



SALT LAKE CITY ARTS COUNCIL

TIER 2 - MINI

ARTIST CAREER EMPOWERMENT GRANT

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS
Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Apply online
[CLICK HERE](#)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Application Opens: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

Virtual Grant Program Orientation:
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.
Friday, March 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Friday, March 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Application Closes: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

Final Report Due: 30 days after completion of project or no later than August 31, 2022.

IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS

- Thoroughly read Program Guidelines;
- Attend Virtual Grant Program Orientation Meeting

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

GRANT PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Artist Career Empowerment Grant Program is designed to stimulate economic opportunity and benefit to both the individual artist recipient and creative entrepreneurs, as well as the arts and cultural sectors, the creative community, and the economic ecosystems of Salt Lake City.

As the Salt Lake City Arts Council, we acknowledge that our current economic conditions have disproportionately impacted our creative sector. Further, we acknowledge that Black, Indigenous, and/or other Persons of Color (BIPOC) have persisted through even greater challenges stemming from the COVID-19 Global Pandemic as well as the violence of prolonged systemic racism and inequities which exist in our industry and society at large.

This grant program will aid in Salt Lake City’s phased economic recovery efforts and provide necessary financial resources to incentivize individual artists in our creative sector. The Artist Career Empowerment Grant Program will directly contribute to a more expeditious and equitable recovery of Salt Lake City’s thriving creative economy.

ABOUT OUR FUNDING

The Salt Lake City Arts Council's Tier 2 Artist Career Empowerment Grant program is generously supported each year in the Salt Lake City Mayor's proposed budget, which is subsequently approved by a vote of the Salt Lake City Council. The Salt Lake City Arts Council's Grants program is designed to provide financial support for arts programs and projects in Salt Lake City.

Please read the Program Guidelines thoroughly as substantial changes have been made.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE**OVERVIEW**

We aim to distribute approximately \$33,750 to an undetermined number of individual artists before June 30, 2022. Grants will range from \$500 - \$2,500 and be distributed based on adherence to the Funding Priorities, as well as the Evaluation Criteria. We anticipate a high number of competitive submissions to this program. Applicants are encouraged to adhere to the Funding Priorities and Evaluation Criteria whenever possible to maximize their score.

GRANT AMOUNTS

\$500 - \$2,500

The Salt Lake City Arts Council envisions that these funds are utilized by artists and creative entrepreneurs to further their individual interests and emerging or professional careers. Grants will be distributed in one (1) payment.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applications for Salt Lake Arts Council's Tier 2 Artist Career Empowerment Grant Program must be submitted and administered by an individual artist who meets all of the following Eligibility Criteria at the time of submission:

1. Is a current resident of Salt Lake City;
2. Is legally able to receive taxable income in the U.S. (e.g. citizen, green card holder, and/or permanent resident who can provide a W9 and SSN or ITIN);
3. Is 18 years of age or older;
4. Is an individual person who considers themselves an artist or artisan. Artist groups/collectives are ineligible to apply as such.

FUNDING LIMITATIONS

Funds cannot be expended for the following activities and/or expenses:

1. Expenses incurred outside of the grant timeline (June 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022);
2. Activities already underway;
3. Expenses incurred for the purposes of debt reduction;
4. Expenses incurred outside of the State of Utah must be approved in writing (including online purchases);
5. Expenses which are sub granted in any way. Subcontracting is a permissible use which must be approved through the grant application process;
6. Artists who have a studio or residence outside of the city limits of Salt Lake City, Utah. Please verify the address of your studio or residence using [this tool](#).

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Additional eligibility and/or limitations may be added at any time with written notice to funded projects.

GRANT FUND USAGE AND GENERAL GUIDANCE

GENERAL FUNDING GUIDANCE

The Salt Lake City Arts Council envisions that these funds are utilized by artists and creative entrepreneurs to further their individual interests and emerging or professional careers. Potential fund usage can be, but is not limited to, the following projects and programs;

1. Participation in an exhibit, festival, vendor showcase, craft fair, market, and other events which require funds to participate;
2. Presenting at conferences, symposiums, artist residencies, or events related to the amplification of your creative process or product;
3. Facilities and Equipment expenses directly related to the advancement, enhancement, or stabilization of your creative or artistic process or product;
4. Software and subscriptions to stay current on industry trends and interfaces;
5. Development and promotion of marketing and communications materials related to your work;
6. Enrollment in professional development workshops and/or engagement with coaches or consultants to build technical, administrative, or adaptive skills;
7. Projects which present a minimum of one public performance of the following artforms: Dance, visual art, music, theater, performance, new media (film/video/digital/web based/archives etc), social practice art; or transdisciplinary artistic media.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

The following represents priorities as identified by the Salt Lake City Arts Council which align with several strategic initiatives of Salt Lake City, including the Salt Lake City Arts Council's Strategic plan and the Salt Lake City Mayor's Work Plan. We acknowledge that it is highly unlikely that any single application will adhere to every priority listed below. However, we encourage the applicant to carefully consider how our Funding Priorities and the goals and objectives of your prospective project might align, and clearly demonstrate that alignment accordingly. The following Funding Priorities apply to this Grant Program:

- All individual artists are encouraged to apply, however a portion of funds will be prioritized for and subsequently granted to individual artists who self-identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or other Persons of Color (BIPOC);
- Applicants who aim to strengthen their individual and entrepreneurial health and development;
- Applicants who cultivate and build healthy partnerships in the community;
- Applicants who demonstrate a public project or practice which is considerate of our environment and sustainable.
- Applicants whose residency, studio space, or public project is within Council Districts 1 and 2. Please verify the Council District of your proposed project using [this tool](#).
- Applicants whose artistic practice includes innovative art-based or creative technology or represents a substantial effort to advance arts and culture industries as a creative entrepreneur.

GRANT APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS

APPLICATION KEY DATES

- **Guidelines Released:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.
- **Application Opens:** Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.
- **Virtual Grant Program Orientation:**
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 - Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.
 - Friday, March 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
 - Friday, March 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
- **Application Closes:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.
- **Salt Lake City Arts Council Committee Review:** March 31, 2022 through April 28, 2022
- **Salt Lake City Arts Council Board Meeting:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Written Grant Notification:** Friday, May 20, 2022 before 5:00 p.m.
- **Grant Agreement Form Acceptance:** Friday, May 27, 2022 before 5:00 p.m.
- **Grant Distribution of Funds:** Wednesday, June 1, 2022
- **Final Report Due:** 30 days after expenditure of the funds or no later than August 31, 2022.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

All applications will be scored in accordance with our scoring rubric, [found here](#).

There will be a total of 110 points available for this grant program, however, all final point considerations will be weighted based on a total of only 100 points.

The breakdown of available points is as follows;

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| Core Criteria: | 80 Points Available |
| Budget: | <u>20 Points Available</u> |

Total Weighted Points: 100 Points Available

Additional Funding Priority Criteria: 10 Points Available*

**Priority Criteria represents available points for applications who are considerate of our Funding Priorities as outlined above. These points should be viewed as "extra credit" and are intended to provide supplementary points for applicants who choose to align their project proposals with our Funding Priorities. There is not an expectation that applicants attempt to receive all supplemental points. Rather, applicants should consider how our Funding Priorities and the goals and objectives identified within their project align and clearly demonstrate accordingly within their submission.*

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| Total Weighted Points: | 100 Points Available |
| Total Funding Priority Points: | 10 Points Available |

Grand Total Points Available: 110 Points

APPLICATION

FINANCE AND BUDGET INFORMATION

All applicants must submit a detailed budget using the provided budget template, [found here](#).

All budgets must balance. Meaning, expenses may not exceed income. We acknowledge that this budget represents a projection of income and expenses. As such, funded applicants will have opportunities throughout the grant program to submit change requests which better align with current economic conditions. All applicants are encouraged to submit budgets which thoughtfully consider rising inflation of materials and supplies, supporting individuals engaged in their project

with a livable wage (themselves included), and to adhere to all Funding Limitations, Additional Requirements, and Funding Priorities outlined above.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

All questions or concerns regarding this grant program should be submitted in writing. Once submitted, please allow 2 business days for a response. Additionally, all questions and answers will be released for any applicant to see, unless such release includes sensitive personal information. All applicants are encouraged to view our Frequently Asked Questions before submission, [found on this page](#).

OFFICE HOURS

From February 22, 2022 to March 23, 2022, six (6) days before the deadline, applicants are encouraged to schedule one (1) thirty (30) minute appointment. The purpose of this meeting is to ask questions which are not answered in the Program Guidelines or Frequently Asked Questions. We are happy to help you with any additional technical or adaptive questions or concerns you may have, as well as answer specific questions you might have regarding your materials or application. We are administrators of the Program and, as such, we have to maintain a level of fairness to all applicants.

To schedule your 30 minute appointment with either grant administrator, please [click here](#).

CONTACT US

If you have any questions, please refer to our Frequently Asked Questions first. If your question is not answered please contact Salt Lake Arts Council Grants Program Coordinator, Susan Campbell at Susan.Campbell@saltlakearts.org OR Salt Lake Arts Council Assistant Director, Taylor Knuth at Taylor.Knuth@SLCgov.com.

SUPPORTIVE LINKS

[Registration for Grant Orientation](#)

[2022-2023 Tier 1 Artists Career Empowerment Scoring Rubric](#)

[2022-2023 Tier 1 Artists Career Empowerment Budget Template](#)

[To Schedule Office Hours](#)

[2022-2023 Tier 1 Artists Career Empowerment Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Online Application Portal](#)

[Salt Lake City District Map](#)