

## Community Arts Grant

*The Community Arts Grant program offers grants to civic or cultural organizations recognized as non-profits or charitable groups that support art and encourage art appreciation in Hernando County.*

Funding for the Community Arts Grant Program is generated by donations to the Arts Council, by proceeds from our largest annual event, **Art in the Park**, and from the sale of the "Florida State of the Arts" specialty license plates sold here in Hernando County. Thank you to all who help us support the arts in Hernando County!

For questions, contact Cheryl Hill, Community Grant Program Coordinator. Email [cheryl.h@hernandoarts.org](mailto:cheryl.h@hernandoarts.org) or call 352.584.0429.

## 2023 Community Arts Grants 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. 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.

### WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

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

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- September 20, 2022 — 5:30 p.m. at Brooksville City Hall (210 Howell Avenue, Brooksville) — Pre-application workshop (voluntary workshop for applicants to ask questions and receive feedback on application prior to submittal)
- October 7, 2022 — 5 p.m. Application deadline
- October 27, 2022 — 5:30 p.m. at Brooksville City Hall (210 Howell Avenue, Brooksville) — Grant review workshop (voluntary workshop for applicants to respond to questions by project review team pertaining to application)

- December 8, 2022 — Recipients selected
- December 12, 2022 — Awardees notified
- January 1, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2023 — Project period
- January 20, 2024 — Invoicing deadline for 202 projects

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS:**

- HCFACT mission consistency
- Project description
- Budget
- Outcomes
- Impact
- Innovation
- Numbers of people benefiting from the project
- Cost-benefit
- Visibility to Hernando County Arts and HCFACT

### **APPLY TODAY**

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### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- Applicants must submit a budget to complete their application.
- All projects must align with the Arts Council's Community Arts Grant Mission.
- No match is required.
- Projects must take place in Hernando County.
- Grant funds may only be used for approved project expenses.
- 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; are most effective in encouraging, promoting, supporting, and/or showcasing the creative arts in Hernando County.
- No expenditure made outside the project period (1/1/2023-12/31/2023) 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.
  - Statement that expenditures made were as approved.
  - All printed materials associated with the grant project (e.g., advertising, brochures, web pages, programs, etc.) must include the HCFAC's logo and this acknowledgment: *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 12, 2023.
- 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 or its Grants Committee 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.