

Before you begin, please review these **Arts & Cultural Impact Grant Guidelines**.

Funded by the County of Monterey, the Arts and Cultural Impact Grants are available to nonprofit organizations seeking support for public arts and culture projects/programs up to \$5,000 per year. We have two cycles for this grant program - Spring and Fall. Organizations may only receive one Arts & Cultural Impact grant per year and must have completed their previous grant's final report before submitting a new application.

Application tips:

- Please read each question carefully.
- You may draft your answers in a separate document and copy/paste them into the fields provided.
- Character counts are a guide to maximum length; your answers may be shorter. You may use bullet points. On average there are 6 characters per word.
- Your answers will save automatically. Once you start an application you can return to it through your Applicant Dashboard (click the "home" icon at the top of the page) and click the "edit" link.
- Applications are available in Spanish - please contact us for a copy

Program Structure:

The Arts Council of Monterey County (Arts4MC)'s policies and practices prioritize racial equity and have a broad geographic reach into communities of all sizes and needs, and this includes providing critical services to artists and to the community at large. Arts4MC is committed to funding opportunities that support all of Monterey County's creative ecosystem. We support individuals and organizations who embody aesthetics recognizing all art forms and artistic traditions that enable full and meaningful creative expression.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a nonprofit or arts organization with a fiscal sponsor operating in Monterey County for at least two (2) years, and be able to provide proof of occupancy.
- Applicant must have completed their previous grant's final report before submitting a new application.
- If applicant organization was successful in receiving grant support in Fall 2023 cycle, they are not eligible for this Spring 2024 cycle grant program.

Selection Criteria & Review Process:

Arts4MC is committed to equitable distribution of funds throughout Monterey County.

Applications will be reviewed by an independent panel of evaluators from each of the five supervisorial districts in the county.

Additionally, applications will be evaluated on the following criteria, using the point rankings of 1 (below average), 2 (average) and 3 (above average):

- Quality of Program/Event
- Quality of Artists/Teaching Artists
- Community Impact
- Organization Stability
- Supporting Materials

Application Deadline:

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 11:59pm.

This is a hard deadline, extensions will not be granted.

What we do not Fund:

As applicants:

- State agencies
- Federal agencies
- For-profit organizations

- Nonprofit organizations not in “good standing” with California Secretary of State
- Former grantee organizations not in compliance with Arts4MC grant requirements, such as failing to submit a final report (as stipulated in grant agreement)
- Expenses incurred before the start date or after the ending date of the Grant Activity Period
- Operational, administrative, or indirect costs of schools, colleges, or universities
- Fundraising activities or services such as grant writing, annual campaigns, or fundraising events
- Lobbying activities that are intended to influence the actions, policies, or decisions of government officials or specific legislation
- Programs or services intended for private use, or for use by restricted membership (including programs that require college or university enrollment for participation)
- Projects with religious purposes
- Trusts, endowment funds, or investments
- Construction projects, purchase of land and buildings, or capital expenditures used to maintain, upgrade, acquire, or repair capital assets
- Debt repayment

If you have any questions, please contact Klara Hickmanova at klara@arts4mc.org

Arts and Cultural Impact Grants - Spring 2024

Arts Council for Monterey County

Eligibility

Nonprofit status*

Are you a nonprofit or an arts organization with a fiscal sponsor operating in Monterey County for at least two (2) years? Are you able to provide proof of occupancy?

If the answer is yes, please continue to the next question.

If the answer is no, then you are not eligible for this grant opportunity. We are only funding nonprofits or arts organizations at this time.

Choices

Yes

No

Did you receive a Arts & Cultural Impact grant in the prior Fall 2023 cycle?*

If the answer is no, please continue to the next question.

If the answer is yes, then you are not eligible for this grant opportunity at this time. Please wait until next Fall 2024 cycle to apply again.

If you are not sure, please email Klara Hickmanova at klara@arts4mc.org.

Choices

No

Yes

Have you completed and submitted your previous grant's final report?*

If the answer is yes, please continue to the next section.

If the answer is no, then you are not eligible for this grant opportunity. If you are not sure, please email Klara Hickmanova at klara@arts4mc.org.

Choices

Yes

No

Program / Project Information

Program/Event Name*

Character Limit: 100

Program/Event Funding*

Please choose one that most describes your request.

Choices

Festival/Event

New or expand Arts Program

Program/Event Start Date*

To be eligible, events *(e.g., festivals, concerts) and programs must begin after June 1, 2024.
No expenses incurred prior to June 1, 2024 are allowable.

*Character Limit: 10***Amount Requested***

Maximum of \$5,000 allowed.

*Character Limit: 20***Organization's Mission & History***

Please provide the mission and a brief history of your organization.

*Character Limit: 1500***Program/Event Description and Goals***

Please describe your program/event, including how it is unique in Monterey County.
Include the primary goals of the program/event and the strategies you will use to achieve them.

*Character Limit: 1500***Program/Event Leader and/or Teachers/Artists***

Please provide a brief bio on those managing this program/event, including any teachers or artists involved,

*Character Limit: 1500***Community Impact***

Please explain how this program/event will impact the community served.

*Character Limit: 1000***Number of People Served****

Please select how many people in Monterey County will be served by this program/event.

Choices

1-500

501-1000

1000+

Communities Served*

Please select all communities served by this program/event.

Choices

Big Sur

E Salinas
Monterey Peninsula
North County
Salinas
South County

Financial Information

Program/Event Budget*

Please attach program/event budget, that includes all major income and expenses and explaining how the funds requested in this application would be allocated reflected in the grant request.. **Download template to your computer here.**

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Budget Explanation

If needed, please explain any unusual income or expenses for your program/event budget.

Character Limit: 500

Current Organization Budget*

Please upload the current year total budget for your organization.

Please save all documents as Adobe PDF before attaching.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

IRS 990 or Balance Sheet*

Please upload the first page of your latest IRS 990 or Balance Sheet from most recently completed calendar or fiscal year.

*Please note: **IRS 990N** are not acceptable.*

Balance Sheet (your own, not a fiscal sponsor): if you are on a calendar year (January through December), Balance sheet should read as of December 31.

If your fiscal year is July 1 through June 30 your Balance sheet should read as of June 30.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Organization Information

Racial Equity Statement*

What are you doing to create equity within your organization?

Character Limit: 1500

Nonprofit Status*

Please attach your organizations tax exempt letter from the IRS.

If you have a fiscal sponsor, please attach their tax exempt letter from the IRS AND their letter approving you as a fiscally sponsored organization.

If you need a fiscal sponsor, please contact Action Council or email us for possible California-based fiscal sponsors.

All documents should be saved and uploaded in Adobe PDF format only.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

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Supervisory District*

Click on Supervisory District and enter the address of your organization in the search window. Type the number of your district in the box below.

Character Limit: 15

Board of Directors or Committee Members*

Please upload a list of your Board of Directors or Committee Members including their full name, city/town of residence and occupation.

All documents should be saved and uploaded in Adobe PDF format only.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Support Documents

Article / Photo/ Recommendation / Testimonial / Brochure / Flyer*

Please upload at least one most recent article(s) and/or photo that appeared in the news about your organization;

AND a most recent (within past 60 days) letter of recommendation (wet signature and dated)
OR one (1) testimonial (wet signature and dated);

AND one (1) most recent or current brochure OR flyer.

Please save all documents as an Adobe PDF prior to attaching.
Upload each individually into "Upload a file" field.

Photos should be uploaded as jpg or png.

File Size Limit: 4 MB

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File Size Limit: 3 MB

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Upload Video Link (if available)

Character Limit: 2000

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Character Limit: 2000

Please note: Before or after you submit your grant application request, please make sure that you are up-to-date with your final reports from prior grant cycles, if applicable. If you are not sure, please contact Klara Hickmanova, Grants Coordinator at klara@arts4mc.org. Thank you.