



ARTSWESTCHESTER GRANTS PROGRAM
CATEGORY: ARTS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
2015 GRANT GUIDELINES / Artist Residencies

Application Deadline for Artist Residencies: Monday, June 8, 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 enable human service agencies to engage their clients in arts-making activities. In 2015, this funding opportunity is made possible with the support of Westchester County.

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 disabilities/impairments, such as ADD/ADHD, autism, cerebral palsy, deafness, dependence on wheelchair.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE?

Your request must be completed and submitted by **Monday, June 8, 2015 at 11:59 p.m.**

HOW DOES AN ORGANIZATION APPLY?

Use the on-line application available through the on-line portal Go Grants: <http://artswestchester.culturegrants.org/>
If you are a first-time applicant, you must register on the site. Click on the "sign in" tab at the top. We encourage you write your application in Word or similar program, and cut and paste into the application. Remember to keep a copy of your completed application for your records.

WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT?

This funding opportunity is designed to assist human service agencies in bringing artists on-site to conduct residencies. To be eligible for support, you must partner with an artist on ArtsWestchester's Directory of Teaching Artists. https://artswestchester.org/teaching_artist/teaching-artist/

WHAT IS AN ARTIST RESIDENCY?

An artist residency is a multi-session, art-making workshop designed to engage participants in challenging, creative activities. The artist residencies are partnerships between an artist and site staff. Together, they establish goals, determine activities, and assess results. In addition to providing participants with deep engagement in an art form, most residencies are designed to improve skills in areas such as team work, communication, or socialization. ArtsWestchester maintains a Directory of Teaching Artists that includes literary, performing, and visual artists. The artists represented in the Directory have undergone a rigorous review process.

Each residency consists of a planning session with the selected artist, ten contact sessions with your clients and the artist, and an assessment session with your staff and the artist. Generally, artists work with groups of up to 20, although smaller groups are sometimes more appropriate. Artists are available for a half-day, up to 2 ½ consecutive hours.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Human service agencies that serve people with cognitive, developmental, neurological, or physical disabilities are eligible to apply, and will be given priority. A limited number of agencies that serve low-income individuals or families may be considered for funding. Participants must be Westchester County residents. Please note:

residential treatment centers and hospitals, as well as agencies that serve people with mental illness are not eligible for this funding opportunity.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete the application by Monday, June 8, 2015 11:59 PM. Applications are reviewed by a committee of ArtsWestchester's Board of Trustees, which makes recommendations to the Board. You may submit up to two applications. Complete a separate application for each request.

HOW CAN I GET HELP WITH MY APPLICATION?

There will be two general application workshops held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 from 4-5 pm and Tuesday, May 26, 2015 from 4-5. Please RSVP to Jessy Mendez at jmendez@artswestchester.org.

Who May I Call with Questions or For More Information?

Jessy Mendez is the project manager. You may contact her at 914.428.4220 ext.313 or jmendez@artswestchester.org.

WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM AWARD?

The residency grant of \$2,000 includes artist fees of \$1,750 and \$250 for consumable supplies and materials directly related to the residency. The maximum each human service agency may request is \$4,000 for two residencies (\$2,000 per residency). ArtsWestchester encourages agencies to provide matching funds, which would extend the number of sessions available to your clients.

WHAT IS THE PERIOD OF SUPPORT?

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

IF I RECEIVE A SPECIAL NEEDS GRANT, 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 a final report accompanied by project documentation
- Paying the teaching artist directly with funds from ArtsWestchester