded automatically to any artist or organization applying that is located in Burbank as evidenced by mailing address for office, residence or studio space.

Q. Will the grant award be the same as the amount requested?

A. The review panel may approve an amount that is less than what the applicant requested depending on scores and the amount of applications received. Applicants are encouraged to have other potential funding sources identified for their project.

Q. Who can I contact for questions or further explanation?

Contact City staff via email with questions or to schedule a call at communityartsgrant@burbankca.gov.

Q. Who is serving on the grants panel?

Proposals are reviewed by a diverse panel of arts professionals with expertise in performing and visual arts. The list of panelists will be available in March 2024.