

***Program Description***

*The purpose of Virtual Arts Project grants is to provide access to funds that support a variety of arts projects that are conducted online, without direct contact between participants, and to encourage ongoing arts programs for Nebraskans despite constraints due to the Covid-19 pandemic.*

There are two sub-categories of Virtual Arts Project Grants:

1. **Virtual Arts Projects for the General Public (VPG)** such as online exhibitions, performances, poetry readings, or development of new artworks.
2. **Virtual Arts Projects for Schools (VPS)** such as online workshops, classes, performances, or guided art tours.

***Eligibility***

Nonprofit arts organizations incorporated in Nebraska that are federally tax-exempt. Organizations may submit up to one **Virtual Arts Project Grant** application or one **Recovery Grant** application, but may not apply in both categories.

An organization must devote 51% or more of its programming and budget to arts activities, events, exhibitions and performances to qualify as an arts organization. NAC may request information to verify eligibility.

**Note:** *NAC Basic Support Grantees are eligible only for the Virtual Arts Projects for Schools (VPS) category.*

***How to Apply***

The applicant organization must first be registered in NAC's online grant system, which can be accessed at [www.artsCouncil.nebraska.gov/grants/](http://www.artsCouncil.nebraska.gov/grants/). During the COVID-19 pandemic, NAC staff are primarily working remotely and can most efficiently be reached via email. For assistance in creating an account in the NAC grants system, please email [nac.grants@nebraska.gov](mailto:nac.grants@nebraska.gov) or call 402-595-2124.

***Deadline***

Applications have a floating deadline, and are due at least six weeks prior to the project start date. Projects must be completed within the current NAC fiscal year, or by June 30, 2021.

***Grant amounts***

\$1,000 - 3,000. A detailed budget proposal is required. *Virtual Project grants do not require a cash match.*

***Review Criteria***

Reviewers score Virtual Arts Project Grants based on the following weighted criteria on a 100 point scale.

<b>Artistic Quality</b>	(up to 40 points)
<b>Planning &amp; Evaluation</b>	(up to 30 points)
<b>Outreach &amp; Engagement</b>	(up to 20 points)
<b>Underserved</b>	(up to 10 points)