

Oil City Creative Ventures Grant Guidelines

Purpose

The Oil City Creative Ventures Grant provides limited funding for working artists and persons in creative fields who relocate to, or launch/support a creative venture in Oil City during the project period. Its purpose is to support entrepreneurial activities within the creative sector.

Grant Amount/Limits

Awards ranging from \$500 - \$2,500 are available to qualified applicants. Applications will be reviewed on a monthly basis until funding is depleted. No applications will be accepted after September 1, 2023.

Eligible Applicants

This grant is intended to support the entrepreneurial efforts of working artists and professionals in the creative sector; therefore nonprofit organizations, associations or initiatives are not eligible for this grant.

Eligible Activities/Use of Funds

- Expenses associated with moving/relocating to Oil City such as closing costs on the purchase of a home, moving costs, rent, or related costs
- Expenses associated with starting or augmenting a creative business venture in Oil City such as commercial rent, project costs, marketing costs associated with the project, or related costs

Ineligible Activities/Use of Funds

- Expenses associated with visiting/exploring Oil City prior to relocation
- Reimbursement for activities conducted or expenses incurred prior to grant award
- Activities that have a religious or political purpose
- Payments to lobbyists
- Cash prizes/awards, scholarships or re-granting
- Benefit activities

Application Materials:

1. Completed application form
2. Project Summary describing your creative venture/project, budget, requested grant amount and proposed use of funds, and impact to the community (maximum 3 pages, 12-point font).
3. Resume, Curriculum Vitae (CV) or equivalent professional summary that substantiates your career as a working artist and/or creative professional
4. Documentation of your work (up to 5 images/files). Please include relevant link(s) to your professional website, social media or artist registry.

Application Procedures

Email submission preferred (please upload all Application Materials listed above into a Dropbox or Google Drive folder: emails with large attachments may become trapped in a spam filter). Email link to your application documents to the Grant Contact listed below by the 1st of any month during the grant period. Applications will be reviewed on a monthly basis until funding is depleted. Qualified applicants may be invited to participate in a panel interview. No applications will be accepted after September 1, 2023.

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Grant Award/Denial

Applicants will be notified of acceptance or denial within 45 days of application submittal. Grant recipients may be required to sign a grant agreement and must be willing to be featured in publicity of this grant opportunity.

Reporting

A post-project report will be required of all grant recipients within 30 days of project completion (no later than December 1, 2023) to include a brief summary of the project and how the grant helped, receipts/proof of expenses, and photos if applicable. Grant recipients may be asked to share their experience with the committee.

Inquiries and project discussion are welcomed and encouraged.

Interim Grant Contact:

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