Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts - Creative Sector Flex Fund

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is it called the Creative Sector Flex Fund?
The name lends to the flexibility of the grant; you can use grant funding for general operating support and/or arts programming.

When does the application open?
Applications will open on Submittable July 1 and close August 31 at 11:59pm.

Who can apply?
Arts Organizations, Fiscally Sponsored Organizations, and Non-Arts Organizations with art specific programming

What is the activity period?
Grant Activity Period is January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024.

Are there any reporting requirements?
Yes, for all awarded grantees. A small final report will be due after the activity period ends. The report will likely include the following information:
- The Grant Amount
- The Match Amounts
- Expenses: i.e. arts supplies for workshops, website or marketing subscriptions, hiring a contractor to help fix the front door of your building.

Does the 10K requirement apply to each year or total for the two-year period?
You must be able to show your organization brought in revenue of at least 10k each of the two years. Example: 2021 ($10,001) and 2022 ($10,250)

Does this grant require a match?
All grants must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis in cash. *IMPORTANT NOTE: In kind goods and services may not be used to match PCA funds. CSFF grant funds cannot be used to match other PCA grants.

Does the match all have to come from one place?
No, you can use a combination of funding to match this grant. The match can be generated during the funding period. It will be asked about in the final report for award grantees. EXAMPLE: Ticket fees, a non PCA contributed funds, donations from your audience.

Is Creative Sector Flex Fund Grant renewable?
No, this grant must be reapplied for every year.

I was a Program Stream/ Entry to Program Stream Grantee; do I receive priority in the application process?
No, your organization does not receive priority funding as a prior PCA grant recipient.

I was a Program Stream/Entry to Program Stream Grantee, are the applications the same?
The application is similar but they are not the same. Take a look at the Creative Sector Flex Fund Application.

Where will the PDF of the application live?
We have a copy of the application fields on our website. Check them out here!
https://www.erieartsandculture.org/assets/CSFF_Application_Fields.pdf

How many grants will be funded through the Creative Sector Flex Fund?
Unfortunately, we do not know the allocation of funds for this grant and will not know until the state budget is approved in Fall 2023.

What are some helpful tips for the application process?
- Read the Guidelines thoroughly.
- Create a Submittable account/update the contact details for your organization.
- Create a working copy of the application for your organization.
- Triple check your application before you submit.