FELLOWSHIPS FOR ARTISTS

NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS CONNECTION FELLOWSHIP

PURPOSE:
This fellowship celebrates Columbus neighborhoods by inviting resident artists to create participatory arts experiences for their neighborhood.

THIS GRANT IS OPEN TO:
Working individual artists.

AWARD AMOUNT:
$5,000 & $10,000 (multiple awards given)

EVALUATION/NEXT STEPS:
Reviewed & scored by committee jury

STAFF CONTACT:
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DEADLINES

April 3, 2023
5:00 p.m.

October 2, 2023
5:00 p.m.
Neighborhood Arts Connection Fellowship

The Neighborhood Arts Connection fellowship celebrates Columbus neighborhoods by inviting resident artists to create participatory arts experiences for their neighborhood.

Description

Artist residing in the City of Columbus are invited to propose an art project that actively engages the community in the neighborhood where they live. All artistic disciplines are encouraged to apply.

In 2023, applications will be accepted from ALL neighborhoods. Additionally, one neighborhood will be featured each round. In 2023, the two neighborhoods are Hilltop (Round 1) and Northland (Round 2).

Who is eligible to apply?

This fellowship is open to individual artists who work in the following disciplines: dance, fashion, film, literary, music, theatre, visual arts and multi-disciplinary who meet the following criteria:

- Are working artists (age 18 and older);
  - Description:
    - The artist is likely paid for performances, sells their artwork and/or shares their body of work with the general public.
    - The artist is focused on expressing their own creative or aesthetic ideas, rather than on documentation or journalism.
- Live in the City of Columbus for at least one year prior to application;
- Are NOT enrolled as degree-seeking undergraduate students.

What is the fellowship award amount?

Larger projects (based on budget and impact) are eligible for $10,000. Smaller projects (based on budget and impact) are eligible for $5,000. These funds are intended to cover the costs of the project and payment to all artists involved. Applicants selected will receive a 1099.

How many fellows will be selected?

For each application round, three large projects ($10,000 award) and three small projects ($5,000 award) will be selected. Out of these awards, two large and one small project will be awarded to applicants in the featured neighborhood; remaining awards are open to all neighborhoods.
How often can I apply?
An artist may be selected for the fellowship only once. If an artist applies and is not selected, they may apply again the following round.

When are applications due?
Neighborhood Arts Connection applications will be accepted twice per year.

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What are the application questions?
Below you will find the current narrative and short-answer questions to assist you in your preparation.

- List your Columbus neighborhood (you must be a resident of the neighborhood where your project will take place).
- Tell us about the arts project/event that you’d like to bring to your neighborhood. Provide a rough timeline from planning to execution.
- How will community members actively participate in your project/event?
- How are you engaging with local artists as part of the project/event? How many artists will be paid?
- How will you measure success of the project/event? What is the desired impact on the neighborhood?
- What does your neighborhood mean to you? Talk about your history with and connection to the neighborhood.
- Upload your artistic resume or bio (PDF or Word only).
How do I complete the budget section of the application?

Under the Budget tab, first let us know if you are applying for the $5,000 award, $10,000 award or if you’d like to be considered for both the smaller and larger award for the same project (only one award will be given per applicant). If you select “both,” you will need to present a project/event budget for each award level – the $10,000 budget should be more extensive and demonstrate how you will use the extra dollars.

- List the project expenses. Tell us how you would use either the $5,000 award (for smaller projects) or the $10,000 award (for large projects).

Think about all of the costs related to your project from start to finish (venue, marketing, print materials, contractors, insurance, supplies, artist fees). Estimate the costs based on your research and give as much detail as you have at the time. If your project will generate income (ticket or merchandise sales, sponsorships, donations, etc.), give the basic details of any anticipated income and the sources (if applicable; outside income not required)

AFTER SUBMITTING – NEXT STEPS

Review, evaluation and selection

Neighborhood Arts Connection Fellowship applications are reviewed by a selection committee consisting of neighborhood activists, community leaders and a GCAC representative.

Selection criteria will include community engagement, neighborhood impact, creativity and innovation, and ability to execute project successfully within the timeframe and budget.

Notification

Following a vote of the selection committee, applicants will be notified by email of the determination.

AFTER YOU ARE AWARDED

Grant Agreement

Following the selection as the recipient of the Neighborhood Arts Fellowship, a grant agreement specifying the terms of the fellowship will be available in GoArts under the “Requires Attention” heading. To accept the award, review the grant agreement and digitally sign by the date indicated. No changes in the fellowship project can be made without prior written approval from GCAC. You will be required to provide proof of residency in order to receive funding. No changes in the proposed project can occur without prior written approval from GCAC – send an email to grants@gcac.org if you need to request a change in spending or activities.

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. Fellowship awardees should use the channels available to them, such as social media, newsletters and press releases to recognize support from GCAC. Refer to APPENDIX A for more details of the contractual publicity requirements.
Payment
Recipient of the Neighborhood Arts Connection Fellowship will receive 100% of their grant following the receipt of a digitally signed grant agreement.

All payments will be issued through ACH Direct Deposit unless otherwise requested. Banking information is collected (or updated with changes) as part of the grant agreement and is stored securely. You have up to a year to spend the funds.

NOTE: Payments may take up to three weeks to be processed.

Final Report
When completing your Final Report, you will submit your receipts. Final Reports, including receipts for all funds spent, are due no later than seven months following your grant approval date. To complete your Final Report, login to the online application system, scroll down to “Requires Attention” and click on the “Reports” tab.