



# WEHO ARTS GRANT PROGRAM

# COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT GUIDELINES

Calendar Year 2027

Please review this document completely before beginning application.

## ABOUT THE COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT (1-YEAR)

The City of West Hollywood is proud to offer the **WeHo Community Arts Grant**, designed to support non-profit arts organizations, individual artists, and artist collectives that have a demonstrated commitment to uplifting LGBTQ, BIPOC, and/or female artists and audiences. For arts projects that center members of the Transgender, Gender-Diverse, Intersex + artists and audiences, check out the TGI+ Arts Grant.

**Eligibility:** Open to individual artists, artist collectives, or non-profit organizations who identify as LGBTQ, BIPOC, and/or female, or whose projects are led by or deeply engage LGBTQ, BIPOC, and/or female communities.

### Key Considerations

- Projects should be public-facing in some way (e.g., a performance, exhibition, workshop, screening, or panel discussion).
- The grant prioritizes authentic representation, community engagement, and artistic merit.
- Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how their project will benefit or engage the West Hollywood community.

### Please Note:

- Applicants may apply to only *one* Arts Grant category.
- All applications must be submitted online via the City's website: [weho.org/arts](http://weho.org/arts)

**\$30,000** Total amount of available funding in this category  
**\$6,000** Maximum award per grantee

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 3 P.M. JULY 1, 2026.**

## COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT CATEGORY PURPOSE AND OUTCOMES

The Community Arts Grant is designed to fund art presentations and workshops that advance community goals through cultural equity, with a focus on access and education for specific communities. Its outcomes emphasize:

1. Broadening public engagement by attracting diverse audiences, including both residents and visitors.

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2. Celebrating local cultural assets by highlighting existing resources and discovering new creative spaces.
3. Ensuring accessibility and quality by making arts programming financially and geographically accessible.
4. Supporting the local economy by encouraging partnerships between arts and business sectors.
5. Promoting arts education and participation, especially for underserved or targeted communities.
6. Reflecting diverse identities and cultures by using art to amplify voices and celebrate heritage and identity.

## COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To apply, make sure you meet all of the following requirements:

### Applicant Profile

- I identify as BIPOC, female, and/or LGBTQ, or my project is led by and centers BIPOC, female, and/or LGBTQ voices.
- I am an individual artist, artist collective, or non-profit arts organization
- I am based in Los Angeles County.

### Restrictions

- I am **not** a City official, employee, or immediate family member of one.
- The project **does not include**: Fundraisers, Capital campaigns, Murals, Religious-based programs or events.
- I'm applying to only one City of West Hollywood Arts Grant category this calendar year.
- I'm **not** receiving other City funding (from another Division, Department, or City Council co-sponsorship) for the same project.

### Project Proposal

- The project is arts-focused and includes a public component (e.g., performance, exhibition, screening, workshop, etc.).
- The project will take place within a 5 block radius of the City of West Hollywood.
- The project reflects or explores BIPOC, female, or LGBTQ identity, culture, or lived experience.
- I've clearly described the goals, timeline, and intended impact of the project.

### Budget

- I've included a realistic budget showing how grant funds will be used.
- The project budget aligns with the scope of the project and includes any additional funding sources (if applicable).

### Work Samples

- I've included recent work samples that reflect my artistic practice.

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- My work samples are clearly labeled and easy to access (e.g., links, images, or files).

### Community Engagement

- I've included a plan to engage the community, such as outreach, audience development, or public participation.

### Final Review

- I've reviewed all materials for clarity and completeness.
- I've submitted my application by the deadline.

## COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT REVIEW CRITERIA

All submitted applications will first be screened by City staff to confirm eligibility. Applications that do not meet the eligibility requirements will not be forwarded to the Peer Review Panel.

### Peer Review Panel Scoring

Eligible applications will be evaluated and scored by a Peer Review Panel based on the following:

Criteria	Description	Points
Project Proposal	The proposal is cohesive, well thought out, and achievable.	0–10
Budget & Timeline	The proposal plan is realistic, organized, and financially sound.	0–10
Representation	The proposed project meaningfully includes or serve LGBTQ, BIPOC, and/or female artists or audiences.	0–10
Work Samples	Applicant demonstrates a strong track record of arts presentations and provides compelling examples.	0–10

### Bonus Point

- Applicants with a business location within the City of West Hollywood will receive 1 bonus point added to their total score, per City policy.

## WEHO ARTS GRANT PROGRAM GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of West Hollywood, through its Arts Division and Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, provides inclusive arts and cultural programming for all residents. The Commission promotes and nurtures the City's cultural life by supporting arts organizations, advising City Council on arts policy, and encouraging community engagement through the arts.

The City offers a variety of grants to support:

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- Community-based programs, projects, and events
- Increased visibility for marginalized artists
- Career development for individual artists
- Increased support for filmmakers

Arts grants are available to eligible artists and nonprofit arts organizations for the production, performance, or presentation of projects that take place in and serve the West Hollywood community. 2027 Grant categories include: 2027-2028 Special Arts Project, Community Arts, Filmmakers, TGI+ Arts, and WeHo Artist.

We strongly encourage applications from artists and organizations representing diverse populations and artistic disciplines. As outlined in our Cultural Equity Statement, diversity includes, but is not limited to: race, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, age, ability, socioeconomic status, religion, language, and more. We are committed to cultural equity in all our arts programs and policies. Read our full Cultural Equity Statement at [weho.org/arts](http://weho.org/arts).

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## ARTS GRANT REVIEW PROCESS

### Review & Approval Process

The City of West Hollywood uses a peer panel review process, which is a standard best practice for publicly funded arts grants. Each panel includes seven qualified arts professionals with experience in various disciplines and a strong background in the arts.

The panel scores applications based on criteria set by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. These scores are then reviewed by the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee, which recommends funding amounts. Final decisions are approved by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission and finalized by the City Council.

### Important Notes:

- All information submitted in a grant application becomes public record.
- Organizations that receive funding may be audited to ensure proper use of grant funds.
- Failure to provide accurate documentation may result in ineligibility for future funding.

## EXPECTATIONS DURING FUNDED PERIOD

Once awarded, grantees must:

- Provide a Certificate of General Liability Insurance of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- Attend a mandatory orientation meeting.
- Use no more than 10 hours of in-kind City facility time, limited to one day during the grant funded year.
- Cover costs for technology consultants (e.g., lighting, film screenings, projections) when using City facilities.
- Ensure the project occurs within the contracted grant period.
- Submit a Newsletter Advisory Form at least 60 days before the funded program.
- Submit a Final Report within 30 days of completing the project.

## ARTS GRANT PROGRAM TIMELINE

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July 1, 2026	Application deadline
August 2026	Peer review of grant applications
September 2026	Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee make funding recommendations
September 2026	Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission consider approval of funding recommendations
October 2026	City Council considers approval of funding recommendations
October 2026	Grant recipient notifications
November 2026	Grantee Orientation (in person at Plummer Park)
February 2027	Earliest award of grant funds* <i>*Award of funds depend on grantee's compliance with contracting requirements, such as insurance.</i>

### ARTS GRANT PROGRAM WORKSHOP

The City will conduct virtual and in-person Arts Grant Program Workshops scheduled between May and June (dates TBD):

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### ARTS PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE

**Application DEADLINE is 3 p.m. July 1, 2026.**

For more information please call: Eva Angeloff at (323) 848-6354 or email [eangeloff@weho.org](mailto:eangeloff@weho.org).

You can also find more information at [www.weho.org/arts](http://www.weho.org/arts)