

2024 Community Arts Grant Program Guidelines

The Hernando County Fine Arts Council offers grants of up to \$1,000 each for local groups to promote the arts in Hernando County.

Hernando County Fine Arts Council Community Arts Grant Mission: The Community Arts Grants Program is designed to involve county residents in creating, appreciating, supporting, participating in, or learning about the creative arts in Hernando County.

Who can apply?

Any Hernando County education, art, civic or cultural organization recognized as a non-profit or charitable group, not including schools. (Schools can seek funding through Arts in Education Grants)

What types of projects are eligible for funding?

- Public art installations (mural, sculpture, etc.)
- Art-focused events or performances
- Art instruction

Timeline:

- September 28, 2023 — 5:30 PM Pre-application workshop (**voluntary workshop for applicants to ask questions and receive feedback on application prior to submittal**)
- October 6, 2023 — 9 p.m. Application deadline
- October 26, 2023 — 5:30 PM sGrant review workshop (**mandatory workshop for applicants to respond to questions by project review team pertaining to application**)
- November 9, 2023 — Grants and award amounts selected at HCFAC meeting
- December 1, 2023 — Awardees notified via email
- January 1, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2024 — Project period
- January 20, 2025 — Invoicing deadline for 2024 projects

Other important information:

- Apply online at: <https://www.hernandoarts.org/cag>
- All projects must align with the Arts Council's Community Arts Grant Mission.
- No match is required.
- Projects must take place in Hernando County.
- Organizations may submit only one grant application.
- Grant funds must be used for approved project expenses only.
- Grant funds cannot pay for salaries, operating expenses, capital improvements, infrastructure, travel expenses, private entertainment, political advocacy, food or beverages, fundraising projects, or re-granting.
- In evaluating grant applications for funding, the Arts Council, or its Grants Committee, will give preference to projects that impact the most people; and are most effective in encouraging, promoting, supporting and/or showcasing the creative arts in Hernando County.
- No expenditure made outside the project period (2024 calendar year) will be reimbursed.
- Grant funds will be dispersed only after the completion of the project with submission of invoice and the following documentation in a final report, which must include appropriate documentation showing:
 - Deliverables were completed.
 - Documentation of expenditures.
 - All printed materials associated with the grant project (e.g., advertising, brochures, web pages, programs, etc.) must include the HCFAC's logo and this acknowledgement: *Sponsored in part by the Hernando County Fine Arts Council.*
 - Notification to the Arts Council in advance of the date, time, and location of events.
 - Photos of events (which may be used on the HCFAC social media platforms).
 - If your organization has social media, posts about the project must include this acknowledgment: *Sponsored in part by the Hernando County Fine Arts Council.* Please tag our corresponding pages on all posts (@HernandoCountyArtsCouncil on Facebook and @hernandoarts on Instagram).
- Final report can be submitted any time after completion of the project, but no later than January 20, 2025.
- All decisions will be final and based completely upon the application submitted and responses received at the Grant Review Workshop.
- All decisions of the Arts Council will be made in public meetings.
- The Arts Council or its Grants Committee reserves the right to resolve and act upon any and all questions relating to an application to its exclusive satisfaction.
- Award amounts will be based upon budgeted, available funds.