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# Artist Support Grant Program

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## ARTIST SUPPORT GRANTS



**REGIONS**

**7** Alamance, Durham,  
Orange, Person

**8** Chatham, Harnett,  
Johnston, Lee  
Wake

**9** Cumberland, Hoke,  
Robeson, Sampson,  
Scotland



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**Artist Support Grants are made  
available through regions.**

- Support individual artists to enhance their skills and abilities to create work or to improve their business operations and capacity to bring their work to new audiences.
- Up to 50% of the budget can go toward artist fees.

Kimberley Pierce Cartwright, Fiber



# Purpose of the program

- **Eligible applicants** have lived in Durham, Orange, Alamance or Person Counties, NC, for at least one year before the application deadline.
- Are at least 18 years of age.
- Are not enrolled in a degree program in your art form.

Julie Jones, Ceramics



# Eligibility

- Talent and commitment of artist – 10 points
- Feasibility of project – 5 points
- Contribution of the proposed project to the advancement of the applicant's professional artistic development and practice – 5 points

Tamara Kissane, Drama

**Criteria for  
evaluation**



- Career is defined by long term commitment to mastering the skills of your art form and developing a voice.
- One career path is not more convincing than another – you can be self-taught, have an MFA, learn from your grandmother. . .
- Making money with your art is not required to be considered a professional.

**What do you mean by “career”?**

The application is your chance to tell the reviewers who you are – as **an artist** and as a **project manager**.

Trace Ramsey, Literature



**Telling Your Story**



- Your work sample
- Your artist statement
- Your resume

**help the reader  
understand you as  
an artist.**

Rissi Palmer, Music  
Photo by Musicians Corner

**Your story as an artist**

- Your project description
- timeline and
- budget

**help the reader understand your ability to manage the project.**



Chieko Murasugi, Painting

**Your story as a project manager**

- Applications are online Submittable.com.
- You can also find the links at the DAC website: <https://durhamarts.org/artist-support/>
- Each art form has a separate application.
- Set up an account.
- If you have an account you can log in to start the application.
- You can upload a wide range of files.
- In addition to the written narrative you can upload or link a video or audio description of your project.

**How do I apply?**

- Applications open July 1, 2021
- Applications due September 3, 2021
- Notifications December, 2021
- Recipients have the calendar year of 2022 to complete their project.
- Final Report is due 30 days after completing the project.

**Timeline**

- Remember to explain what this project will enable you to do that you are unable to do now. Summarize how this project will advance your career or development as an artist.

Gabriel Pelli, Music

**TIPS**



- Submit a **coherent body of work** for your work sample. You can upload files or link to a recording.
- Your resume. . .or bio. . . or CV should explain **how you learned your skill** as an artist and **what you have accomplished**.
- **Check the math** in your budget. Include income and expense. **Income should equal expense.**

**MORE TIPS**

- If you have a complicated project it will probably take more words to explain than a simple one.
- Provide enough information for the reader to understand what you are proposing, but don't drown them in detail.
- **Get a friend to read your narrative** and tell you what they understood – you are very close to your subject matter and may not express your self as clearly as you think you have.

**Say enough but not too much**

- Emerging Artists Program – career development project grant. Opens Sept. 4, Due Oct. 31, 2021
- Durham Arts Network:  
<https://www.durhamartsnetwork.org/>
- DAC Arts Recovery Fund – must live in Durham County. COVID-19 response

**Other Resources To Consider**

We hope that completing a grant application will develop your skills to

- describe your work and your vision
- build a coherent budget
- curate work samples.

These skills will help you to write strong proposals for future commissions, residencies, grants and jobs.

**Building for the future**

- Questions? Email: [mdemott@durhamarts.org](mailto:mdemott@durhamarts.org)

William Paul Thomas,  
Painting



**Looking forward to your application!**



**Thank You to Our Funders**