



APRA FUNDING

Timeline

Application Deadline: January 31, 2024, at 5 pm.

Project Period: All projects must be completed by June 15, 2024

Eligibility for Application

1. While nonprofit status is preferred, organizations that have been in operation for at least one year may apply.
2. All organizations must reside and carry out projects in Davidson County.
3. Projects must take place between July 1, 2023 and June 15, 2024.
4. Only complete applications received by the due date will be considered.

Examples of ARPA Fund Investments

1. Capacity Building
 - Consultants for strategic-planning
 - Developing a fundraising plan
 - Professional marketing plan
 - Website refresh
 - Program evaluation
 - Board training

- Staff training, equity, accessibility, and inclusion training.
2. Sustainability
 - Hiring staff or contractors
 - Equipment purchases or upgrades
 - Small capital expenditures up to \$25,000 (total in two years)
 - Full financial audit
 - Arts & Economic Prosperity (AEP) study participation
 3. Expanding relationships with BIPOC*-artists
 - Developing new partnerships, programming, and outreach, including:
 - Small-scale creative placemaking projects with BIPOC* artists
 - Piloting new events or programs beyond Black History Month or Native American Heritage Month, etc.

*Black, indigenous, and people of color

How to Apply

1. Start a conversation with your local arts council.
2. Schedule a meeting to discuss your organization's recent history.
3. Prepare a list of organizational needs and intended goals.
4. Discuss the possibility of shared trainings with other organizations in your county.

Criteria

1. Investment will address specific organizational needs and goals
2. Identification of consultants or community partners to implement project

3. Ability to communicate specific outcomes or goals for the grant
4. Ability to plan and implement
5. Stability and fiscal responsibility of the organization

Evaluation

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated based on the following guidelines:

1. **BUDGET**: Is the budget clear with detailed expenses? Does the project budget align with the project narrative?
2. **SUSTAINABILITY**: Is the sustainability plan for this project clear and feasible?
3. **COMMUNITY IMPACT**: Is the target audience for this project clearly defined?

Note: ARPA is distributed on a per capita basis. The state population of 10,794,463 is determined by the 2023 population projection prepared by the State Data Center. Arts Davidson County must spend at least 24% on programming that reflects African American, Asian American, Native American, Latino, and Hispanic cultures.

Percentages and allotments are rounded to the nearest whole unit