

VERMONT ARTS COUNCIL GRANTS

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FY2024

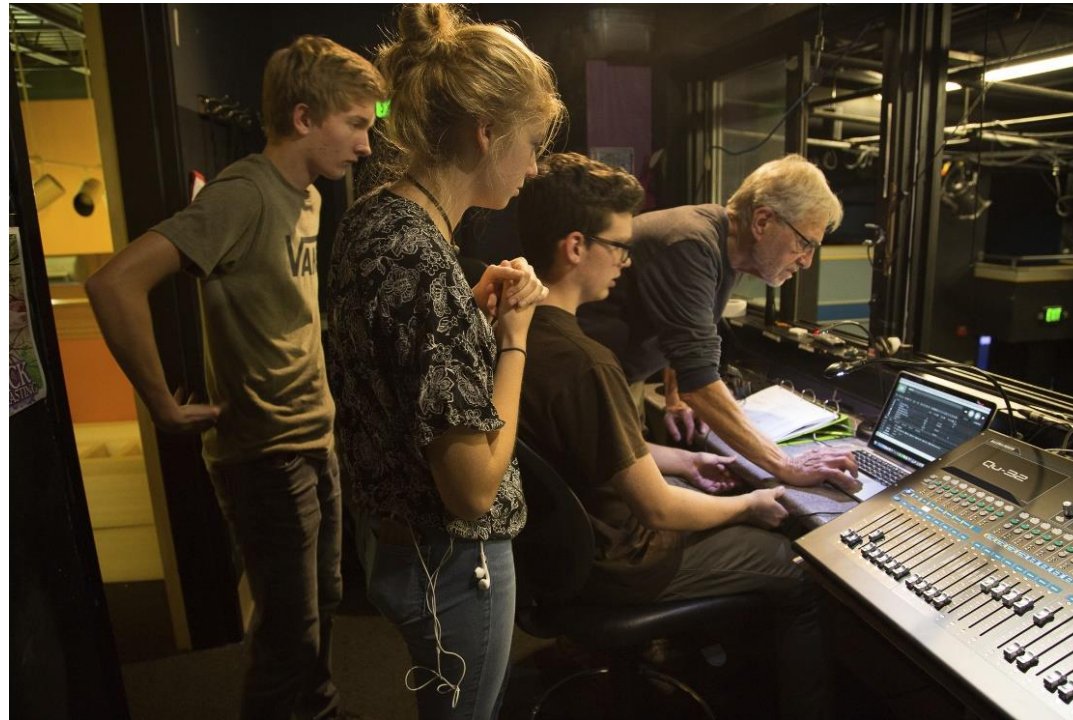




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MISSION

Cultivate and advance the arts and creativity throughout Vermont.



New England Youth Theatre, Brattleboro



The Current, Stowe

VERMONT ARTS COUNCIL GRANTS

Arts Project Grants

Arts Operating Grants

Animating Infrastructure Grants

Cultural Facilities Grants

Creative Futures Grants



Leach Public Library
FY18 Grantee
Children in a ceramics workshop

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ARTS PROJECT GRANTS

Arts Project Grants support Vermont nonprofit organizations, municipalities, and schools in their efforts to add vibrancy to Vermont communities by providing equal and abundant access to the arts.



Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture
FY19 Grantee
Mike and Ruthy perform at Spice on Snow Festival
Photo: Karen Hanron

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ELIGIBILITY & GRANT AMOUNT

- VT nonprofits, municipalities, and schools may only apply for **project grants**
- Groups without tax-exempt status may apply using a fiscal agent
- Award amounts range from **\$1,000 to \$4,000**
- No match required



Vermont Vaudeville
FY20 Grantee
Brent McCoy performing a
physically distant mini fire
show.
Photo: Beana Bern

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WHAT WE FUND

- performances, exhibits, screenings, readings, fairs, public art projects, and festivals that focus on including new audiences
- public art projects that commission an artist for the creation of new work where the community is engaged in the planning, presentation, and/or fabrication
- creative experiences that are designed to include a specific group of a certain age, income, gender, race, or ability, or to encourage interaction among these groups
- accessibility accommodations that enable people with disabilities to participate in arts programs



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PROGRAM PRIORITIES



BrattRock
FY18 Grantee
Teen band Kalliope Jones
playing at the BrattRock
festival

- Provide equal and abundant access to the arts
- Expand access to the arts and cultural activities for all Vermonters
- Creative placemaking projects

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IMPORTANT DATES

Application deadline: **May 15 by 11:59 p.m.**

Notifications emailed by the end of August

Projects must occur between
September 1, 2023 and August 31, 2024



Scrag Mountain Music
FY19 Grantee
Mary Bonhag and Evan
Premo perform *The Ugly
Duckling* for children and
their families

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OPERATING GRANTS

Arts Operating Grants provide funds to arts organizations *(501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations; organizations without tax-exempt status through a fiscal agent; and municipal arts agencies with a primary stated mission to serve the arts)* that offer year-round, high-quality arts programs and services.

ELIGIBILITY & GRANTS

One (1) Year Operating Grant

Funding will be between \$1,000 (minimum) and \$4,000 (maximum) in FY2024 (Starting September 2023).

Applicants for whom **ANY** of the following applies can *only* apply for a One-Year Operating Grant. You are an organization:

- with an annual operating revenue of less than \$25,000
- that has operated for fewer than five (5) years and has at least one (1) year of financial data as of December 31, 2022
- that has no paid staff

ELIGIBILITY & GRANTS

Three (3) Year Operating Grant

Funding will be between \$3,000 (minimum) and \$9,000 (maximum) each year for three years beginning in FY2024 (September 2023). A minimum 3:1 match of nonfederal funds is required.

Applicants for whom ALL of the following applies can apply for a Three-Year Operating Grant. You are an organization:

- with an annual operating revenue of \$25,000 or greater
- that has operated continually for a minimum of five (5) years as of August 31, 2023
- with at least one half-time (or half-time equivalent) paid staff member and will retain at least one half-time (or half-time equivalent) paid staff member

WHAT WE FUND

General operating funds to support your mission rather than specific projects or programs

- working capital that you need to sustain day-to-day operations
- payroll, rent, utilities, insurance, etc.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 8, 2023 – deadline for applications**
- August (mid) 2023 – notifications of awards
- **September 1, 2023 – funds available**
- August 2024 – first year report due

LEARN MORE

- **Make an appointment** to talk one-on-one with program staff <https://calendly.com/kmulvaney-vac/30min>
- **Email** Kathy Mulvaney at kmulvaney@vermontartscouncil.org
- **Call** Kathy at 802.402.4409



Artists: Kat Clear and
Tessa O'Brien:
Burlington City Hall Park
Rain Gardens Artistic Runnels

ANIMATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Supports the design and creation of public art in infrastructure projects to help communities meet goals of livability, walkability, safety, economic vitality, and community vibrancy.





St. Albans Bay Park
Town of St. Albans
Artist: Brandon Wilson
Photo: Michele Bailey

ELIGIBILITY & GRANT AMOUNT

- Vermont 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- educational institutions
- municipalities
- community groups (*Community groups without tax-exempt status may apply using a fiscal agent.*)

Design Grant: Artist Design Fees \$5,000

Implementation or Combo Grant:

Design and/or Implementation \$15,000

No Match Required





Project Coordinator:
Nancy McClaren
Community Mosaic Wall
Lincoln Community School
Photographer:
Nancy McClaren

WHAT WE FUND

All eligible project pitches are welcome.

The Council is especially interested in:

- integrated projects where infrastructure is the art
- projects in their early planning phases
- projects that foster connections among people with diverse financial, educational, health, employment, or social resources; people from diverse abilities, races, cultures, genders, and/or ages





Project Coordinator:
Nancy McClaren
Community Mosaic Wall
Lincoln Community School
Photographer:
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Important Dates

TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Project Pitch deadline: **June 1, 2023**

Invitations to Submit full proposal: July/August 2023

Full proposals due: September 2023

Notifications: October 2023

Projects take place: October 2023 – October 2024



CULTURAL FACILITIES GRANTS

Cultural Facilities Grants provide critical funds to nonprofit organizations and municipalities to enhance, create or expand the capacity of an existing facility to provide cultural activities to the public.



St. Johnsbury Atheneum

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ELIGIBILITY & GRANT AMOUNTS

- Existing facility that is at least 10 years old
- Physically located in Vermont
- Owned by a VT nonprofit or municipality
- Applicant should be the building owner
- Provide cultural programming and activities to the public



Union Meeting Hall, Ferrisburgh

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Grants range from \$1000 - \$30,000

1:1 match is required



WHAT WE FUND

- Upgrades to electrical wiring and fire alarm systems
- HVAC renovations to improve air quality
- ADA compliance (accessible restrooms, elevators and walkways)
- Hazard mitigation measures (rain gutters, flood gates, sprinkler systems)
- Fixed Equipment (theatrical lighting and audio)
- Environmental upgrades to support collections care and exhibition



Burnham Hall, Lincoln

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IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline: May 1, 2023

Notification: August 30, 2023

Funded activities must take place between
September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024.



Caledonia Grange Hall, East Hardwick

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Creative Futures Grant Program

- A grant program to support the recovery of Vermont's creative sector from the Covid-19 pandemic and to set a path for growth
- Made possible by a grant from the State of Vermont through the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Department of Economic Development
- A one-time program

Eligibility Requirements

"creative economy businesses and nonprofits that have sustained substantial losses due to the pandemic"

- Nonprofit organizations and for-profit businesses, including sole proprietorships, which are part of the Vermont's creative sector
- Experiencing continued economic harm due to the pandemic
- Located in Vermont
- Fewer than 500 employees
- In operation or had taken steps toward becoming operational as of 3/13/2020
- Created as a new creative sector business after 3/13/2020 due to pandemic changes and has documented income from qualifying creative sector work

Types of Economic Impacts Due to the Pandemic

- Lost or decreased revenue
- Lost space
- Increased costs
- Risk of permanent closure
- Challenges meeting payroll or other financial obligations
- Staff layoffs
- Unplanned use of savings/reserves/endowment
- Other

Use of Funds

These funds are for **regular operating expenses**, including but not limited to:

- Payroll and benefits
- Utilities
- Rent
- Mortgage
- Insurance

Award Amounts

For most **businesses and nonprofits**, grant amounts will be based on 2019 operating revenue. (pre-pandemic)

- Awards based on a tiered system
- Awards will be about 10% of 2019 operating revenue
- Maximum grant of \$200,000

Grant Timeline

~~Round 1: open **Sept. 15 – Nov. 1**; notifications by mid-December *~~

~~Round 2: open **Jan. 3 – Feb. 28, 2023**; notifications by mid-April~~

Round 3: open **May 1 – June 30, 2023**; notifications by mid-August

*All applicants who meet eligibility criteria who are not funded in the first round will be considered in the second and third rounds. Applicants will need to review their applications to ensure all information is still accurate and make any necessary updates.



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Opportunities to Learn More

- Visit the Creative Futures webpage:
<https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants/creative-futures-grant-program>
- Watch recordings of a grant seeker workshops on our website
- Make an appointment to talk one-on-one with program staff
<https://calendly.com/kmulvaney-vac/30min>
- Email staff at creativefutures@vermontartscouncil.org
- Call staff at 802.402.4409

QUESTIONS?



Artist: Sarah Rutherford
Jeffersonville Silo Project

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