



## **2019 Small Arts and Culture Grants Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Will this be an annual grant program?**

The program has been renewed for three years in 2019 and is likely to continue beyond that, but there is no guarantee.

### **Why has the grant cycle shifted from the Fall to the Spring in 2019?**

The grant cycle has been moved to avoid overlap with other OCF grant review processes in the fall.

### **Will there be a Small Arts & Culture grant cycle open in the Fall of 2019?**

No. The Spring Small Arts & Culture grant cycle has replaced the Fall grant cycle.

### **Can an organization apply each year whether they are denied or granted an award?**

Yes.

### **If my organization was awarded a Small Arts & Culture grant in the Fall of 2018, can we apply for a Small Arts & Culture grant in the Spring of 2019?**

Yes. OCF will give some preference to organizations who have not been previously funded, however we encourage previous awardees to apply as our goal is to make grants to the strongest applicants each year.

### **What is the new Spring grant cycle timeline?**

April 1<sup>st</sup> - application opens

May 15<sup>th</sup> - application closes

Applicants will be notified in early August

**The program eligibility criteria require that the organization's operating expenses be under \$100,000. What if last year's budget meets the criteria, but this year's budget does not?**

Use only the last completed fiscal year's actual expenses as reported to the IRS to determine your organization's eligibility.

**What if the organization is over the annual allotted budget?**

It is ineligible to apply.

**Why is funding focused on operating support as opposed to project support?**

In response to input from non-profits and community stakeholders, and in recognition that securing operating support can be especially challenging for small groups, OCF will continue to prioritize this need for small arts and culture organizations.

**What if our organizations is not a 501(c)3?**

Proposals must come from tax exempt 501(c)3 organizations. An organization may use a fiscal sponsor in some circumstances. *Please refer to the [Request for Proposals](#) for more information.*

**Does an organization have to be in business for a certain amount of time to apply?**

No.

**Does an organization need to have paid staff to be competitive for a grant?**

No.

**Can an organization apply to Small Arts and other OCF grant programs in the same year/cycle?**

Yes. You may apply for any other grant program the OCF has to offer.

**How can I get help for filling out the on-line grant application?**

Step-by-step instructions can be found on the OCF website ([www.oregoncf.org](http://www.oregoncf.org)) and within the online grant application [portal](#).

**How long do we have to spend the grant?**

One year.

***If you still have questions after reviewing this document, please contact [smallartsculture@oregoncf.org](mailto:smallartsculture@oregoncf.org).***