



NOTE: This information is provided as a reference for you to use as you prepare your Nebraska Arts Council (NAC) grant application. Grants to the NAC may only be submitted via the online grant system.

Program Description

The Arts Accessibility Grants program provides non-matching reimbursement grants to Nebraska nonprofit organizations to defray costs involved in opening performances to all individuals regardless of accessibility barriers. This program is made possible with support from the Nebraska Cultural Endowment (<http://nebraskaculturalendowment.org/>)

Eligibility

Applicants must be either:

- a. Incorporated as a nonprofit organization currently registered with Nebraska Secretary of State's office and physical location in Nebraska.
- b. Subdivision of government, school, or religious organization with appropriate legal status with the State of Nebraska.
- c. Basic Support Grant (BSG) and Annual Series and Events (ASE) grantees are eligible to apply.

Eligible Expenses for Reimbursement

The grant must be used for licensed services and non-permanent equipment used in connection with an arts or cultural performance, exhibit, or arts-related activity, such as live music, dance or theatre performances, cultural events and exhibits at museums or other venues. Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Services:
 - Fees for licensed American Sign Language Interpreter(s)
 - Fees for licensed Audio Description Services
 - Fees for Sensory Guide Services
 - Fees for contracted transportation expenses (bus, minivan, Uber, parking, etc.)
- Materials:
 - Cost of printing Braille programs, sensory service programs, and/or large print guides
 - Cost of Sensory Kits

Important:

- Contact NAC staff for additional guidance if your accessibility expense is not listed.
- Priority will be given to organizations and communities that lack access to arts or cultural programs due to geography, economic conditions, ethnic background or disability.

Grant Amounts

Applicants can request a maximum award of \$2,500 per fiscal year (July 1-June 30)
\$250 per event or \$2,500 for a series of events

How to Apply

Applicants will register on NAC's [online grant system](#) prior to applying. Once set up in the system, the applicant will select the Arts Accessibility Grants category. Applications must be complete in order to submit. If you have questions, please contact NAC via email at nac.grants@nebraska.gov or call 402-595-2124.

Deadline

Applications must be submitted to Nebraska Arts Council at least four weeks prior to the event or purchase of materials. Applicants may submit one or more applications per year as long as the maximum amount listed above is not exceeded within the fiscal year. Applications are reviewed in the order received and funding stops when the funds are spent.



Payment

This is a reimbursement grant program. Actual payment of grant funds will occur after the event and upon successful submission of receipts with a Final Report. Final Reports are due 30 days after the event (or series of events) and are submitted through NAC online grants system.

Please assemble the following documents prior to submitting your Final Report:

1. A copy of the organization's [W-9 form](#) if applicant organization has not applied previously.
2. A copy of the invoice from the interpreter, describer, or transportation service.
3. Additional invoices/receipts necessary to show costs covered by the grant funds.
4. Copies of letters or emails sent to elected officials such as state legislators. Letters should indicate that the event(s) was made accessible through assistance from Nebraska Arts Council.

Nebraska Arts Council reimburses for actual costs up to the amount of the grant within 60 days after receipt of the Final Report.

Where to Connect with Interpreters and Audio Describers

ASL Interpreters

Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Interpreter Referral: ncdhh.referral@nebraska.gov or by phone: 402-471-3593 or statewide at 1-800-545-6244.
http://www.ncdhh.ne.gov/inter_referral.html.

Audio Describers

Outlook Nebraska

<https://outlookne.org/enrichment/live-performances/>

Additional Resources

NAC Accessibility Specialist

The Arts Council has a 504 Coordinator (Arts Accessibility Specialist) who can answer your questions about specific outreach and services.

Please contact:

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Accessibility Information on the NAC Website

For additional resources about arts accessibility, please visit the NAC website:

<http://www.artsCouncil.nebraska.gov/>