DAC Season Grant Guidelines

Grant Description and Eligibility

What Is the Season Grant For?

Use the Season Grant application if your organization has already received a Season Grant or has already received 2 Durham Arts Catalyst Grants. The Season Grant program supports the operations and programs of nonprofit arts organizations based in Durham, NC to provide a range of professional and amateur arts opportunities for the people of Durham.

Who May Apply?

Eligible applicants include:

- Non-profit organizations with arts as their core mission based in Durham County are eligible to apply.
- Applicant must be non-profit with 501(c)3 status or apply under a fiscal sponsor other than the Durham Arts Council.
- Arts nonprofits may request operating or project support.
- Nonprofit cultural/humanities organizations who are not arts organizations may apply for project support for an arts activity.
- DAC's priority will be funding organizations with an arts-specific core mission.
- ***NEW: Arts Nonprofits who receive a Sustaining Support Grant from the North Carolina Arts Council are not eligible to apply for a Season Grant.***

What Activities Are Eligible?

- This grant cycle is for activities occurring between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027.
- You may apply for up to $6,000 in cash.

What Activities Are Not Eligible?

• Fundraising events. Information about renting the building can be found here: https://durhamarts.org/facility/

• Commercial activities such as teaching workshops or classes. If you are interested in conducting classes or workshops you may do so through the Course Proposal Form.

• Gallery exhibitions in DAC gallery spaces (use annual call for artists found here).

- For use of the DAC building use one of the Creative Spaces Grants.

Application Assistance

An online information session will be held March 24 at 6 PM. Email mdemott@durhamarts.org for the link. The slide deck will also be posted on the DAC Season Grant web page.

Review Criteria

Eligible applications are evaluated using these four criteria:

- · History of consistent strong arts programming
- · Community impact of activities
- · Ability to plan and implement
- · Stability and fiscal responsibility of the organization

Award and Contracting

If awarded, applicants will receive a contract outlining grant recipient's responsibilities:

- Using logos and grant acknowledgement line in promotional materials,
- Sending a thank you to NC legislators representing Durham County,
- File a final report by July 14, 2027.

Questions?

For questions or additional information, contact the Office of Artist Services at 919-560-2720 or 919-560-2719.