

2026 TACA Catalyst Grant Pre-Application Info Session

September 22, 2025



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Agenda

- I. About TACA
- II. Catalyst Grant Process Overview
- III. Catalyst Grant Pre-Application Updates
- IV. Q&A



About TACA

Mission Statement

TACA invests in the vibrancy and resilience of a diverse Dallas arts community.

Vision Statement

TACA envisions a thriving arts landscape that is celebrated and accessible to everyone.

Values

IGNITE: Inclusive, Genuine, Nimble, Impactful, Trusted, Entrepreneurial

Catalyst Grants

Provides annual unrestricted funding to high-performing nonprofit arts organizations in Dallas County.

Pop-Up Grants

Provides bi-monthly funding to arts organizations/fiscally-sponsored arts projects and their artists for exciting, innovative work in Dallas County.

New Works Fund Grants

The New Works Fund aims to stimulate and support the creation and presentation of brand-new artistic works of literary, performing, and visual art that tell stories of individuals and communities often underrepresented in the canon of their artistic disciplines.

Amplifier Workshops

Curated, professional development workshop series offered free to arts administrators on topics relevant to the current landscape.

Learn More: taca-arts.org/amplifier

Arts Accelerator

A 10-month learning experience for emerging arts organizations to increase capacity, acquire new business and leadership skills, and create strategic plans for sustainable growth.

Learn More: taca-arts.org/arts-accelerator

Unscripted

Reimagined from TACA's *Perforum* and designed to spark community-wide dialogue through curated conversations, book discussions, and a keynote event with national and local arts leaders.

Main Event: October 29, 2025



About TACA – Revenue Streams



**Fundraising
Events**



**Individual Giving
& Membership
Programs**



Institutional Gifts

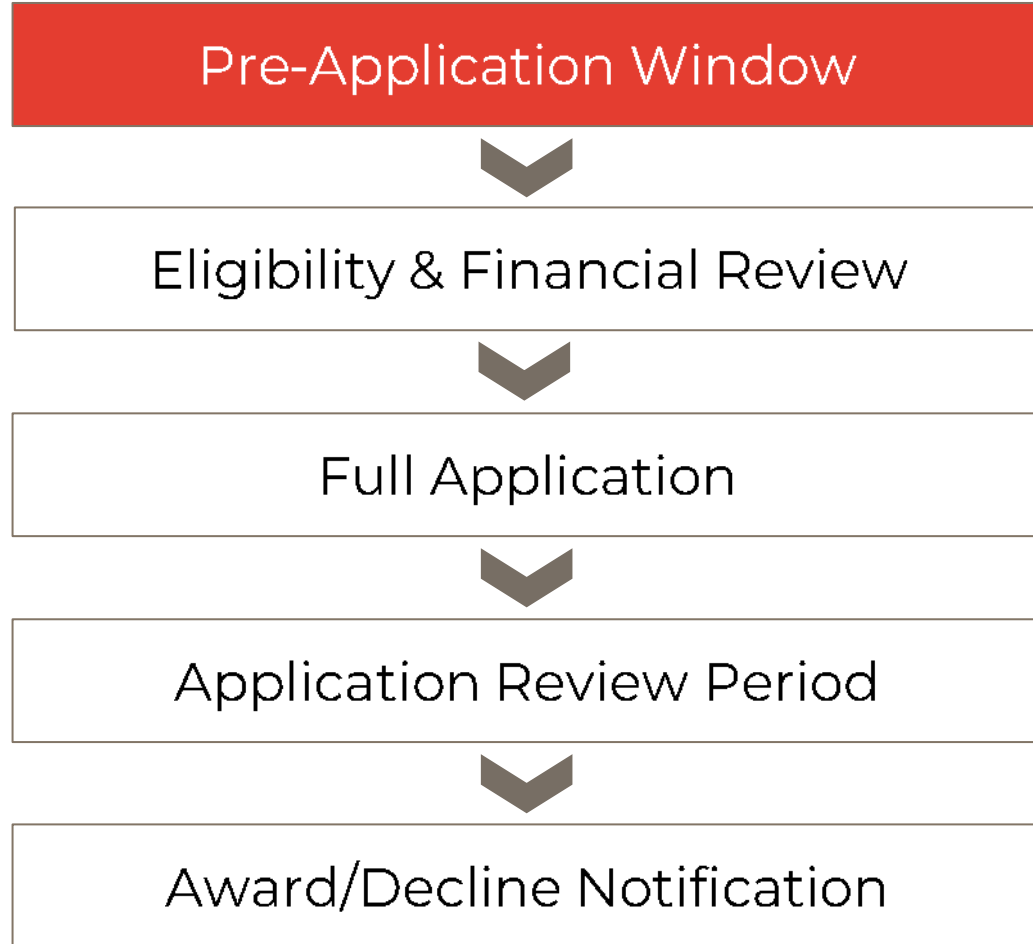
Catalyst Grants

Fueling Arts with Flexibility

TACA's Catalyst Grants provide vital unrestricted funding to arts organizations in Dallas County, empowering them to strengthen their operations, creativity, and impact. From salaries to programs, these grants give organizations the freedom to use funds where they're needed most.

With Catalyst Grants, we're investing in the future of Dallas' arts community – one transformative project at a time.

Process & Timeline



Pre-Application Deadline:

Friday, October 17, 2025, by 11:59 p.m. CT
Required step for all applicants

Eligibility & Financial Review

Monday, October 20, 2025, to Friday,
February 27, 2026

Full Application Period:

Monday, February 23, 2026, to Wednesday,
March 25, 2026

Review Period:

Monday, March 30 – Thursday, May 28

2026 Cycle Application Notifications:
Friday, May 29**

New Applicants

- Workforce, Volunteer & Board Member demographics
- Current Board Member List
- Personnel Expenses
- Upcoming Programming Information (Template [>>HERE<<](#))
- Past Programming
- Financial Information
 - P&L Statement
 - Balance Sheet
 - Budget

Returning Applicants

- Current Board Member List
- Upcoming Programming Information (Template [>>HERE<<](#))
- Financial Information
 - P&L Statement
 - Balance Sheet
 - Budget

For a full description of each criterion, please consult the [Grant Guidelines](#).

Who are the Reviewers?

Reviewers are comprised of civic leaders, arts professionals, artists, community and corporate volunteers, arts advocates, and others with arts expertise.

This year, applications will be spread across four different review panels.

Reviewer Observations

- Reviewers observe in-person/virtual performances, exhibits, and programming by applicants.
- Submitting programming during the pre-application stage helps reviewers attend your programs.
- We cannot guarantee which programs reviewers will attend. However, the more information you share, and the more opportunities they have to see your organization in action, the better they can understand and evaluate your application.

60% Artistic Merit & Impact
(Includes observations)

25% Community Access & Inclusion

15% Fiscal & Organizational Health

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Demo Time

Application Portal: [Survey Monkey Apply](#)

Key Dates

Pre-Application Window



Eligibility & Financial Review



Full Application



Application Review Period



Award/Decline Notification

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Any Questions?

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Thank You!

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