



FY23 FAB GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant Program Name: Facilities and Buildings

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Grant Program Description:

The Facilities and Buildings (FAB) grant supports qualified organizations that own or rent facilities, intend to own or rent facilities, or seek other permanent property or equipment designed for training, management, production, or presentation of performances or exhibitions of the arts or humanities.

FY23 FAB applicants seeking funds over \$100,000 are required to provide a 1:1 award match for any award. Applicants incorporated this required funding structure within their applications.

Allocated Budget Amount:

FY2023:	Budget: \$5,000,000 Recommendation: \$4,911,300 (56 awarded; 81% of applicants)
FY2022:	\$4,302,134 (48 awarded)
FY2021:	\$2,899,647 (28 awarded)
FY2020:	\$3,909,622 (32 awarded)

Number of Panels: Five (5)

- FY23 received 11 more applicants than FY22 (a 19% increase)
- For the second year in a row, the review required an additional panel
- The average project size dropped for the third year in a row, indicating a trend towards smaller projects, smaller interested applicant organizations, or both.

Applicants:	69 eligible applications (FY22: 58, FY21: 48, FY20: 36)
New Applicants to FAB:	22
New Applicants to CAH:	5
Ineligible applicants:	7

- Four applicants did not have the required leases for renovation or purchase projects
- Two applicants were not arts and humanities organizations, or submitted projects not for arts and humanities spaces
- One applicant was applying for development support

FY23 FAB Program Updates:

- A question was added to the application, inquiring about whether applicants or their sites are registered on the National Registry of Historic Spaces or the DC Inventory of Historic Sites
- A question was modified, enabling preservation project applicants to detail how the project accomplishes preservation and conservation needs

FAB Ranking, Award Justification, and Panel Notes:



Sixty-nine applicants were reviewed by five panels. Rankings were determined by the panelists according to the application contents and the panelist scoring criteria as detailed in the FY23 FAB RFA.

Panel 1:

- The recommendation is to fund 10 of the 14 applicants
- This panel featured five applications from Wards 7 and 8, all recommended for funding

Panel 2:

- The recommendation is to fund 12 of the 14 applicants
- This panel would include six first time FAB recipients

Panel 3:

- The recommendation is to fund 13 of the 14 applicants
- This panel featured several extremely tight variances, thus resulting in a deeper funding ratio

Panel 4:

- The recommendation is to fund 11 of the 13 applicants

Panel 5:

- The recommendation is to fund 10 of the 14 applicants

Following award announcements, remaining funds in the FY23 FAB budget are intended for the FY23 FAB-Relief grant, as based on the preceding FY22 and FY21 cycles of that program.

Allocation of Funds:

An applicant’s raw score determined their percentile ranking within their review cohort. Award recommendations used their percentile ranking in a similar tiered structures as applied to the AHFP awards and according to the following:

FAB Funding Formula	
Percentile Minimum	Award
100%	100.00%
90%	96.00%
80%	91.00%
70%	87.00%
60%	83.00%
50%	79.00%
40%	74.00%
30%	70.00%
0%	

**Where funding breaks were close, panel feedback guided additional applicant inclusion at the lowest funding tier.

FAB FUNDING SUMMARY

FAB Funding Formula			
Summary	Percentile Minimum	Award	# of Awardees
Top score	100%	100.00%	5
90's	90%	96.00%	6
80's	80%	91.00%	4
70's	70%	87.00%	11
60's	60%	83.00%	4
50's	50%	79.00%	10
40's	40%	74.00%	4
30's	30%	70.00%	6
Below 30's	0%		6
			56

FAB Applicants and Awards per Ward									
Applicants			Requests		Awardees			Funding	
Ward	# of Applicant	% of Total	Total \$	% of Total	# Awarded	% Awarded	% of Total	Total \$	% of budget
1	13	19%	\$ 794,473	10.73%	10	77%	18%	\$ 517,403	14.84%
2	24	35%	\$2,661,933	35.95%	20	83%	36%	\$1,694,700	48.62%
3	7	10%	\$1,054,504	14.24%	4	57%	7%	\$ 567,700	16.29%
4	4	6%	\$ 457,500	6.18%	4	100%	7%	\$ 399,300	11.46%
5	5	7%	\$ 646,030	8.73%	4	80%	7%	\$ 472,700	13.56%
6	7	10%	\$ 965,760	13.04%	6	86%	11%	\$ 625,200	17.94%
7	3	4%	\$ 270,000	3.65%	2	67%	4%	\$ 160,900	4.62%
8	6	9%	\$ 553,867	7.48%	6	100%	11%	\$ 473,397	13.58%
Totals	69		\$7,404,067		56			\$4,911,300	

Avg. Request \$ 107,305

Avg. Award \$ 87,702

Funding %: 81.2%

Rationale

The raw scores were used to determine percentile rankings which could be applied across cohorts.

The funding formula either naturally aligned with the panel scoring variances or was made more inclusive.

Award amounts were calculated to better enable project success. Thus, the minimum award distributed is 70% of the request.

Compared to FY22, the FY23 funding rationale provides both more awards overall and larger awards relative to applicants' requests.

Total FY22 FAB-T Requests: 58
\$6,636,719
 Average request: \$ 114,426

Total FY22 FAB-T Awards: 48
\$4,302,124
 Average Award: \$ 89,628
Funding %: 82.76%

Additional metrics- FY23 FAB Awards per:			
	Applicants	Grantees	Total awards
1st Time CAH applicants	5	5	\$ 285,400
1st Time FAB applicants	22	17	\$1,000,303