

Equity Expansion Grant

Background + Purpose

The City of Reno Arts + Culture Commission (RACC) acknowledges our country's colonial establishment and its violent impact upon non-dominant communities within the state and the region. RACC values its ongoing commitment to cultural awareness, social responsibility, and measurable actions to support and benefit those who have been historically marginalized, muted, and underserved. On May 17, 2021, RACC unanimously approved an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement to be included at all forthcoming public meeting agendas, becoming the first and only municipal arts commission in Nevada to do so. The Equity Expansion Grant is RACC's next conscious step in aligning our public service to provide arts well-being thoughtfully and intentionally throughout the Reno community.

Overview

The Equity Expansion Grant is intended to provide programmatic funding to eligible organizations that provide arts, culture, and heritage services. The grant prioritizes organizations historically facing social, financial, and/or geographic barriers. The grant prioritizes projects and activities that are by and for American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander, Black and African American, Hispanic and Latinx, LGBTQIA+, differently-abled, youth, seniors, and access-challenged communities.

Grant Amount

- Up to \$4,000

Applicant Eligibility

- Applicants must be 501(c)3 organizations based in Reno.
- This includes colleges, universities, public schools, libraries, and federally recognized tribes.
- Organizations that do not have 501(c)3 status may use a fiscal sponsor.
- The applicant organization must have at least one year of operating history in Reno.
- [City of Reno map](#)

Funding may be used for:

- Education Programming (including demonstrations, lectures, and workshops)
- Entertainment Programming (including performances, events, festivals, and traditions)
- Public Art Programming (including exhibitions, materials, and artist fees)

Funding may not be used for:

- Hospitality Expenses (including food, beverages)
- Operating Expenses (including staff salary, rent, office equipment, or repairs)
- Competition Expenses (including scholarships, prizes, or grants)
- Activities with implicit religious content

Requirements

- Programming must be advertised, free, and accessible to the public.
- Programming must support and benefit non-dominant communities.
- Programming must occur within the City of Reno between January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024.
- Applicants will be responsible for securing any appropriate public exhibition space and any permission or permits required regarding their proposal.
- Applicants must submit applications via [Submittable](#) no less than 60 days in advance of the project/activity

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Equity Expansion Grant Application

Organization Name:
Organization Website:
Organization Social Media:
Mailing Address:
Contact Name:
Contact Phone Number:
Contact Email:

Are you using a Fiscal Sponsor?
Fiscal Sponsor Name:
Fiscal Sponsor Website:
Fiscal Sponsor Social Media:
Mailing Address:
Contact Name:
Contact Phone Number:
Contact Email:

Name of Project/Activity:
Date:
Location Address:
Requested Funds:

In one sentence, describe your proposed project/activity.

Application Questions (500 word maximum each):

- 1) Describe how the project/activity utilizes arts and culture to elevate and amplify cultural diversity.
- 2) Describe how the project/activity includes outreach methods for publicity, exposure, education, and public awareness.
- 3) Describe the organization's administrative or logistical experience in similar projects/activities.
- 4) Describe any community partners, sponsors, contractors, or funders and their role in the project/activity.
- 5) Describe how the grant will create pathways and opportunities for growth in the organization.
- 6) Describe how the grant money will be budgeted; be specific in dollar amounts.

Equity Expansion Grant Application Scoring

RACC will score each question using 0 - 5 points for a total of 30 possible points. Commissioners will determine grant award amount based upon request, scoring, and available funding.

1 = Poor, 2 = Fair, 3 = Standard, 4 = Good, 5= Excellent