



FY27 ARTS & HUMANITIES EDUCATION PROJECTS (AHEP)

GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant Program Name: Arts & Humanities Education Projects (AHEP)
Cohorts: In School / Professional Development & Older Adults 55+ / Out-of-School Time

Grant Program Description:

Supports in-school and out-of-school-time arts and humanities projects for youth in pre-school through high school settings, and older adults (50+). The grant also supports professional development opportunities for classroom educators. The project must target DC-based educators, instructional staff or teaching artists. Maximum awards increased from \$20K (FY22) to \$30K (FY23-FY26) and will remain at \$30K through (FY27). Organizations may apply for project support of up to \$30,000. There is no match requirement. Organizations in receipt of General Operating Support (GOS) grants are restricted from receiving PEFO but may apply for 1 project-based grant including; FTE, East Arts, Public Art Building Communities, and 1 capacity based grant (CP).

FY26 v FY27

FY27 Eligible Applicants: 55 (32 Proposed Awardees)

FY26 Eligible Applicants: 61 (33 Awardees)

Total funding history

FY27: \$672,720 (Proposed)

FY26: \$528,802 (Awarded)

FY25: \$711,928 (Awarded)

FY24: \$586,988 (Awarded)



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 FIELD TRIP EXPERIENCES (FTE)

GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant Program Name: Field Trip Experiences (FTE)

Grant Program Description:

Supports the cost of field trip tickets, professional development opportunities for classroom educators, and/or pre/post-field trip workshops for students. Funding may also be allocated to necessary personnel support for the planning and implementation of programs. Organizations may apply for project support of up to \$30,000. There is no match requirement. Organizations in receipt of General Operating Support (GOS) grants are restricted from receiving PEFo but may apply for 1 project-based grant including, Public Art Building Communities, as well as 1 capacity-based grant (CP).

FY26 v. FY27

FY26 Eligible Applicants: 31 applicants (18 Proposed Awardees)

FY27 Eligible Applicants: 33 applicants (26 Proposed Awardees)

Allocated Budget Amount:

FY2025: \$ 537,281 (Awarded)

FY2026: \$ 538,000 (Awarded)

FY2027: \$623,049 (Proposed)

Number of Panels: 2

Number of New Applicants to CAH: 3

Grant Manager: Andrea Brown

Number of Eligible Applicants by Cohort in FY27:

Cohort #1: Field Trip Experiences - 16

Cohort #2: Field Trip Experiences - 17



FY27 PROJECTS, EVENTS, OR FESTIVALS: INDIVIDUALS (PEF(I)) GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant Program Name: Projects, Events, or Festivals for Individuals PEF(i)

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 Projects, Events, or Festivals PEF(i) grant program supports individuals who execute projects that promote arts and humanities activities to a diverse range of communities within the District of Columbia. The application is open to all District of Columbia residents. Individuals may apply for project support of up to \$10,000, and there is no matching requirement for PEF grants.

Allocated Budget Amount:

FY2027	\$728,974 (78 applicants Recommended)
FY2026	\$723,216 (125 applicants Awarded)
FY2025	\$682,585 (91 applicants Awarded)

FY26 v. FY27 Applicants:

FY27 Applicants	145 (78 Awardees)
FY26 Applicants	185 (125 Awardees)

Award Formulation:

- Raw scores were used to determine ranking per panel.
- A funding formula was created to apply proportionally across the 9-panels
- Maximum and minimum award amounts were determined, based on a budget of \$728,974
 - Natural breaks/variances in rankings
 - Consulting panelist's responses to applications

Award Recommendations:

- Fund 78 eligible applicants
 - \$10,000- Maximum Award
 - \$5,470- Minimum Award
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FY27 PROJECTS, EVENTS, OR FESTIVALS: ORGANIZATIONS (PEF(O)) GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant Program Name: Projects, Events, or Festivals Organizations – PEF(o)

Ineligible: Organizations in receipt of general operating support (GOS) grants are restricted from receiving PEFo.

Grant Program Description:

The PEF(o) grant offers support to qualified non-profit organizations to deliver exemplary programs that promote arts and/or humanities activities to a diverse range of communities within the District of Columbia. The maximum request amount is \$20,000.

There is no matching requirement for PEF grants.

Additional Context (Goal: Get as close to funding 66% of applicants)		
FY26 Spending:	\$400,000	
# of Grantees:	FY26: 34	FY27: 30 of 57 (Proposed 52.6% of applicants)
FY 26 Funding Average:	62%	

Number of Workshops: 4

Total Number of Submitted Applications: 57 (5 will receive GOS). 9 applications were submitted to GOS. 6 applications applied to GOS Capacity Building.

Award Formulation:

- **Raw Scores**
Used only to determine panel rankings and identify natural breaks; not used to calculate awards.
- **Curved Scores**
Each panel's top score is reset to 100, with all other scores adjusted proportionally. This normalizes differences across panels and allows blended rankings.
- **Ranking Percentages**