Regional Artist Project Grants Guidelines
2019/20

Purpose
The Regional Artist Project Grant (RAPG) provides financial support to committed, gifted, individual artists and small unincorporated groups of collaborating artists. The grant is awarded to projects that have artistic merit and promise to advance the career of the artist or group. The grant is open to emerging and established artists.

Sponsorship
The Sponsorship of the RAPG for 2019-2020 is funded by the Arts Council of Henderson County, the Transylvania Community Arts Council, the Tryon Fine Arts Center, and is supported by a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council.

Eligibility
- Individual artists and small, unincorporated groups of collaborating artists
- Applicants may be either emerging artists or established artists and should possess a strong record of artistic accomplishment appropriate to the stage of the applicant’s career
- The applicant must be a resident of Henderson, Polk or Transylvania Counties and have resided there twelve months or from August, 2018.
- Applicant may not be a board or staff member of any of the three sponsoring entities. In addition, the applicant may not be a spouse, family member, or significant other of a board or staff member of any of the sponsoring entities.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age and not be enrolled in a degree or certificate program
- RAPG recipients who were awarded the grant during the last two grant cycles are not eligible
- Each member of a small unincorporated group of collaborating artists must meet the eligibility requirements and shall not circumvent these requirements by applying for what is really a collaborative effort.

Projects
The RAPG is designed to award projects that will advance the applicant’s career in demonstrable ways. The relationship of the project to the career advancement of the applicant must be clearly defined in the “Narrative” section of the application.
Examples:
- Completion/production of a new work [ cost of purchasing materials to complete a new work or facility rental for presentation ]
- Career Promotion [ demonstration CDs, portfolios, editorial assistance ]
- Equipment [ the cost of purchasing equipment to complete the project ]
- Training [ advanced study, coaching, or workshops that will enhance the applicant’s abilities ]
- Travel [ costs for transportation, lodging, food associated with training, workshops, seminars or research ]
Grants may not be used for scholarships to assist in obtaining degrees, either academic or professional.

Credit Line: If you create any printed materials relating to your project, you must include the North Carolina Arts Council logo and the following line of credit:
“This project was supported by a Regional Artist Project Grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources, administered by the Arts Council of Henderson County.”

Evaluation
A volunteer panel will evaluate applications based upon the following criteria:

- Quality of the applicant’s work
- Commitment to a professional artistic career
- The project’s ability to advance the career in demonstrable ways
- Feasibility and realistic budget

Submission
Mail to: The Arts Council of Henderson County
P.O. Box 767
Hendersonville NC 28793

Or drop off at the Arts Council office at 2700A Greenville Hwy., Flat Rock NC 28731

Deadline – Friday, August 16, 2019, 5 pm

Questions: Call 828-693-8504 or email acofhc@bellsouth.net

There will be a grant writing workshop at The Center for Art & Inspiration, 125 S. Main St., Hendersonville, on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Please RSVP: 828-693-8504 or acofhc@bellsouth.net