

Broward County Cultural Division

Organization Grants Manual

Fiscal Years 2026 - 2027



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About the Broward Cultural Division

MISSION

The Broward County Cultural Division works to enhance the community's cultural environment through the development of the arts.

HISTORY OF THE CULTURAL DIVISION

The roots of the Broward Cultural Division go back to 1976 when the Broward County Board of County Commissioners created an Art in Public Places Board and in 1979 an ordinance established the Broward County Council on the Arts, with one full-time and one part-time Broward County employee. In 1983, the Broward County Council on the Arts was merged with the Libraries Division as the Office of Cultural Arts. Increasing County commitments to cultural activities resulted in the formation of the Broward Cultural Affairs Division in 1991, a separate division from the Library Division within the Community Services Department. Today the Cultural Division is made up of 14 full-time employees and one (1) part-time employee that focus on four areas – administration, public art and design, grantmaking, and marketing.

BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Authorized by title XI of the Broward County Charter, the Cultural Council was established in 1979 to preserve and grow Broward County's artistic resources. The Council serves to advise and support the work of the Cultural Division and consists of 24 residents of the County. Each member of the County Commission appoints two members to the Council. The remaining members are comprised of appointees of the League of Cities, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Broward County Schools, one Broward County Commissioner, one grantee representative, and one Tourist Development Council representative.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The County Commission is comprised of nine members elected by district in partisan elections. Each Commissioner must be a resident of the district for which he or she seeks election. On the third Tuesday of each November, the Commission elects a Mayor and Vice Mayor for one-year terms. The Mayor's functions include serving as presiding officer, and as the County's official representative. The Commission appoints the County Administrator, County Attorney and County Auditor. The Commission also appoints numerous advisory and regulatory boards.

GRANT FUNDING

Grant funding for the Division is made possible by the Board of County Commissioners during each year's budget process. While many of the Division's counterparts around the country are funded through hotel/motel taxes (in Florida, called Tourist Development Tax), the Cultural Division is funded primarily through appropriations from the County's General Fund. As a result of the annual grant review process, the Division works with the County's Office of Management and Budget, County Administration, and the Commission to budget an appropriate amount for the support and growth of the County's arts and culture sector. The Division's operating, programming, and public art budgets are separate from the grants budget.

General Operating Support Grants

FY 2026-2027

While awardees for FY 2026 to the General Operating Support grant category (GOS) are recommended for a multi-year grant (for FY 2026 and FY 2027), an interim application for FY 2027 will be required. Awardees will be required to provide the Division staff with an update on new programs and services for FY 2027. This application will serve as the basis of the FY 2027 grant agreement. While multi-year awards, the project evaluation reporting will be required annually.

The GOS grant category supports Broward-based arts and culture organizations in the production and presentation of ongoing, sustainable, high-quality artistic activities that engage residents and visitors from across Broward County and South Florida. The GOS grant program is the Division's primary vehicle for supporting and strengthening the organizational capacity of our grantees by providing multi-year, unrestricted operating support. Organizations receiving GOS grants may not also apply in the Program Support category.

Award Amounts

A funding formula is used to determine a qualifying amount for organizations in the GOS category. This formula is based on an organization's average annual operating expense (AOE) which is determined by averaging an organization's total functional expenses from their last three IRS Form 990s. Applicants can estimate the maximum potential award their organization may receive by using the Funding Formula Calculator found on Broward.org/Arts.

Ultimately, the award an organization may receive (if any) is a result of the qualifying amount and the combined average score an application receives because of the panel review process.

Successful applicants will seek to demonstrate the following qualities:

- Strong administrative oversight and management practices.
- Long-range strategic planning.
- An appropriate level of cash reserves to sustain the organization from year to year.
- A qualified, engaged, and financially supportive board of directors.
- Strong community support evidenced by earned and contributed revenue and volunteerism.
- Policies and practices that support and engage artists, local and non-local.
- Marketing strategies that attract local visitors and cultural tourists.
- A commitment to evaluation and continuous improvement.
- Resilience to adapt to internal and external changes.
- Awareness of Broward County and the civic issues that impact the lives and well-being of everyone.

Eligibility for GOS

Non-profit organizations whose primary mission is arts and culture are eligible to apply for GOS provided that the following criteria are met:

- Non-profit and tax-exempt status: In “good status” as a non-profit corporation in the state of Florida and 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- Non-profit whose primary mission is arts and culture and is incorporated in Broward County, FL.
- Has been operational in its cultural discipline(s) for a minimum of three (3) uninterrupted years immediately preceding the date of application.
- A consecutive three-year history of receiving Cultural Division funding through Program Support.
- A governing board, at least fifty percent (50%) of whom reside in Broward County, which meets regularly and operates under a set of bylaws.
- A majority of the organization’s programming occurs year-round within Broward County.
- Must employ at least one permanent full-time employee or one permanent full-time equivalent employee (FTE).
- A full-time employee for any calendar month is an employee who has, on average, at least 30 hours of service per week during the calendar month, or at least 130 total hours of service during the calendar month.
- An FTE employee is a combination of employees, each of whom individually is not full-time, but who, in combination, are equivalent to a full-time employee.
 - Employees receive the IRS Form W-2, whereas independent contractors receive the IRS Form 1099-MISC. The Cultural Division reserves the right to request additional documentation to verify eligibility.
- Contract workers and seasonal employees do not count towards the FTE requirement.
- Has filed IRS Form 990 for at least three years and has average annual operating expenses of
- \$125,001 or more according to the organization’s total functional expenses (IRS Form 990 – Part IX or IRS Form 990 EZ – Part 1-17).
 - Organizations that are close to the \$125,001 minimum will be considered by Cultural Division staff on a case-by-case basis for GOS.
 - The majority of the organization’s total functional expenses must be program or service- related expenses (as determined by the organization’s Form 990 or Form 990 EZ).
 - The Cultural Division reserves the right to adjust an organization’s annual operating expenses depending on extenuating circumstances including, but not limited to, payments to subsidiary organizations and capital campaigns.
- Must complete and submit the SMU DataArts Cultural Data Profile (CDP) for the organization.

Eligibility Exceptions

If an organization is not currently eligible to apply for GOS but will become eligible during the grant cycle in which they would be applying, an organization may submit a written request for exemption.

Grant Restrictions – Ineligible Expenses

- Programs, projects, or events not accessible to the public.
- Grants to individuals, including artists (Individual artists with project ideas should apply to the Division's Artist Support program).
- Educational institutions, including schools, childcare centers, colleges, and universities, are ineligible to apply. Organizations that are closely affiliated with such institutions are encouraged to contact Cultural Division staff prior to applying to ensure eligibility.
- Projects for which the selection of artists or art works is based upon criteria other than artistic excellence and merit. Examples include festivals, exhibitions, publications, or performances for which no jury/audition/curatorial judgment has been applied.
- Benefits, fundraisers, or awards programs.
- Programs, projects, or events the content of which encourages the preference of a particular religion.
- Political advocacy.
- Construction, purchase, or renovation of facilities. (Design fees, preparing space for an exhibit, installation or de-installation of art, and community planning are eligible).
- Cash reserves or endowments.
- Deficit or debt reduction efforts.
- Tuition assistance.
- Costs of receptions and social activities, except when they are incidental and related to arts activities.
- Public art installations, monuments, statues, or sculpture projects.
- Organizations receiving sponsorship funding from the Broward Cultural Division cannot apply for Program Support for the same event in the same fiscal year.

GOS Grant Schedule

General Operating Support grants are multi-year grants, and the process is run on an alternating year basis. While these grants are two-year grants, each year's budget is subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

GOS Review Criteria

GOS applications are evaluated based on the following criteria:

Artistic Merit and Quality of Programs

- Strong artistic vision and leadership.
- Some recognition of artistic excellence and quality of programs including awards, recognition, and occasional local media.
- Maintains a loyal audience base that is evidenced by consistent attendance numbers and ticket sales.
- Hires local professional artists and builds the pool of artistic talent.

Community Benefit

- Implement strategies and programs to promote lifelong learning through the arts and to broaden and deepen an understanding of the art form through accessible and affordable programs.
- Increase access to the arts through local and neighborhood-based programming.
- Responsibility to increase awareness of the value of the arts, and participate in advocacy activities, when possible.
- Ongoing efforts to assess and evaluate audience needs through surveys and other basic evaluation tools.

Organizational Capacity

- Solid administrative leadership and management.
- An engaged and contributing working board of directors.
- Strategic planning efforts are undertaken on a regular basis.
- Progress in establishing sound financial policies and practices.
- Practice of generating renewable sources of annual income.
- Accurate and timely preparation of financials.
- Demonstrate progress toward establishing cash reserves to sustain the organization.
- Provides training and professional development opportunities for staff and board members.

Program Support Grants

The Cultural Division's Program Support grant category provides project-based support to arts and culture organizations and non-arts nonprofit organizations in the production and presentation of high-quality artistic activities. These ongoing and one-time projects broaden and deepen audience participation and increase access to the arts for visitors and residents throughout Broward County.

Program Support funded projects must meet the following conditions:

A project may consist of one or more specific events or activities; it may be part of or all of an applicant's regular season or activities. Applicants that undertake a single short-term project in a year - a ten-day jazz festival, for example - could apply for the event, or they could identify certain components (such as the presentation of a key artist and the associated activities) as their project.

- Projects may be new and untested or ongoing with proven track records.
- Projects do not need to be large. The Division welcomes small-scale projects that can make a difference in a community or artistic field.
- Projects may cover a broad range of singular and multiple artistic disciplines.

Tiers & Awards

Eligible organizations can apply for funding in one of three discrete grant tiers. The maximum amount of funding that an organization can receive from each of these tiers is \$15,000, \$10,000, or \$5,000. The grant tiers are based on the overall program or project cost and require a minimum of a 1:1 cash match. There is no match in the \$5,000 grant tier.

The Regional Grant awards funding up to \$15,000 to eligible organizations based in either Miami-Dade or Palm Beach Counties for programming that takes place in Broward County. The purpose of the program is to expose the Broward County residents to artistic programming that is being implemented in other areas of South Florida. If an applicant has received a Cultural Division grant in the past but has not met the required program expenses or income to be eligible in the grant tier in which they were awarded, the Division may restrict which grant tier an applicant can apply for in future grant applications.

Matching Funds Requirement

Two of the three Program Support grant awards require a minimum of a 1:1 cash match and must maintain the required program/project cost for the discrete grant tier. Matching funds should come from other cash revenue sources such as the grantee organization's own funds (general revenue), other public and private funding, board, and corporate contributions, and earned revenue, etc. Therefore, if an organization receives an award at the maximum eligible funding level, 100%, the required cash match is 1:1 and if an organization receives the minimum eligible funding level, 50%, the required cash match ratio increases to 3:1. See the charts below as an example and for more detail.

Award Tiers

GRANT TIER		\$5,000		
Program Cost		\$5,000	or more	
Max Grant		\$5,000	No Match	
Min Grant		\$2,500	No Match	
Funding Increments	RATING	% ELIGIBLE	GRANT AWARDS	REQUIRED MATCH
	4	100%	\$5,000	No Match
	4-	90%	\$4,500	No Match
	3+	80%	\$4,000	No Match
	3	70%	\$3,500	No Match
	3-	60%	\$3,000	No Match
	2+	50%	\$2,500	No Match

GRANT TIER		\$10,000		
Program Cost		\$20,000	or more	
Max Grant		\$10,000	1:1 Match	
Min Grant		\$5,000	3:1 Match	
Funding Increments	RATING	% ELIGIBLE	GRANT AWARDS	REQUIRED MATCH
	4	100%	\$10,000	\$10,000
	4-	90%	\$9,000	\$11,000
	3+	80%	\$8,000	\$12,000
	3	70%	\$7,000	\$13,000
	3-	60%	\$6,000	\$14,000
	2+	50%	\$5,000	\$15,000

GRANT TIER		\$15,000		
Program Cost		\$30,000	or more	
Max Grant		\$15,000	1:1 Match	
Min Grant		\$7,500	3:1 Match	
Funding Increments	RATING	% ELIGIBLE	GRANT AWARDS	REQUIRED MATCH
	4	100%	\$15,000	\$15,000
	4-	90%	\$13,500	\$16,500
	3+	80%	\$12,000	\$18,000
	3	70%	\$10,500	\$19,500
	3-	60%	\$9,000	\$21,000
	2+	50%	\$7,500	\$22,500

GRANT TIER		\$15,000 Regional Grant		
Program Cost		\$30,000	or more	
Max Grant		\$15,000	1:1 Match	
Min Grant		\$7,500	3:1 Match	
Funding Increments	RATING	% ELIGIBLE	GRANT AWARDS	REQUIRED MATCH
	4	100%	\$15,000	\$15,000
	4-	90%	\$13,500	\$16,500
	3+	80%	\$12,000	\$18,000
	3	70%	\$10,500	\$19,500
	3-	60%	\$9,000	\$21,000
	2+	50%	\$7,500	\$22,500

Eligibility for Program Support

An organization is eligible to apply for Program Support provided that it meets the following requirements:

- Submitted a Funder Report to the Broward Cultural Division from the organization's SMU DataArts Cultural Data Profile (CDP) survey.
- Nonprofit and tax-exempt status: In “good status” as a nonprofit corporation in the State of Florida and 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- Corporate address in Broward County.
 - Regional organizations with at least a three-year history of providing programs in Broward may apply for support of a program or programs taking place in Broward County.
 - ◆ New Regional organizations, seeking funding from Broward County, will need to demonstrate a three-year history of providing cultural arts programming in Broward County, prior to applying.
- Local focus: Arts programs and projects must occur in Broward County.
- Grant Cycle: Arts programs and projects must occur during the applicable grant cycle (October 1-September 30).
- The proposed program’s primary purpose must be the creation or utilization of arts and/or culture.
- The Cultural Division funds ongoing programs and projects. The Division defines a program as a specific, identifiable project, event, or event series that has a distinct and consistent focus, format, and objective. Programs and projects may be large or small, existing, or new, ongoing, or one-time events. They must take place in any publicly accessible venue in Broward County.
- Programming includes components that allow for audience participation or immersion in an artistic and programmatic focus in the cultural arts, interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary arts including, but not limited to, media, science, history, or cultural heritages.
- An organization may submit only one application per grant cycle.
- A first-time applicant to the Cultural Division is eligible to apply only at the \$5,000 grant tier regardless of the project budget.
 - A first-time applicant organization must submit an operating budget for the past year which demonstrates revenues in excess of the amount of the award requested.
 - A first-time applicant organization must have provided cultural arts programming services in Broward County for a minimum of twelve (12) months following the date of incorporation.
 - Provided cultural arts programming services, in a given discipline(s), in Broward County for a minimum of one uninterrupted year prior to the date of the application deadline.

Funding Restrictions

Restrictions – Ineligible Expenses

- Programs, projects, or events not accessible to the public.
- Grants to individuals, including artists (Individual artists with project ideas should apply to the Division's Artist Support program).
- Educational institutions, including schools, childcare centers, colleges, and universities, are ineligible to apply. Organizations that are closely affiliated with such institutions are encouraged to contact Cultural Division staff prior to applying to ensure eligibility.
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- Benefits, fundraisers, or awards programs.
- Programs, projects, or events the content of which encourages the preference of a particular religion.
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- Cash reserves or endowments.
- Deficit or debt reduction efforts.
- Tuition assistance.
- Costs of receptions and social activities, except when they are incidental and related to arts activities.
- Public art installations, monuments, statues, or sculpture projects.
- Organizations receiving sponsorship funding from the Broward Cultural Division cannot apply for Program Support for the same event in the same fiscal year.
- Municipalities are ineligible to apply to the Program Support category.

Note: *Specifics relating to how awarded funds can be used are detailed on page 15 in Budget Definitions and Instructions.*

Program Support Review Criteria

Program Support applications are evaluated based on the following criteria:

Artistic Merit and Quality of Programs

- Quality of the artists, arts organizations, arts education providers, works of art, or services that the project will involve, as appropriate.
- Artistic significance of the project and importance of the project to the artistic field, artists, audience, community and/or constituency.
- Demonstrated commitment to recruit, engage and directly compensate qualified and experienced artists.
- Distinctive and unique programming that enriches cultural offerings and traditions in Broward County.
- A loyal audience base evidenced by attendance numbers, community support, and ticket sales (as applicable).
- Ongoing commitment to program planning and development best practices, including goal setting, marketing, budgeting, and evaluation.

Community Benefit

- Demonstrated commitment to community engagement and the use of community knowledge and relationships to make informed and relevant programming decisions.
- Demonstrated and intentional efforts to attract and retain audiences and increase access to the arts.
- Demonstrated efforts to contribute to the vibrancy, safety, and economic vitality of neighborhoods, communities, or Broward County.

Organizational Capacity

- Quality and clarity of the project goals and design, the resources involved, and the qualifications of the project's staff and volunteers.
- An engaged board of directors that contributes financially to the organization.
- A project budget that is realistic, appropriate to the scope of the project, and that reflects a variety of funding sources.
- History of successful arts and culture programming and demonstration of short and long-term planning (if appropriate).
- Appropriate marketing efforts given the program's size and scale.
- Effective management of past Cultural Division grants.

Rating System

Each application will be rated according to the Cultural Division's review criteria. The Division uses a four-point rating system with steps between each rating (4, 4-); (3+, 3, 3-); (2+, 2, 2-) and (1).

An applicant's rating is used to determine funding. Applicants that receive a rating of 4 are considered model – meeting all review criteria in an exemplary fashion; a rating of 4 is considered a rare achievement. Applicants that receive a rating of 3 are considered good, but some development is needed. Applicants that receive a rating of 2 are considered in need of significant improvement in multiple areas and are marginally fundable. Depending upon the availability of funds, applicants with ratings of 2+, 2 or 2- may not be recommended for funding. Organizations that receive a rating of 1 do not meet the Division's criteria and will not be recommended for funding under any circumstance.

Program Support is a competitive application process. Regardless of ratings received, funding is not guaranteed and awarded funding may vary for returning applicants from year to year based on a number of variables: available funds; the number of applicants in the pool; total funds requested; and the ratings of each individual applicant relative to one another.

Every application will be reviewed and rated according to the Cultural Division's three review criteria Artistic Merit and Quality, Community Benefit and Organizational Capacity.

For General Operating and Program Support Grants, an organization will receive a 10% reduction from the maximum funding level for each step down in rating. For example, if an organization is applying for a \$15,000 grant and receives a rating of 4, they will receive 100% of the maximum funding level or the full \$15,000. If an organization applying at the same \$15,000 level receives a rating of 3, they are eligible for 70% of the maximum funding level, or \$10,500.

Navigating the Online Application Process

The program support and general operating support applications are completed and submitted online. Once a potential applicant's eligibility is determined by Division staff, the application will be made available on the online portal. Applications and ALL required documentation must be submitted by 11:59 pm on the applicable due date. Applications will be considered incomplete if all required documentation has not been submitted by the applicable deadline. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by a citizen review panel. For grant-specific application tutorials and Division forms, visit the Grants Resources section of www.Broward.org/Arts.

Budget Definitions and Instructions

General Budgeting Guidance

In all cases, Program Support expenses included in the budget should tie directly to the expenses required to implement the proposed program. General Operating Support applicants include overall expenses for the organization.

Program Support

Proposed Division funding should be targeted toward core programming expenses. These expenses are those that directly contribute to the successful execution of program. Examples of core expenses include, but are not limited to, artist fees, facility rental, equipment rental, certain marketing costs, artist-related travel, program-related supplies, etc. Examples of non-core programming expenses include, but are not limited to, full-time salaries (although a portion can be included in your budget. See the definition of “administrative overhead” below), mortgage payments, parties/receptions, alcohol, expenses covered by the organization’s operating budget. During the application process, Division staff will review your budget and financial materials. Based on budgeting best practices, staff may advise an organization applying in the Program Support category to revise their budgets to ensure a stronger proposal. In some cases, the revisions may necessitate moving a grantee to a different grant tier, specifically as it relates to the required match and the organization’s obligation to maintain the overall program budget (see page 8 for more information on the match requirement).

General Operating Support

An organization’s most recent board-approved budget is submitted as part of the application. While these grants are considered unrestricted, as a matter of policy, the Division does not fund parties, receptions, alcohol, general travel not related to the execution of artistic programming or professional development for staff, equipment purchases not directly related to the execution of artistic programming, etc.

This list is not meant to be exhaustive and any questions should be directed toward Division staff. Staff will review all financial documents during the application process and may require organizations to revise their proposed use of Division funds to be in line with Division policies.

Budget Definitions

The budgeting requirements and process for both Program Support and General Operating Support grants will be covered in detail during their respective grant application workshops. These pages are provided to give general guidance and definition of terms and categories. Any questions should be directed toward Division staff to ensure materials are submitted correctly.

Budget Definitions	
Administrative Overhead	<u>GOS:</u> Indirect costs include expenditures associated with running the organization as a whole, including administrative staff salaries, rent, utilities, office supplies, etc.
	<u>PS:</u> In general, these costs should be calculated as a percentage not to exceed 10% of the proposed program's budget. Indirect costs should be reasonable given the size and scope of the project. If these costs exceed 10% of the budget, a note explaining these indirect costs should be included in the budget narrative.
Contracted Services	Include non-employees contracted to perform services for the program or organization.
Equipment	<u>GOS:</u> If your organization owns equipment (nonexpendable, tangible property, considered assets) include depreciation costs here.
	<u>PS:</u> Incidental equipment purchases can be included in the expense budget. However, these expenses generally should not exceed 10% of the overall program budget. Equipment rentals and purchases should be explained in the budget narrative.
Evaluation	Include organization or direct program-related costs for evaluation activities.

Insurance	Include costs related to providing adequate insurance for the organizations or the program that are over and beyond the cost for the organization.
Marketing	Include organization or direct program-related costs associated with marketing, advertising, and the promotion of your organization or program.
Meetings	Include costs associated with holding (or attending) a meeting for the organization or project. This could include facility or equipment rental fees, materials, etc. Keep in mind that the costs of meetings may include expenses considered non-allowable under Division policy. While these expenses cannot be paid for with Division funds, the expenses should still be included in the organization or program budget.
Occupancy	GOS: Include rent, utilities, maintenance, or mortgage expenses. If you own your facility, include depreciation costs here.
	PS: Direct program expenses (total or a percentage) required to implement the program.
Other Expenses	Should not exceed 10% of your overall program budget and must be detailed in your budget narrative.
Printing, Copying, and Postage	Include photocopying, printing, mailings, postage, and express mail charges for the organization or direct costs for the program.
Salaries and Benefits	GOS: include expenses for the organization. The budget template is broken into full-time and part-time employees. Include payroll taxes and fringe benefits such as health insurance.
	PS: Expenses here are guided by 10% rule explained above under “administrative overhead.”
Supplies	Include minor consumable purchases.
Training and Professional Development	Include costs required to train and develop staff, board, and volunteers for the program or organization.
Travel	Include local and non-local costs, including airfare, ground transportation, per diem, lodging, etc.

Support Materials

Documentation of your work is required for evaluation. A minimum of two artistic work samples must be uploaded in the application. Work samples should be relevant to the project being applied for and illustrate the artistic accomplishment of the applicant.

Acceptable file formats and parameters are listed below. File formats listed in bold are best for submission although the others listed are acceptable. When choosing what samples to upload, please consider your artistic discipline and the type of documentation to best showcase your artistic accomplishments. Remember, those reading and evaluating your applications may not know you and your past work.

TYPE OF DOCUMENTATION	ACCEPTABLE FORMATS	WORK SAMPLE LIMITS
Images <i>PowerPoint presentations or documents (such as Word files) MUST be saved and submitted as a .pdf</i>	.jpg, .png, .pdf, .jpeg, .bmp, .gif	Up to 10 high-quality images
Published Materials	.pdf	Up to five (5) sample pages
Video	.avi, YouTube links, Vimeo links, .mp4, .mpg, .mpeg, .wmv, .mov, .flv, .f4v	Up to five (5) minutes each
Audio	.mp3, .mp4, .wma, .wav, .acc, .m4a, .flac	Up to five (5) minutes each

Required Financial Forms

Program Support

Program Support applicants must submit the following documents:

- A PDF copy of your organization's current and board approved budget.
- Provide the Funder Report from the organization's SMU DataArts Cultural Data Profile (CDP) survey.

Panel Review Process

The review panel process plays an important role in the Division's grant making process. Each year, the Division invites local residents representing a broad range of artistic and cultural viewpoints, professions, and backgrounds to serve on panels and assist with the evaluation of grant applications.

Those selected to serve as a panelist commit to the following:

- Attend training and orientation meeting to learn how to review the applications, review criteria, and application guidelines.
- Read and score applications, review support materials, and other materials prior to panel meeting.
- Attend half- or full-day meeting with other panelists to discuss and rate applications.
- If necessary, hear and discuss appeals.
- Provide feedback on the overall application and review process for continual improvement.
- Be an active member of Broward's arts and culture community throughout the year (e.g., attend events).

Note: *Review panelists are offered a modest honorarium to compensate for time and effort invested in this work.*

Panelist Nomination Process

In order to create a transparent and community-driven process, panelists are nominated to serve on citizen review panels. An individual may nominate themselves or recommend others through a simple online application. Through the application process, those wishing to serve as a review panelist must demonstrate their qualifications in order to maintain a quality pool of panelists. Nominations are reviewed by Division staff and a pool of panelists recommended for approval to the Broward Cultural Council. Panelists may serve up to three years but must reapply each year to be considered, to ensure there is a rotating pool of panelists.

Panelists reviewing applications are required to declare any conflict of interest with organizations that are applying for funding after they are nominated, and the applications are assigned. In the event of a conflict of interest, panelists are required to recuse themselves from the discussion and voting on that application during the panel meeting.

Panel Meeting

Grantees are invited and strongly encouraged to attend the public panel review meeting, although attendance is not required. Discussion of each application is among the panelists only, facilitated by Division staff to ensure discussion remains focused on the applicant's proposal and not on outside factors or knowledge.

Panelists discuss each application individually, considering the organization or program's Artistic Merit, Community Benefit, and Organizational Capacity. Following the group discussion, panelists are asked to

render a numerical rating based on a four-point rating scale that they feel provides an overall assessment of the application's merit.

Before delivering a final score, Division staff will address any individual panelist's score that may differ from the consensus of the panel. As a matter of practice, there should be a consensus of the panel prior to moving discussion to the next application. Panelists may adjust their scores up or down based on the discussion and the final overall score is based on an average the panelists' individual score.

After all applications have been discussed and rated, staff will present to the panelists a spreadsheet of all the ratings from highest to lowest for final review. The panel may decide to increase or decrease the overall score of individual proposals before finalizing their recommendation of the cohort.

As a rule, statements, questions, or discussions between the panelists and grantees are not permitted before, during, or after the panel meeting. Following the meeting, applicants will be provided with a summary of panelists' comments and suggestions resulting from the discussion.

Appeals Process

Applicants that feel there was an error made during the review that adversely affected their final rating can file a written appeal to Division staff within two weeks of the conclusion of the panel.

Applicants must have grounds for an appeal to be considered. Denial of an award, dissatisfaction with a rating, or new information not originally included in the application are not considered sufficient ground for an appeal. Solid grounds for an appeal are based on misstatement of fact made during a panel meeting that can be evidenced by written information found in the application. Staff will evaluate each appeal and if deemed there are grounds, the panel will reconvene to consider the appeal. Staff approval does not guarantee the appeal will be approved by the review panel.

Funding Approval

Grant panel recommendations are sent to the Broward Cultural Council for consideration and approval. If appropriate, the Council may alter and adjust grant panel recommendations prior to approval. Once approved and finalized by the Council, funding recommendations are sent to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners for approval as part of the annual budget process. Funding for successful applications are not considered approved until passed by the Commission and funding is not guaranteed until an agreement has been fully executed.

Disbursements and Payments

Award recommendations as a result of the Citizen Review Panels are not final until the Broward County Board of County Commissioners passes the County's annual budget. Awards are not guaranteed until an agreement has been fully executed.

Once an agreement has been fully executed and all required documentation provided, payment will be

made in one installment (depending on the funding program) to the awarded organization.

Project Reporting

At the conclusion of the applicable project period, grantees are required to submit an online project evaluation report with the Cultural Division. This report allows grantees to update the Division on the progress toward achieving the intended outcomes of grant-funded programs. Project evaluation reports provide important data the Division uses to communicate the impact of the County's investment in the arts and culture sector.

In order to complete your project evaluation report, grantees must keep accurate records, accounting for the actual uses of funds compared to the projected uses of funds detailed in the original application. It is important to note that failure to submit your project evaluation report may negatively impact your ability to receive future funding from the Cultural Division.

Publicity & Credit Requirements

A condition of receiving funds from the Division is the inclusion of the Cultural Division logo on all applicable print and digital materials relating to the grant-funded project. This includes, but is not limited to, the artist/project/organization website; printed materials, including postcards and event programs/brochures; recognition from the stage in pre-show remarks (if applicable), marketing materials, advertisements, radio announcements, and commercials. Keep in mind that examples of these materials are a required component of the project evaluation report, which is further explained above.

In addition to recognition of all applicable print and digital materials related to the grant-funded project, the grantee agrees to list applicable events on ArtsCalendar.com and place the ArtsCalendar logo on their website.

ArtsCalendar

In addition to displaying the Broward Cultural logo and attribution statement on marketing materials, the grantee is obligated to register for an account on artscalendar.com or log in to an existing account if they are a returning grantee. All grantees must “submit event” and link all Broward County grant-funded programming to their artist profile by selecting or typing the artist’s name in the “Presenting Organization/Business.” Furthermore, grantees who maintain an artist’s website are expected to display the ArtsCalendar logo on their website, if applicable.



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Cultural Data Profile

Organization applicants to the Broward Cultural Division’s grant programs are required to complete a Cultural Data Profile (CDP). Applicants must also generate and submit the Broward Cultural Division Funder Report with their online request for funding.

The Cultural Data Profile (CDP) is a free and secure online survey that collects financial and programmatic data from nonprofit arts, culture, and humanities organizations so they can apply for grants, gather insights, use data to strengthen a case for support, and contribute to nationwide research.

Only nonprofit arts and culture organizations are required to complete a CDP. A CDP is not needed for nonprofit organizations whose primary mission is not arts and culture.

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