

# City of Tempe - Vibrant City

## Information

**Vibrant City Arts Grants** are available to artist collectives, cultural groups, and arts organizations providing inclusive arts and culture programming in Tempe. The Community Arts Grants Program aims to activate Tempe as a supportive place for artists and a home for community creativity in all its forms.

Amount: **Up to \$2,500 – no match required**

Deadlines:

**Cycle 1: July 1, 2024** for projects taking place between September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

**Cycle 2: December 16, 2024** for projects taking place between February 1 – June 30, 2025

How to Apply: All applicants are required to meet with Maja Aurora, Community Arts Manager, before completing the application. Schedule a meeting and find the application at [www.tempe.gov/artsgrants](http://www.tempe.gov/artsgrants)

Expectations:

- Applicants do not need to be Tempe-based, but their projects must occur in Tempe
- Requests may include services of artists, professional services, stipends, supplies, production costs, space rentals, food, marketing and/or printing.
- Projects may include:
  - Performances
  - Residencies/Workshops
  - Arts Events

Eligibility:

- Artist collectives, cultural groups, or arts organizations providing arts programming in Tempe.
- Applicants are only eligible to receive one Community Arts Grant per year (September 1-June 30).

Restrictions; this grant *does not fund*:

- activities that occur outside of the City of Tempe;
- organizations with an annual budget over \$100,000;
- entirely virtual programming (activities can simultaneously occur in-person/virtual);
- permanent enhancements of infrastructure (i.e. murals or public art);
- construction or renovation of facilities, reduction of debt, feasibility studies;
- projects in schools (see Arts in Schools Grant);
- parent teacher organizations (i.e. booster clubs, PTA or PTO) or TCA home/resident companies;
- projects associated with universities or colleges;
- projects funded by a TCC Grant or a Neighborhood Grant;
- organizations that are incorporated for religious purposes or projects that focus on religious themes;
- fundraising, re-granting, scholarship programs or awards;
- an applicant who failed to submit a Final Report from a previously funded grant.

Review Process: Applications will be reviewed by an independent Arts Grant Review Panel comprised Tempe residents, artists, arts educators, representatives from the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission and the Tempe business community. The review process is competitive and based on available funds, therefore, some applications may receive partial or no funding. The panel will recommend awards to the Community Services Director for final approval.

Final Report: Must be submitted within 60 days of completing the project. The report will include a summary of the project, final budget and professional quality photos. The grant recipient agrees to give the City of Tempe the rights to use any materials submitted in the Final Report for data collection and promotional purposes.

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## Checklist

Compile all materials on the checklist and complete the online application

- Artist Collective/Organization's Purpose or Mission Statement (100-word max)
- Provide a brief summary of your project (100-word max)
- Narrative:
  1. **What will you do?** (450-word max)
    - What activities will take place and where?
    - What about this project is unique, interesting, or needed?
  2. **Who are the participants?** (450-word max)
    - Who will participate and how will they be invited and included?
    - How are artists/creatives involved?
  3. **How will you use the funds?** (450-word max)
    - How much do you need for the project? ("budget form" will also be evaluated in this section)
    - Describe partnerships and community support.
  4. **Why is this project important?** (450-word max)
    - How does this connect to and impact Tempe?
    - How will you know if your project was successful?
- Up to 4 Bios – include how these individuals will be involved in the project (200-word max for each bio)
- Vibrant City Budget Form (upload)
- 2-4 Images of past programming and/or promotional materials (upload jpg or png format)
- 1 video link (optional)

For Questions Contact: Maja Aurora, [maja\\_aurora@tempe.gov](mailto:maja_aurora@tempe.gov) (480) 450-1309