



**ARTSWESTCHESTER GRANTS PROGRAM
CATEGORY: ARTS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
2015 GRANT GUIDELINES / Organizations**

Application Deadline for Artist Residencies: Monday, May 18, 2015, 11:59 p.m.

ArtsWestchester believes the arts are for everyone. We recognize that people with special needs often have limited access to the arts. The Arts for People with Special Needs funding opportunity is designed to increase accessibility to the arts by people who have a variety of disabilities.

NOTE: In 2015, there is not an open round of funding in this category for organizations.

WHAT DOES ARTSWESTCHESTER CONSIDER “SPECIAL NEEDS”?

For the purposes of this funding opportunity, ArtsWestchester seeks to provide services to people with cognitive, developmental, neurological, physical or impairments.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE?

Your request must be completed and submitted by **Monday, May 18, 2015 at 11:59 p.m.**

WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT?

Cultural organizations that received a 2014 Basic Program Support grant, and which offer programs and activities designed specifically for people with special needs are eligible to apply. We strongly suggest organizations partner with an appropriate agency to insure that services are utilized by the people the organization intends to engage.

Music Therapy: If your organization is seeking funds to provide music therapy services you must receive prior approval. Please contact the program officer, Joanne Mongelli at 914.428.4220 ext. 317 prior to developing your request. Services must be provided by a certified music therapist. Only off-site activities serving agencies that represent partnerships developed within the last three years are eligible for music therapy support.

HOW DOES MY ORGANIZATION APPLY?

Use the on-line application available through the on-line portal Go Grants: <http://artswestchester.culturegrants.org/>
We encourage you to draft your responses in Word or a similar program, then cut and paste into the application. Please keep a copy of your completed application for your records.

WHAT IS THE PERIOD OF SUPPORT?

All funded activities must take place between July 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015

WHO WILL REVIEW MY APPLICATION?

The Grants Committee of ArtsWestchester's Board reviews applications in this category, and makes funding recommendations to the Board of Trustees

IF I RECEIVE A GRANT IN THIS CATEGORY, WHAT WILL MY RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE?

If you receive a grant, you will be required to comply with the terms of a Cultural Agreement Contract that include:

- Providing ArtsWestchester with written notice of the date(s), time(s) and location(s) of the funded project(s) at least six weeks prior to the event.
- Recognizing the support of ArtsWestchester in all published materials, whether print or electronic, as described in the contract and publicity agreement.(all logos are available at www.artswestchester.org)
- Completing the proposed project by the December 30, 2015
- Submitting an interim and final report accompanied by project documentation

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Joanne Mongelli, Deputy Director at 914.428.4220 ext. 317; jmongelli@artswestchester.org