

# GUIDELINES FOR 2023 - 2024 Statewide Creative Catalyst Grants

**DUE DATE:** Rolling

**GRANT ACTIVITY PERIOD:** September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024

## Description

Statewide Creative Catalyst Grants support new initiatives and opportunities that advance strategies for strengthening the cultural, educational, or economic vitality of Pennsylvania's communities through the arts. Applications will be assessed based on the degree to which they meet the following components:

1. Align with one or more of the three goals of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts:
  - Strengthen Pennsylvania communities through the arts.
  - Connect and increase Pennsylvanians' access to lifelong learning through the arts.
  - Champion public awareness and appreciation of the arts in Pennsylvania communities.
2. Demonstrate statewide reach and benefit to Pennsylvania's creative sector.
3. Include mechanisms to implement the PCA's overarching value of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

## Eligibility

- Organizations must be nonprofit, tax-exempt corporations, a unit of government; college or university; school district or non-arts nonprofit providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania. Organizations are required to provide proof of incorporation and activity in Pennsylvania before applications are reviewed or funds awarded.
- Fiscal agents and fiscal sponsors are not eligible to apply for Creative Catalyst funding.

## Please note the following

- Typical grant amounts are between \$5,000 and \$10,000.
- No more than 25% of the grant award may be used for administrative expenses.
- A 1:1 cash match is required.
- Organizations can receive a Creative Catalyst Grant once every three years.
- Please note that this funding opportunity is NOT designed to support established programs, on-going operations, or an annual source of funds. For those types of applications/projects, please contact the PCA for more information.

## Funding process

- Applications are submitted online to the PCA.
- PCA staff reviews applications based on the above components and makes recommendations to the Council, the PCA's governing body.
- The Council acts on staff recommendations during their quarterly meetings.
- Those receiving awards will be sent an email outlining the next steps in the grant process.

## How to apply

STEP 1. READ THIS DOCUMENT.

STEP 2. CONTACT Jamie Dunlap at [jadunlap@pa.gov](mailto:jadunlap@pa.gov) or 717-525-5542 **BEFORE** submission.

STEP 3. REGISTER and APPLY THROUGH <https://www.esa.dced.state.pa.us>.

STEP 4. SUBMIT ONLINE. No hard copies are required.

## NEED HELP?

For **technical and login questions**, contact DCED customer service at: 800-379-7448.