

GRANTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS



MURAL ASSISTANCE - ORGANIZATIONS

DEADLINES

March 15, 2023
5:00 p.m.

PURPOSE:

Provide support to nonprofits for the creation of murals in the City of Columbus.

THIS GRANT IS OPEN TO:

Any registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations located in the City of Columbus (not restricted to arts only).

AWARD AMOUNT:

\$5,000-15,000

EVALUATION/NEXT STEPS:

Competitive – community & national panel review.

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Mural Assistance - Purpose

Provide support for the creation of murals in the City of Columbus.

Description

This grant is designed to provide funding for the creation of exterior murals by local artists where a specific wall is identified, maintenance is planned and there is a written contract between artist(s) and commissioning organization and additional funding has been pledged or secured. Proceeds from “Art | Activism | Action” book sales benefit the Mural Assistance Grant program, specifically to support projects involving artists of color.

Who is eligible to apply?

This grant program is open to:

- Any registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations located in the City of Columbus (not restricted to arts only).

What types of projects are eligible?

To qualify for this grant program, all of the following criteria must be met:

- **LOCATION:** Mural location must be within the City of Columbus (check zoning here_ <http://gis.columbus.gov/zoning/>); exterior and visible to the general public (i.e. no inside lobby murals or private courtyards, etc.) and art for art’s sake rather than organizational marketing (i.e. the mural should not be nonprofitname/logo/brand).
- **PLANNING:** Organizations must have a plan for the selection/hiring/payment of artist(s) and a timeline to complete within 12 months of the award date.
- **INVESTMENT:** Commissioning organization must be investing funding, resources and/or staff support to the project.

How much can I apply for?

Awards for organizations will range from \$5,000-15,000, depending on the size of the mural and artist fees.

What is the application timeline?

Application Opens	February 1, 2023
Application Workshop	February 8 from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Application Due	March 15 at 5:00 p.m.
Applicants Notified	By April 30
Final Report Due	One year after award date

What are the application questions?

Below you will find the current narrative questions to assist you in your grant preparation.

- Location of the proposed mural.
- Size of the proposed mural.
- Estimated date of completion of the proposed mural.
- Total amount to be paid to artist(s).
- What is the plan to maintain the mural? How long will the mural be maintained?
- What is the organization's investment to the mural project (funds, staff time, events, etc.)?
- How will you publicize the creation and unveiling of the mural?
- Talk about the artist selection process. How will your organization communicate with and support selected artist(s)?
- What is the artistic vision or concept for this mural? Will the artist have complete creative control or will the organization be guiding the design process?

What are the required uploads?

All materials must be uploaded digitally to the online application system.

- Photo(s) of the potential mural location
- Copy of contract or agreement that will be signed by the organization and hiring artist(s)
- If the wall/building the mural will be painted on is not owned by the applying organization, upload a copy of the lease agreement or letter from the property owner giving permission for the creation of the mural.
- Optional: Upload a sketch or rendering for the proposed mural, if available.

AFTER SUBMITTING – NEXT STEPS

Review, evaluation and selection

Mural Assistance grants are reviewed by a jury of local community members, GCAC board members and national mural experts. Projects submitted by artists from historically marginalized communities will be prioritized. The jury will evaluate applications based on the following:

- Organization's investment and ability to execute plan presented
- Impact on the community based on mural location/size
- Strength of partnership with local artist(s)

Notification

Grant approvals are based on reviews and available funding. Following a vote from the jury, applicants will be notified by email of the application award status.

AFTER YOU ARE AWARDED

Grant Agreement

Following the approval of a grant, a grant agreement specifying the terms of the grant will be available in the online application system under the "Requires Attention" heading. To accept the award, review the grant agreement and digitally sign by the date indicated. You will be required to provide proof of residency in order to receive funding. No significant changes to the approved mural proposal can occur without prior written approval from GCAC– send an email to grants@gcac.org if you need to request a change.

Publicity/Donor Acknowledgement

Once you are awarded, say "Thanks!" in a public way. GCAC requires that all organizations and artists receiving funding demonstrate the public value of the arts by making others aware of awards received and acknowledging public funders. GCAC will provide signage for the mural site. Refer to [APPENDIX A](#) for more details of the contractual publicity requirements.

Payments & Spending the Funds

Awarded applicants will receive 50% of their grant following the receipt of a digitally signed Grant Agreement. The remaining 50% will be paid upon the completion of the mural and the submission of a Final Report.

Final Report

To complete your Final Report, login to the online application system, scroll down to “Requires Attention” and click on the “Reports” tab. You will be required to submit images of your completed mural as part of the Final Report, as well as enter the mural into the GCAC Public Art Database. Extensions may be requested in writing **before** the Final Report due date. Overdue reports may affect eligibility and impact grant awards for future applications.