



DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES

GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT

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FY26 Grants Cycle

New FY26 Summer Grants Are Open!

Our FY26 Arts and Humanities Education Project (AHEP), Arts and Humanities Fellowship Program (AHFP), Field Trip Experiences (FTE) and Capitol Projects (CP) Grant Programs opened on Wednesday, May 28th and will close on Thursday, June 26th at 10:00pm. Panels will begin in late July.

Total applications received as of today:

- Capital Projects 45
- Arts and Humanities Fellowship Program 336
- Arts and Humanities Education Project 46
- Field Trip Experiences 23

For a total of: **450 applications submitted.**

- **Arts and Humanities Education Project (AHEP)**

Arts and Humanities Education Projects (AHEP). AHEP furthers CAH's mission by encouraging progress in the arts and humanities in the District of Columbia by supporting non-profit arts, humanities, arts education, and service organizations who significantly contribute to the District of Columbia as a world-class cultural capital.

- **Arts and Humanities Fellowship Program**

AHFP furthers CAH's mission by encouraging progress in the arts and humanities in the District of Columbia by supporting qualified individual artists and humanities practitioners who significantly contribute to the District of Columbia as a world-class cultural capital. AHFP recognizes the impact of individual artists and humanities practitioners within the District and supports the vitality that those individuals bring to the local community. This grant opportunity encourages progress in the arts and humanities by sustaining, highlighting, and elevating the accomplishments of individual District-based artists and humanities practitioners.

Disciplines include:

- Dance
- Design Arts
- Go-Go Musician
- Humanities
- Interdisciplinary
- Media Arts
- Music
- Theatre
- Teaching Artists

- **Field Trip Experiences (FTE)**

FTE furthers CAH's mission by encouraging progress in the arts and humanities in the District of Columbia by supporting non-profit arts, humanities, arts education, and service organizations who significantly contribute to the District of Columbia as a world-class cultural capital. The FTE grant program 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 the program.

- **Capital Projects (CP)**

CP furthers CAH's mission by encouraging progress in the arts and humanities in the District of Columbia by supporting non-profit arts, humanities, arts education, and service organizations that significantly contribute to the District of Columbia as a world-class cultural capital. CP supports organizations that (1) own or rent facilities; (2) intend to own facilities; or (3) seek capital project support for permanent property, technology, equipment, or digital assets designed for the training, management, production, or presentation of performances or exhibitions of the arts or humanities.

FY26 Grant Panels Underway!

The grant team is currently busy with panels for the following FY26 programs:

- **General Operating Support (GOS):** 10 panels, 247 applicants
- **East Arts (EA):** 2 panels, 43 applicants
- **Project Events or Festivals (Organizations & Individuals):** 12 panels (58 applicants - Organizations, 187 applicants - Individuals)