



# 2022 Grant Guidelines

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## SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS IN RENTON

### DEADLINES

Application Due:  
February 16, 2022  
(for projects occurring  
March-June)

May 5, 2022  
(for projects occurring  
July-December)

### GET HELP

We are on hand to answer your questions and assist with your application. Call during regular business hours.

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Funding for arts, cultural and heritage projects that serve residents and visitors in Renton, Washington

We encourage innovative projects by artists and communities that showcase cultural diversity, increase understanding, and inspire new forms of creative participation and opportunities for growth, particularly for under-served groups.

Grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Projects must take place during 2022 and should be completed by December 15, 2022.

# Program Overview

## Purpose

• The Renton Municipal Arts Commission's grant program offers grants to individuals, organizations and community groups for arts and culture projects and events that serve the general public in Renton.

## Public Funding = Public Benefit

Projects should provide public benefit. Examples of public benefit are:

- Free public performances, exhibitions, workshops, screenings, or readings.
- Free scholarships to ongoing, fee-based arts educational or training programs.
- Accommodating services that expand access and inclusion to individuals with limited physical or English-speaking abilities.

## Application Review Process

The Renton Municipal Arts Commission approves all funding. Approvals are based on recommendations from the Arts Commission Grants Committee. Applications are reviewed on a competitive basis according to the overall purpose of the program and the criteria for eligible organizations. Incomplete applications submitted after the deadline may not be reviewed.

## 2022 Timeline (two opportunities to apply)

### Round 1 (for projects/events occurring Mar through Jun)

Jan 26	Online application available
Feb 16	Applications due
Feb 21	Grants Committee Review
Feb 28	Applicant interviews and Committee Recommendation to Commission
Mar 1	Arts Commission review of recommended applications
Mar	Presentation to City Council and Announcement of Grant Awards
Dec 16	Post-grant report due

### Round 2 (for projects/events occurring Jul through Dec)

Feb 17	Online application available
May 5	Applications due
May 23	Grants Committee Review
May 30	Applicant interviews and Committee Recommendation to Commission
Jun 7	Arts Commission review of recommended applications
Jun	Presentation to City Council and Announcement of Grant Awards
Dec 16	Post-grant report due

## Application packet

The application is available at [rentonwa.gov/rmac](http://rentonwa.gov/rmac), and is due according to the schedule above. Please complete the form in its entirety and submit it along with all supplemental materials online. Incomplete applications will delay funding consideration. Additional information or clarification may be requested by the Grants Committee.

## Funds May Be Used To:

- Produce one-time performances, exhibits, special events or programs that bring arts or cultural experiences to Renton residents.
- Provide opportunities for independent artists to develop and present new work in all mediums.
- Improve arts and cultural opportunities for artists and audiences from diverse communities.
- Participatory and educational opportunities for youth, multicultural, seniors, and special populations.
- Increase access to arts and cultural events by providing discount tickets and/or free educational programs.

## Funding Restrictions include:

The following types of projects are NOT eligible for funding:

- Projects that are not: located in Renton; primarily benefit Renton residents; or are not offered free of charge, or at reduced rates to the extent possible;
- Projects that are not open to the public;
- Projects that have already been completed;
- Projects that support or oppose a specific interest such as a particular business, political, or religious viewpoint or organization;
- Capital construction projects;
- Projects that use the Grant funds to provide cash awards to individuals;
- Projects which preclude reasonable access by the general public, such as in a location not open to the general public, or for which membership is required, or admission charges cannot be reduced or waived for accessibility

## Funding

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Generally, the maximum award is \$10,000 and the minimum award is \$1,000. However, the Arts Commission may recommend greater or lesser amounts.

### Timing of Projects

Projects must take place during 2022 and should be completed by December 15, 2022.

### Payment

Payment will be made at the end of the project. Exceptions may be made, depending on circumstances and City policy. The funding recipient will turn in invoice(s) and a final report to the Arts Commission for reimbursement. Invoices and final reports are due by December 16. Checks are normally mailed within 30 days of the invoice date and receipt of completed paperwork.

## Eligibility

### Who May Apply

- Individuals, groups of people (all ages), neighborhood or business organizations seeking funding for an art project or cultural event
- Independent Artists, Arts and Cultural organizations, including professional and community-based groups
- IRS not-for-profit status – 501 (c)(3) – is not required.
- A City of Renton business license may be required.



## Evaluation Criteria

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### Artistic Innovation

- Quality and promise of the proposed arts, cultural, and heritage project to meet the cultural needs of an audience and/or constituent group.
- Innovative approach to foster creative and civic participation by Renton's diverse residents and visitors, particularly underserved people and communities.
- Fills a gap in art, cultural, or heritage offerings and opportunities not regularly available to Renton residents and visitors.

### Public Access and Benefit

- Proposed projects must take place in Renton.
- Proposed projects must serve and be accessible to residents of Renton.
- Independent artists must present new works to the public.
- Priority will be given to projects that involve Renton-based artists and organizations.

### Project Feasibility

- Demonstrated experience of project leaders to accomplish the scope and scale of the project.
- Evidence of thoughtful planning including clearly articulated goals and process for evaluation.
- Realistic budget and timeline.

## Application Instructions

- Complete the application available on [rentonwa.gov/rmac](http://rentonwa.gov/rmac), including supplemental materials
- Incomplete and/or inaccurate applications will result in return of application, delaying funding consideration or potential denial of funding consideration.
- Start the application process as far in advance as possible **at least three months before your project start or event date**
- Submit completed application to [arts@rentonwa.gov](mailto:arts@rentonwa.gov)
- You may be asked to present your proposal to the Arts Commission
- For additional information or clarification, please call (425) 430-6581, or email [arts@rentonwa.gov](mailto:arts@rentonwa.gov)