

# How to Apply for a Project Grant



# South Dakota Arts Council

- Our mission is to advance South Dakota's artistic and cultural vitality through funding, connection, and resources
- Provide grants throughout the state with funding from the **National Endowment for the Arts** and the **State of South Dakota**
- Committed to serving all South Dakotans through the arts

# Project Grants

- Help nonprofit organizations and artists hold programs and activities that make public engagement with, and access to, the arts possible
- Support work between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026
- Deadline: Saturday, March 1, 2025, by 11:59 p.m. Central
- Apply Online: <https://sdac.gosmart.org>

# Agenda

- Can you apply?
- Explain your project
- Proof of good work
- Q&A Session

# Can you apply?

## Grants limited to:

- South Dakota artists/residents
- South Dakota-based (tax-exempt, nonprofit) organizations
- Units of state or local government
- Federally recognized tribal governments

Read the guidelines [[PDF linked here](#)].

# Funding Rules

- We fund artistic projects, programs, presentations, events, or artists' work shared with the public. Read the guidelines [[PDF linked here](#)].
- 1:1 cash match:
  - Grants can cover up to 50% of projected eligible expenses.
  - Projected income must at least EQUAL projected eligible expenses.
- You can request:
  - Organizations – up to \$5,000
  - Artists – up to \$2,000

# To apply, you'll need

- Organizations:
  - **Good Standing** status with South Dakota Secretary of State's Office [[check at this link](#)]
  - **UEI number** from SAM.gov [[check at this link](#)]
  - Tax-exempt status under section **501(c)(3)** of the Internal Revenue Code [[check at this link](#)]
- Every Applicant:
  - Submits this South Dakota Tax Form [[linked here](#)]

# What are you doing?

- Provide a clear and concise overview of your project.
- Describe the activities, timeline, and resources needed.
- Explain who you are serving (audience, participants, attendees, etc.).



# Why are you doing it?

- Explain the topic/issue your project addresses.
- Clearly define what you aim to achieve.
- Describe how you will measure the success of your project.

# How will you do it?

- Identify your projected cash expenses and income.
- Explain who will do the work (staff, volunteers, artists, etc.).

# Proof of good work

- Share examples of your best work.
- Share past examples that show you can do the work you want to do.
- Share examples of you working alongside who you will serve.
- Share examples of you working alongside who you will work with.
- Suggested list of what to include [[PDF linked here](#)].

# Final tips & takeaways

- Submit your application on time – **MARCH 1, 2025**.
- Follow the grant guidelines carefully [[PDF linked here](#)].
- Keep your answers clear, well-organized, and to the point.
- Use the materials provided on the Applicant Portal [[linked here](#)].

# Support

- Submit your application for Draft Review – **DUE FEB. 10, 2025.**
  - SDAC review your application and provide feedback.
- Join Q & A sessions
  - 3 pm central Thursday Jan. 16 and 30, Feb. 13 and 27
  - ZOOM info on the Applicant Portal [[linked here](#)].
- Contact Arts Council staff [[staff list linked here](#)].
- Visit the Applicant Portal [[linked here](#)].

Thank  
you

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