



Advancing the Arts Grant Application

Arts for Education ♦ Creative Inspiration

Funding range: \$500 - \$1500

Fall 2026 Timeline

- July 2026: Grant cycle opens
- September 17, 2026 at 5 pm: Free Online Grant Info Session #1 - [Click here to register.](#)
- September 22, 2026 at 4 pm: Free Online Grant Info Session #2 - [Click here to register.](#)
- October 11, 2026: Grant applications due by 5 pm (*NOTE: Late/incomplete applications will not be accepted.*)
- November 1, 2026: Grant recipients notified
- November 1, 2026 - May 31, 2027: Projects occur
- June 1, 2027: Final Reports due by 5 pm

IMPORTANT!

Please carefully read **Advancing the Arts Guidelines** (valleyarts.org/grants-arts-for-education or valleyarts.org/grants-creative-inspiration) to be sure you are eligible to apply AND understand the types of expenses that cannot be covered by these grants. Application deadline is 5 pm October 11, 2026; your project must take place November 1, 2026 - May 31, 2027.

Use the online [Advancing the Arts Application Form](#) to provide basic information about your grant proposal. The remainder of your application consists of attaching required application materials to the online form. We strongly advise preparing each of the required attachments (see below) BEFORE beginning the online application.

All applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an online Grant Information Session. Each session lasts about an hour, and covers the grant process - with a chance for you to ask questions about your Arts for Education or Creative Inspiration proposal.

Session #1 - Thursday, September 17, 2026, 5 pm [Click here to register.](#)

Session #2 - Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 4 pm [Click here to register.](#)

Questions? Email advancingvalleyarts@gmail.com

Prepare the following attachments before beginning your

[online application](#). Copy and paste information for each attachment into a new document; title each as noted; save and submit a single pdf for each attachment (*Note: you may attach a spreadsheet for #5; other formats and more than one attachment are allowed for #7*).

ADVANCING THE ARTS APPLICATION MATERIALS ARTS FOR EDUCATION & CREATIVE INSPIRATION GRANTS

Attachment 1: PROJECT OVERVIEW

Title: 1-OVERVIEW-APPLICANT LAST NAME *(pdf format)*

APPLICANT NAME (Last, First)

PROJECT TITLE

AMOUNT REQUESTED (whole dollar amount) Example: \$500; not \$498.75.

PROJECT RECIPIENTS

Use this chart to estimate the number of people in the following categories expected to benefit from the project. Explain how you will document attendance.

	Adults	Children	Total
Harrisonburg City			
Rockingham County			
Other			
TOTALS:			

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Explain the ideas summarized in your description:

- What are your goals for this project?
- How does your project contribute to Harrisonburg-Rockingham area arts enrichment?
- How do you plan to accomplish this project?
- How will you let the community know about your project?

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS (person/people conducting the project)

Artists

How many artists (visual, performing, literary, other) will be involved in the project?

List artists' names and qualifications for supporting successful project completion.

Partners

List all individuals and/or organizations employed or volunteering for this project.

Attachment 2: RESUMÉ

Title: 2-RESUME-APPLICANT LAST NAME *(pdf format)*

Include a resumé for each principal project participant.

Attachment 3: PROJECT BUDGET

Title: 3-BUDGET-APPLICANT LAST NAME

BUDGET EXPENSES

Detail in table format (i.e. Excel) anticipated project expenses.

Note: Expenses must be specified – "\$100 for art supplies" is not acceptable.

Highlight budget items/amounts to be covered by this grant.

SAMPLE EXPENSE BUDGET

Item	Quantity	Cost	Vendor	Notes
Paint roller	1	\$10.00	(Store name)	Surface prep
Artist labor	# hours	\$ 250.00	(Artist 1 name)	Design/painting
Artist labor	# hours	\$ 250.00	(Artist 2 name)	Design/painting
PROJECT TOTAL		\$510.00		
TOTAL COVERED BY GRANT		\$500.00		

TOTAL REVENUE

List all anticipated revenue and revenue sources for the project, including your requested Arts Council of the Valley (ACV) Advancing the Arts grant amount.

SAMPLE REVENUE BUDGET

Revenue Source	Amount
ACV grant	\$500.00
Donations at event	\$10.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$510.00

BUDGET CONTINGENCY PLAN

If your project is not fully funded by this grant, how would you move forward?

Attachment 4: LETTERS OF SUPPORTTitle: 4-LETTERS-APPLICANT LAST NAME (*pdf format*)

Submit - in a single pdf - two signed letters of support from individuals who can speak to your qualifications for this project; AND who are not related to you and who do not stand to gain financially from your project. Letters should include original signatures, and (if applicable) be written on organization letterhead.

Attachment 5: IMAGES/VIDEO LINKS/SAMPLES

Required for Creative Inspiration; optional for Arts for Education.

Title: 5-SAMPLES-APPLICANT LAST NAME

One of the following

- 5-10 jpeg or png images. Detail images are welcome.
 - Video link (with password, if needed) for film (not to exceed 15 minutes) or performance.
 - PDF example of literary work, not to exceed seven pages.
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Attachment 6: PREVIOUS SUCCESS (OPTIONAL):

Title: 6-EVIDENCE-APPLICANT LAST NAME *(pdf format)*

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Completed [online grant application form](#).
- ATTACHMENT 1 (PDF): Project overview: narrative with numbers of people to be served; participant information, marketing/public relations plan.
Title: **1-OVERVIEW-APPLICANT LAST NAME**
- ATTACHMENT 2 (PDF): Resume or Curriculum Vitae
Title: **2-RESUME-APPLICANT LAST NAME**
- ATTACHMENT 3 (PDF): 3-Project budget.
Title: **3-BUDGET-APPLICANT LAST NAME**
- ATTACHMENT 4: Two letters of support, including one from any organization participating in your project.
Title: **4-LETTERS-APPLICANT LAST NAME**
- ATTACHMENT 5 *(required for Creative Inspiration; optional for Arts for Education)*.
Title: **5-SAMPLES-APPLICANT LAST NAME**
One of the following:
 - 5-10 jpeg or png images. Detail images are welcome.
 - Video link (with password, if necessary) for film (not to exceed 15 minutes) or performance.
 - PDF example of literary work, not to exceed seven pages.
- ATTACHMENT 6 (PDF, *Optional*): Evidence of past successes.
Title: **6-EVIDENCE-APPLICANT LAST NAME**

If you are unable to upload attachments, please email them to
advancingvalleyarts@gmail.com.

[Click here](#) for online grant application form.

Questions?

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or call 540.801.8779.

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will not be considered.**

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