



# WEHO ARTS GRANT PROGRAM

# TRANSGENDER, GENDER DIVERSE, INTERSEX, + ARTS GRANT GUIDELINES

Calendar Year 2027

Please review this document completely before beginning application.

## ABOUT THE TGI+ ARTS GRANT (1-YEAR)

The **TGI+ Arts Grant** (Trans, Gender Diverse, Intersex+) is a City of West Hollywood grant category designed to support artists and artist-led projects that center the experiences, voices, and creative expression of the TGI+ community. It reflects the City's commitment to equity, inclusion, and the celebration of diverse identities through the arts.

**Eligibility:** Open to individual artists, artist collectives, or non-profit organizations who identify as TGI+, or whose projects are led by or deeply engage the TGI+ community.

### Key Considerations

- Projects should be public-facing in some way (e.g., a performance, exhibition, screening, or publication).
- 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 only apply to *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

**\$ 6,500** Maximum award per grantee

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

## TGI+ ARTS GRANT CATEGORY PURPOSE AND OUTCOMES

This grant is designed to uplift and empower transgender, gender-diverse, and intersex artists. Its outcomes include:

1. Engaging the community through arts experiences
2. Celebrating local culture and creative spaces, with an emphasis on TGI+ contributions.

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3. Providing accessible, high-quality programming, especially for and by the TGI+ community.
4. Boosting the local economy through artist-business partnerships.
5. Encouraging bold, creative TGI+ projects through supporting innovation and risk-taking in artistic expression.
6. Supporting professional development by helping TGI+ artists grow their careers and networks.
7. Amplifying TGI+ voices and lived experiences by centering identity, culture, and personal storytelling.

**Key distinction:** This arts grant category reinforces empowerment and visibility for TGI+ artists, with a strong emphasis on identity, voice, and professional growth.

## TGI+ ARTS GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### Applicant Profile

- I identify as transgender, gender-diverse, and/or intersex (TGI+), or my project is led by and centers TGI+ 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

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

### Budget

- I've included a simple, realistic budget showing how grant funds will be used.
- My 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.

## TGI+ 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   |
| Community Commitment | Demonstrated involvement with the transgender, non-binary, intersex, and gender non-conforming community.          | 0–10   |
| TGI+ Representation  | Transgender, non-binary, intersex, or gender non-conforming individuals represented among the artists or audience. | 0–10   |

### Bonus Point:

- Applicants with a business location in 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 Transgender 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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| <b>July 1, 2026</b> | <b>Application deadline</b>                                                                                                               |
| August 2026         | Peer panel 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*<br><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)