



Arts Accessibility Grant for Virtual Programs

Program Description

The *Arts Accessibility Grant for Virtual Programs* provides reimbursement funds for services that increase the ability of persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency to access the arts. Funds can be used for licensed services used in connection with an arts or cultural event hosted online such as livestreamed performances, webinars, virtual classes, and museum tours. This grant program is made possible with support from the Nebraska Cultural Endowment <http://nebraskaculturalendowment.org/>

Eligible Expenses for Reimbursement

Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Fees for licensed American Sign Language Interpreter(s)
- Fees for licensed Audio Description Services
- Fees for captioning services
- Fees for language translation services

Contact NAC staff for additional guidance if your expense is not listed.

Eligibility

Nonprofit organizations incorporated in Nebraska that are federally tax-exempt, public agencies and subdivisions of governmental agencies. Colleges and universities may apply only when significant public participation is planned, with substantial evidence of service beyond the campus community. Basic Support Grant (BSG) and Annual Series and Events (ASE) grantees are eligible.

Restrictions of the Category

PreK-12 accredited schools are not eligible to apply. Funds may only be used to support accessibility services for virtual arts events or programs.

How to Apply

Apply in NAC's online grant system: 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 or call 402-595-2124.

Deadline

Grant applications are due at least four weeks before the virtual event and are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply as far in advance as possible. Virtual events must take place within the current NAC fiscal year, or by June 30, 2021.

Applicants may submit one or more applications per year as long as the maximum amount listed below is not exceeded within the fiscal year.

Grant Amounts

Applicants can request a maximum award of \$1,500 per fiscal year (July 1 - June 30)
\$300 per event or \$1,500 for a series of five (5) or more events

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Payment

This is a reimbursement grant program. Actual payment of grant funds will occur after the virtual event is completed and upon successful submission of Final Report documents. Final Reports are due 30 days after the event (or series of events) and are submitted through the 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 captioning 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.

Resources:

For a list of recommended service providers and additional resources about arts accessibility, please visit the NAC website: <https://www.artscouncil.nebraska.gov/accessibility-information>

- **Have questions about outreach, services or resources?**

Please contact Robin Richards, NAC's 504 Coordinator (Arts Accessibility Specialist):
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- **Have questions about NAC's Accessibility Grant programs?**

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