

The Kent Cultural Alliance puts the arts to work creating opportunities for engagement, education, and connection across Kent County.

It is the vision of the Kent Cultural Alliance that all of Kent County's communities have access to transformational arts programs to celebrate our shared humanity.

Project Grants are available to community based organizations in Kent County, Maryland that are producing public facing programs which include arts or cultural components.

Project grants will not be awarded to any political or advocacy events/programs, nor expressly religious services. Project Grants will not be awarded to sponsor events where the sole purpose is fundraising.

Project Grants will be reviewed in two cycles throughout the year, in May and November. For Projects happening between July 1 and December 31, applications should be submitted in the May Application Cycle (May 1 through May 31.) For Projects between January 1 and June 30, applications should be submitted in the November Cycle (November 1 through November 30.) **Grants will be limited to one per applicant, per year.*

DEADLINE - The Deadline for the submission of ALL May Cycle Project Grants (for projects between July 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026) is **SUNDAY MAY 31, 2026 at 10 PM.**

Applicants in the May Cycle will receive notification of awards by mid-June with funds distributed after July 1.

A GRANT REPORT relating to any awarded Project Grant must be completed by January 30, 2027. Requirements for the Project Grant Report will be provided upon grant approval.

KCA's budget for Project Grants is \$20,000 for FY2027. Grants can cover up to 50% of a specific project's budget up to \$1,000. The KCA will reserve half of the total funding for each cycle - allowing for up to \$10,000 in Project Grants in each half of the year. Any funding not disbursed in the May Cycle will roll over to the November Cycle.

Project Grants will be evaluated with the following criteria:

- Accessibility to community members
- Necessity of funding for project to happen
- Degree of impact

It is possible that there will be more applications than available funding.

If you need any clarification, more information, or technical assistance with the application software, please call KCA Deputy Director, Hester Sachse at 410-778-3700 or email at hester@kentculture.org