



TACA Pop-Up Grant Guidelines

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GRANT PURPOSE

TACA Pop-up Grants are unrestricted grants intended to celebrate and reward local arts organizations for quality programming that demonstrates exceptional creativity and innovation. These grants enable TACA to award merit-based funding more frequently and raise the visibility of and reward artistic work happening in the community.

FUNDING CRITERIA

Through Pop-Up Grants we are looking to fund nonprofit 501(c)3 arts organizations or fiscally-sponsored arts organizations based in Dallas County that are producing or presenting educational, community or artistic programming – live, virtually or using other mediums – that demonstrate exceptional quality, creativity & innovation, and accessibility & inclusion. Programming may include:

Educational Programming

Programming that seeks to inform, educate or develop skills in a set of participants or viewers (*examples include classes, workshops, etc.*)

Community Programming

Programming that seeks to meet the needs of or provide a service to the broader community or a particular subset (*examples include panel discussions, interviews/podcasts, etc.*)

Artistic Programming

Programming that seeks to advance and fulfill an organization's artistic mission and purpose (*examples include virtual/indoor/outdoor performances or art installations/exhibits*)

NOMINATION PROCESS

Pop-Up Grants will be determined through a nomination process, rather than an open-call application process. TACA has selected a group of 35 anonymous local volunteers to nominate arts organizations with programming that meets our funding criteria. Nominators include TACA board members, artists, arts managers and experts, and community leaders, and represent a broad range of artistic/cultural viewpoints and racial/ethnic diversity. Nominations are reviewed the TACA Resiliency Committee that will recommend grant awards.

PROGRAMMING SUBMISSIONS

Although there is no application process, arts organizations that meet the funding criteria may provide details about upcoming eligible programming for potential consideration via a submission form. Submitted programs/events will be reviewed for eligibility by TACA Staff and forwarded to Pop-up Grant nominators on a regular basis. To submit a program, [please click here](#).

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AWARD ADMINISTRATION

The TACA Resiliency Committee will recommend grant awards monthly based on nominations submitted by the Pop-Up Grant nominators and their adherence to the funding criteria. Organizations who receive grant awards will be notified by the end of each month. Grant awards will be made via ACH Direct Deposit, unless a check is specifically requested.

KEY DATES

August 2020

Review Period: July 1 to August 23
Nomination Deadline: Sunday, August 23
Grant Announcement: Friday, August 28

September 2020

Review Period: August 24 to September 20
Nomination Deadline: Sunday, September 20
Grant Announcement: Friday, September 25

October 2020

Review Period: September 21 to October 25
Nomination Deadline: Sunday, October 25
Grant Announcement: Friday, October 30

November 2020

Review Period: October 26 to November 15
Nomination Deadline: Sunday, November 15
Grant Announcement: Friday, November 20

December 2020

Review Period: November 16 to December 13
Nomination Deadline: Sunday, December 13
Grant Announcement: Friday, December 18

January 2021

Review Period: December 14 to January 24
Nomination Deadline: Sunday, January 24
Grant Announcement: Friday, January 29

February 2021

Review Period: January 25 to February 21
Nomination Deadline: Sunday, February 21
Grant Announcement: Friday, February 26

March 2021

Review Period: February 22 to March 21
Nomination Deadline: Sunday, March 21
Grant Announcement: Friday, March 26

April 2021

Review Period: March 22 to April 25
Nomination Deadline: Sunday, April 25
Grant Announcement: Friday, April 30

May 2021

Review period: April 26 to May 23
Nomination Deadline: Sunday, May 23
Grant Announcement: Friday, May 28

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Can my organization submit more than one program via the Program/Event Submission Form?

Yes. Eligible organizations can submit as many programs as they would like if they believe that the programs meet TACA's Funding Criteria.

Can my organization receive more than one Pop-Up Grant?

Yes. An organization can receive a Pop-Up Grant for any unique program that is nominated and selected by the Resiliency Committee. We will not fund the same program with multiple Pop-Up Grants.

My organization has a program that spans over the course of several months—it's not a one-time event. Is this type of program eligible to be considered?

Yes. Both short-term and longer-term programs are eligible to be considered for Pop-Up Grants.

How many grants does TACA plan to give each month?

There is no grant quota for each month. Generally, TACA is looking to fund about two organizations each month with grants up to \$2,000 per organization.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding Pop-Up Grants, please email Greg Oertel, Programs & Marketing Manager, at greg.oertel@taca-arts.org



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