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DC Commission on the
Arts & Humanities
Grants
FY20

FY 2020 PROJECT SUPPORT GRANTS

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ABOUT THE
DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Established in 1968, CAH supports programs that promote progress in the arts and humanities through grants, professional opportunities, and other services to individuals and nonprofit organizations in all communities within the District of Columbia.

CAH is the designated state arts agency for the District of Columbia, and is supported primarily by District government funds and in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

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CAH GRANT PROGRAMS

- Funding opportunities for Individuals (DC Resident) and organizations (DC-based Nonprofits)

- Eligibility requirements listed in grant RFA/guidelines must be met at time of application

- Grants are competitive; applications are reviewed by panel

- Funds can only be used for allowable costs

- FY20 Grant Period: October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020

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CAH GRANTS TIMELINE

- Requests for Applications (RFA) released May 3, 2019; application deadlines vary by grant program

- Panels review applications June – August 2019

- Anticipated award announcements October 1, 2019

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CAH GRANTS TIMELINE (PART II)

- Grantee submits required documents to CAH (signed grant agreement, Certificate of Clean Hands, Direct Deposit, etc.)

- CAH grant manager submits grantee info to the Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP)

- OCP creates a Purchase Order for the grant award

- Grantee invoices CAH for payment of the grant award

- Payment is disbursed by DC government within 30 days of receipt of a valid invoice

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FY20 GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS

- Arts and Humanities Fellowship Program (AHFP)

- Curatorial Grant Program (CGP)

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ARTS AND HUMANITIES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (AHFP)

- Application Release: May 3, 2019

- Application Deadline: May 31, 2019, 4 PM

- Maximum Award: $10,000

- Funding is not project-specific; can be used for a variety of purposes

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CURATORIAL GRANT PROGRAM (CGP)

- Application Release: May 3, 2019

- Application Deadline: July 26, 2019, 4 PM

- Maximum Award: $25,000

- Supports development and public presentation of visual art exhibitions by District resident curators at the CAH lobby gallery

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FY20 GRANTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS

- General Operating Support (GOS); applications closed Feb 15

- Arts and Humanities Education Projects (AHFP)

- East of the River (EOR)

- Field Trip Experiences (FTE)

- Facilities and Buildings (FAB)

- Upstart

- LiftOff

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ARTS AND HUMANITIES EDUCATION PROJECTS (AHEP)

- Application Release: May 3, 2019

- Application Deadline: May 31, 2019, 4 PM

- Maximum Award: $20,000 (1:1 match required)

- Support for in-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for children and youth, and professional development opportunities for classroom educators

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EAST OF THE RIVER
(EOR)

- Application Release: May 3, 2019

- Application Deadline: June 7, 2019, 4 PM

- Maximum Award: $35,000 (no match required)

- Support for arts and humanities projects benefitting residents in Wards 7 & 8

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FIELD TRIP EXPERIENCES
(FTE)

- Application Release: May 3, 2019

- Application Deadline: June 14, 2019, 4 PM

- Maximum Award: $75,000 (no match required)

- Supports arts and humanities organizations to offer comprehensive field trip experiences in the District's public schools.

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FACILITIES AND BUILDINGS
(FAB)

- Application Release: May 3, 2019

- Application Deadline: July 19, 2019, 4 PM

- Maximum Award: 50% of project budget (1:1 match required)

- Supports projects related to the improvement, construction, or purchase of facilities operated by nonprofit arts and humanities organizations.

UPSTART

- Application Release: May 3, 2019

- Application Deadline: July 21, 2019, 4 PM

- Maximum Award: $50,000 (no match required)

- Supports capacity building projects for arts and humanities organizations through consulting and grants for strategic planning, programmatic evaluation, leadership development and operating reserves

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LIFTOFF

- Application Release: TBD

- Application Deadline: TBD

- Maximum Award: $25,000 (no match required)

- Supports capacity building projects for arts, humanities and arts education organizations through consulting and grants for strategic planning, programmatic evaluation and leadership development to organizations with FY16 cash expenses up to $250,000

FY20 GRANTS FOR
INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS

- Public Art Building Communities (PABC)

- Projects, Events, or Festivals (PEF)

- Sister Cities Grant (SCG)

- Art Bank Program (ABP)

PUBLIC ART BUILDING COMMUNITIES (PABC)

- Application Release: March 15, 2019

- Application Deadline: August 9, 2019, 4 PM

- Individuals Maximum Award: $50,000 (no match required)

- Organizations Maximum Award: $125,000 (1:1 match required)

  - Business Improvement Districts: $250,000

- Supports the design, fabrication and installation of permanent or temporary public artwork that enhances District neighborhoods by connecting artists and their artwork with communities.

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PROJECTS, EVENTS, OR FESTIVALS (PEF)

- Application Release: May 3, 2019

- Application Deadline: June 7, 2019, 4 PM

- Individuals Maximum Award: $10,000 (no match required)

- Organizations Maximum Award: $20,000 (1:1 match required)

- Supports projects, events and festivals to promote arts and humanities activities to DC residents.

SISTER CITIES GRANT
(SCG)

- Application Release: May 3, 2019

- Application Deadline: June 14, 2019, 4 PM

- Individuals Maximum Award: $20,000 (no match required)

- Organizations Maximum Award: $30,000 (1:1 match required)

- Supports arts and humanities projects that foster cultural exchange and diplomacy between the District of Columbia and DC's Sister Cities.

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ART BANK PROGRAM
(ABP)

- Application Release: May 3, 2019

- Application Deadline: July 19, 2019, 4 PM

- Maximum Award: Varies

- Supports artists and galleries in the Washington metro area through the acquisition of artworks for placement in DC government buildings

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & WORKSHOPS

Program-specific workshops held throughout May at CAH and the several other locations as well as online chats and one-on-one appointments

Visit **www.dcarts.dc.gov** for more information

ADVISORY REVIEW PANELISTS

Panelists are integral to CAH's grants process because they rank and score applications, and provide comments on applicants and program recommendations.

Visit dcarts.dc.gov to apply to become a panelist

- 3 – 6 weeks to review up to 35 applications

- Approximately 40 hours review time

- One day of in-person panel service

TIPS

- Be on CAH e-blast list and follow us on social media for updates.

- Draft and submit EARLY!

- Get your compliance documents (especially Clean Hands!) in order early.

- Save your uploads as PDFs.

- Attend workshops, webchats and get to know your CAH program managers.

- Familiarize yourself with the Guide to Grants, program guidelines and portal.

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QUESTIONS?