

South Dakota Arts Council Grant Funding Categories

South Dakota artists may apply for funding through five grant programs:

- [Artist Fellowships](#) of \$5,000 are awarded to South Dakota artists of exceptional talent in any discipline or medium to recognize past artistic achievement and encourage future artistic growth. No match required.
- [Artist Project Grants](#) of up to \$2,000 may be awarded to talented South Dakota artists in any discipline or medium to fund specific arts-related projects that not only further the artist's career but also benefit the public in some way. A cash match is required.
- [Artist Collaboration Grants](#) non-matching grants of \$6,000 encourage South Dakota artists to collaborate with other artists in the creation of a joint project or activity that will significantly benefit the artists and the state.
- [Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grants](#) promote the continuation of folk and traditional arts and culture by providing up to \$5,000 in support of a master folk artist to teach qualified apprentices.
- [Artist Career Development Grants](#) of \$2,000 are designed to provide financial support to artists committed to advancing their artistic practice, expanding their creative horizons, and deepening the impact of their work.

South Dakota 501c3 nonprofit organizations may seek funding support in the following categories:

- [Project Grants](#) assist non-profit organizations in the presentation of a single arts event or a series of similar and related arts activities that benefit the general public. Organizations may request up to \$5,000 in funding, covering no more than 50 percent of the cash expenses of the project.
- [Importation of Musicians Grants](#) enable small South Dakota orchestras that do not receive funding in another grant category to improve the quality of their performance seasons by importing musicians from outside their local communities to supplement local orchestra personnel. Organizations may request up to \$5,000 in funding, covering no more than 50 percent of the total musician importation costs.
- [Arts Challenge Grants](#) provide general operating support to non-profit arts organizations with annual budgets greater than \$20,000. Arts Challenge Grant amounts are based on budget size with bonus funds for the organization's service to community.
- [Statewide Services Grants](#) fund statewide cultural service organizations partnering with the South Dakota Arts Council to help meet the goals of the SDAC's strategic goals. *Applicants must be invited to apply in this category.*