



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 goal of Micro Grants is to provide need-based financial support to assist artists impacted by Covid-19 in developing their virtual and marketing presence. Projects under consideration should be focused on improving the artist's virtual presence through equipment purchases, professional development opportunities or technology training. Examples of supported projects might include artist website improvements, audio/video equipment purchases, workshops fees for digital training, etc.

Eligibility

Artists in any discipline residing in Nebraska, who meet the following criteria.

Must confirm both of the following statements in the Letter of Interest:

- I am an artist who actively pursues art-making and arts-oriented opportunities.
- My income stream from my artistic practice has been affected by Covid-19.

Must confirm at least one of the following statements in the Letter of Interest:

- In light of Covid-19, I am experiencing barriers to marketing or reaching audiences due to a lack of technical equipment.
or
- In light of Covid-19, I am seeking access to virtual professional development opportunities that will expand my reach as an artist.

Letter of Interest

Artists who fit the eligibility requirements are encouraged to send a Letter of Interest (LOI) to nac.grants@nebraska.gov. The letter must include the following:

- A description of how you will use the funds to further your artistic practice and virtual presence. Include a brief summary of your artistic credentials.
- The amount requested, up to \$500, and what the funds will be used for.
- The eligibility statements above and your confirmation that you meet the eligibility requirements.

Important Notes:

- LOIs will be reviewed in the order received, while funds are available.
- Applicants may submit up to one application per fiscal year.
- Letters of Interest will be accepted beginning on July 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020 or until funds are depleted

NAC staff will review the LOI, and if the artist's proposed project fit the parameters of the Micro Grant category, an invitation to apply will be sent to the applicant.

Application Process

A budget template and application questions, including questions about the artist's practice, the proposed project and its budget, will be included in the invitation to apply. Artists can complete their application by attaching a complete budget template and responding to the application questions in the body of an email. Applications must be submitted no later than four weeks prior to the project start date or date of equipment purchase.

Deadlines

The Letter of Interest (LOI) must be received no less than six weeks prior to the start of the project or purchase of equipment. Applications must be submitted no later than four weeks prior to the project start date or purchase of equipment.

Grant Amounts

\$500 maximum. This is a non-matching grant to be disbursed prior to the project start date or purchase of equipment. An applicant may submit one application per year.



Budgets

Applicants will use the budget template included with the invitation to apply. The budget template includes space to describe expense items related to the proposed project and any income applicants plan to dedicate to their project. Applicants are advised to retain their completed budget template for final reporting purposes.

Final Reporting

If awarded, grantees must complete a final report 30 days after the conclusion of the project. Using the NAC grant system, grantees will provide:

- Copies of receipts showing expenditure of the grant award.
- A brief description of how the funds were used.