
FY27 EAST ARTS (EA) GRANT FUNDING RATIONALE

Grant Program Name: East Arts (formerly East of the River)

Project-based Grants:

CAH's project-based grants are competitive and reviewed by peer review panelists on their artistic content, I.D.E.A. efforts, District impact, and organizational management. Organizations in receipt of general operating support (GOS) grants may be restricted from receiving certain combinations of project-based grants in addition to GOS. This restriction is in place to allow for a greater number of organizations to access these grant opportunities.

Grant Program Description:

The East Arts (EA) grant supports arts and humanities projects of non-profit organizations that identify as BIPOC-centered organizations (Black, Indigenous, and people of color). Formerly, the East of the River grant included organizations located in Wards 7 and 8. The new East Arts grant broadens its reach to include organizations headquartered in the Northeast (NE) and Southeast (SE) quadrants of the city.

Allocated Budget Amount:

FY2027	\$962,773 (32 Awards)
FY2026	\$917,850 (48 awarded)
FY2025	\$1,042,000 (40 awarded)

FY26 v. FY27 Applicants:

FY27 Applicants	49 (46 Eligible)
FY26 Applicants	47 Awardees (Max Award: \$24,500 Min Award: \$12,500)

Award Formulation:

- Raw scores were used to determine ranking per panel.
- A funding formula was created to apply proportionally across the 3-panel cohort.
- Maximum and minimum award amounts were determined, based on FY26 budget numbers.
- Grant managers adjusted formulas for each panel cohort based on:
 - Natural breaks/variances in rankings
 - Consulting panelist's responses to applications

Award Recommendations:

- Fund 32 out of 46 eligible applicants
 - At 90% of the request amount multiplied by the curved score.
 - \$31,818 – Maximum Award
 - \$26,887 – Minimum Award
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FY27 East Arts Funding Recommendations

Rank	Panel Date	Quadrant	Ward	Raw Score	Variance	Curved Score	Request Amount	FY27 Funding Recommendation	Type of Activity	Location Type	Discipline	Returning Applicant	Returning Grantee
1	14-Sep-26	SE	8	97.00		100.00	35000	\$31,818	12 Arts Instruction	DC Public/Public Charter School site	10D Poetry	Yes	Yes
2	14-Sep-26	NE	5	94.70	2.30	97.63	35000	\$31,064	05 Concert/Performance/Reading	Outdoor	01 Dance	Yes	Yes
3	14-Sep-26	SE	8	94.70	0.00	97.63	35000	\$31,064	12 Arts Instruction	Indoor	04F Storytelling	Yes	Yes
4	14-Sep-26	NE	7	92.00	2.70	94.85	35000	\$30,178	05 Concert/Performance/Reading	Indoor	04 Theatre	Yes	Yes
5	14-Sep-26	NE	5	91.30	0.70	94.12	35000	\$29,948	12 Arts Instruction	Indoor	12A Folk/Traditional Dance	Yes	Yes
6	14-Sep-26	SE	8	89.70	1.60	92.47	35000	\$29,424	08 Fair/Festival	Hybrid	14 Multidisciplinary	No	No
7	14-Sep-26	NE	5	89.30	0.40	92.06	35000	\$29,292	03 Fellowships	Indoor	10D Poetry	Yes	Yes
8	14-Sep-26	NE	7	88.70	0.60	91.44	35000	\$29,096	08 Fair/Festival	Hybrid - DPR	14 Multidisciplinary	Yes	Yes
9	14-Sep-26	SE	8	88.30	0.40	91.03	35000	\$28,964	05 Concert/Performance/Reading	DC Public/Public Charter School site	04 Theatre	Yes	Yes
10	14-Sep-26	SE	8	86.30	2.00	88.97	35000	\$28,308	12 Arts Instruction	Department of Parks and Recreation site Virtual	14 Multidisciplinary	Yes	Yes
11	14-Sep-26	SE	8	82.30	4.00	84.85	22230		12 Arts Instruction	Indoor -DPR	14 Multidisciplinary	Yes	Yes
12	14-Sep-26	NE	6	82.30	0.00	84.85	35000		36 Broadcasting	Hybrid	09 Media Arts	Yes	Yes
13	14-Sep-26	SE	8	81.70	0.60	84.23	35000		11 Operating Support	Indoor Outdoor	05 Visual Arts	Yes	Yes
14	14-Sep-26	NE	5	81.00	0.70	83.51	35000		31 Curriculum Development/Implementation	Hybrid	13 Humanities	Yes	Yes
15	14-Sep-26	SE	8	80.70	0.30	83.20	35000		21 Other Residency	IndoorOutdoor	14 Multidisciplinary	Yes	Yes
16	14-Sep-26	SE	8	60.00	20.70	61.86	35000		37 Public Art/Percent for Art	Hybrid	04F Storytelling	No	No
Total								\$299,157					
Rank	Panel Date	Quadrant	Ward	Raw Score	Variance	Curved Score	Request Amount	FY27 Funding Recommendation	Type of Activity	Location Type	Discipline	Returning Applicant	Returning Grantee
1	18-Sep-26	SE	8	97.3		100.00	35000	\$31,818	04 Artwork Creation	Hybrid	14 Multidisciplinary	Yes	Yes
2	18-Sep-26	SE	8	96.0	1.3	98.66	35000	\$31,393	06 Exhibition	Indoor - Hybrid	05 Visual Arts	Yes	Yes
3	18-Sep-26	NE	7	95.0	1.0	97.64	35000	\$31,066	12 Arts Instruction	Indoor	14 Multidisciplinary	Yes	Yes
4	18-Sep-26	SE	8	94.3	0.7	96.92	35000	\$30,837	06 Exhibition	Hybrid	14 Multidisciplinary	Yes	Yes
5	18-Sep-26	SE	8	93.3	1.0	95.89	30500	\$26,587	11 Operating Support	Hybrid	13 Humanities	Yes	Yes

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