



Kent Cultural Alliance Independent Artist Grant

The Kent Cultural Alliance (KCA) seeks to provide support for independent artists residing in Kent County.

Artists do not need to derive their primary income from their art, but these small one-time grants are *restricted to support your artistic practice. This could mean purchasing supplies, paying studio rent, marketing expenses etc. that are directly related to your art. (*Grants may not be used for travel).

Please submit your answers to the following questions.

The Grant Cycle OPENS on Monday, February 2, 2026 and runs through Monday, March 2, 2026. Grants are \$500 each.

If there are more qualified applicants than the fund is able to accommodate, their names will be placed into a randomizer in order to select 50 artists to receive grants.

REQUIREMENTS

- Artist must be a full-time resident of Kent County, Maryland for at least 6 months.
- Artist must be 18 years or older.
- Acknowledgement of all KCA Grants is required for all recipients. Details on how to do this will be provided with the grant agreement.
- Eligibility will be determined by the question below relating to the accessibility of the art created with funding from this grant.

Please create a NEW document as your application and send either in Word, Pages or PDF Format. Applications can be submitted via email to hester@kentculture.org or mailed to:

Kent Cultural Alliance
101 Spring Avenue
Chestertown, MD 21620

APPLICATION

Name

Mailing Address with Zip Code

Contact Phone #

Email Address

Do you work or live in the Chestertown Arts & Entertainment District? If unsure, state unsure. (This is for information only, not a required answer)

Briefly tell us about your creative practice. (For example, are you a performer? A filmmaker? A writer? A visual artist? An artisan fine craft maker?) What kind of work do you do? How do you usually present your work? (No more than 200 words)

If you have a website, social media, or portfolio link for your creative practice – please list them here:

How will you use the funds? (No more than 150 words)

Eligibility Question -- In all of its programming, the KCA prioritizes accessibility to the arts.

How is your work accessible to the public? For example, do you have an online shop, exhibit in a physical location, perform at events? If your work is not currently accessible, how do you plan to make it so in the future? How will this funding help with that?

Are there other types of support you would like to see from the Kent Cultural Alliance besides funding?

Questions? Email us at hester@kentculture.org

Or call 410-778-3700

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