

2024 PROGRAM OVERVIEW & GUIDELINES

Grant Program Administered by Arts United & Energized by NIPSCO and the NiSource Charitable Foundation

Community Connections: Southeast Arts Project Grants are intended to bring together residents in Southeast Fort Wayne to enhance a sense of pride in shared community spaces, strengthen relationships between members of the community, augment existing community development efforts and activities, and celebrate both the history and culture of residents by encouraging community participation in a unique artistic experience.

Grants will provide funding to support arts and culture projects and activities in Southeast Fort Wayne.

Possible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Annual Festivals
- Art, Dance, Music, or Theater Classes
- Cultural Celebrations
- Interactive Arts Experiences
- Public Art Projects

WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligible applicants must live or be physically located in the southeast quadrant of Fort Wayne. This area includes all neighborhoods within city limits that are east of Calhoun Street and south of the Maumee River. Resources and organizations located outside of the southeast quadrant can be involved with a project, but cannot apply on behalf of individuals or groups that reside in that area of the city.

Eligible applicants include:

- Art Collectives
- Businesses
- Churches
- Individuals
- Neighborhood Associations
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Schools

HOW MUCH FUNDING CAN BE REQUESTED?

Applicants may apply for a grant between \$500-\$5,000 to fund their project. Eligible expenses should directly relate to the arts and culture component of the project.

Possible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Artist Fees
- Equipment Rentals
- Marketing Materials
- Materials & Supplies
- Space Rentals

Funds may not be used to support any of the following:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Lobbying activities
- Political causes or candidates
- Religious services

WHO CHOOSES WHICH PROJECTS RECEIVE FUNDING?

Arts United will recruit 50% or more of the grant review panel from individuals living and/or actively working in the southeast quadrant of Fort Wayne. This is to ensure that people living in Southeast Fort Wayne have a voice in what projects they want funded in their immediate neighborhoods. Interested in being a panelist? Email hclosson@artsunited.org for information.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 2024	Application Available
March 12, 2024	Virtual Application Support Session at 5:30 pm – Register
March 29, 2024	Virtual Application Support Session at noon – Register
March – April 2024	In-Person Application Support Sessions*
Wednesday, April 17, 2024	Applications Due by 6:30 pm
Friday, May 17, 2024	Grant Awards Announced

Your project must be completed and grant funds spent between June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025. Anyone receiving funds will be asked to provide a proof of project completion summary at the conclusion of their project, and no later than June 14, 2025.

*Information for in-person sessions may be found online at <http://www.artsunited.org/resources/grants> or by calling 260-424-0646.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete and return the application by the deadline of 6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

Paper Applications

Paper applications may be picked up from the follow locations during hours of operation. We strongly recommend checking hours of operation prior to visiting a location by calling the phone number listed with each location. Completed paper applications should be returned to Auer Center for Arts and Culture (address below) by the deadline.

- Auer Center for Arts & Culture, 300 East Main Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Phone: 260-424-0646
- **Additional locations coming soon.**

Electronic Applications

Electronic applications can be found at www.artsunited.org/resources/grants/guidelines. Applicants will need to download the application packet, complete the fillable PDF using the provided instructions, and submit via email to hclosson@artsunited.org.

APPLICATION SUPPORT SESSIONS

Writing your first grant? Have questions? Want input or advice? Need to talk through an idea? The team at Arts United is happy to help! These sessions are free to attend and designed to help you create the best possible application.

A complete list of Application Support Sessions can be found on our website: [Click to View Support Sessions](#)

We are here to help and assist you with the application process. Feel free to contact our staff to receive feedback or encouragement by calling 260-422-0646 x2005, attending one of our Application Support Sessions, or emailing hclosson@artsunited.org. You may also call or email to schedule an in-person meeting.