



## **NORTH CAROLINA REGIONAL ARTIST PROJECT GRANT**

### **Guidelines & Application FY16**

**DEADLINE:** Friday, October 23, 2015

**FUNDING PERIOD:** December 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

#### **WHAT WE FUND**

Regional Artist Project Grant funds are intended to provide financial support to a broad range of exceptionally talented visual, performing, literary and inter-disciplinary artists by funding a project that will have a significant impact on the advancement of their professional artistic career. The applicant may be an emerging or established artist and as a general rule should have completed some basic education in his/her art form. A deserving applicant will have a strong record of artistic accomplishment appropriate to the stage of his/her career. Regional Artist Project Grants are intended to fund a particular project that will conclude by June 30, 2016. While no specific limits have been established, awards may range from \$500 - \$1,000. Applicants may receive full or partial funding.

#### **WHO MAY APPLY**

Individual artists and small, unincorporated groups of collaborating artists are eligible to apply. Artist groups must have a formal partnership that furthers their careers in order to qualify. A jazz quartet, a dance duo or a visual artist partnership are examples of qualifying groups. Applicants must currently reside **Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson and Macon** counties and must have maintained residency in one of these counties for one year immediately preceding the application date. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and cannot be currently enrolled in a degree or certificate program. Previous award winners cannot apply in consecutive years.

#### **EXAMPLES OF FUNDABLE PROJECTS**

- ✓ **Promotion/Presentation:** the cost of producing a demonstration tape for a composer, a video demonstration tape for a choreographer, a portfolio for a visual artist, editorial assistance for a writer, website costs, etc,
- ✓ **Travel:** costs for transportation, lodging and food associated with a specific art-related workshop, retreat or seminar,
- ✓ **Completion/Production:** the cost of purchasing materials for the completion of a significant new work of visual art, or the cost of renting a facility for the public presentation of a new play,
- ✓ **Training:** advanced study or coaching that will enhance the artist's abilities,
- ✓ **Equipment:** the cost of purchasing a kiln for a potter or digital equipment for a photographer.

#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

- ✓ **Artistic excellence** of the applicant's artwork and demonstration of exceptional talent,
- ✓ **Professional** commitment to art form,
- ✓ **Contribution** of the proposed project to the advancement of the applicant's professional artistic development,
- ✓ **Feasibility** of the proposed project.



## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted to the Jackson County Arts Council Office :

**Jackson County Library Complex 310 Keener St. Sylva, NC 28779**

All completed Regional Artist Program Grant applications will be judged by discipline-based artists and art educators on the criteria listed above. A multi-county panel comprised of professional artists, art educators/administrators and arts advocates reviews the applications, votes on whether or not to fund, and allocates funds for selected projects. Grant recommendations will be approved by the Board of Directors of the Jackson County Arts Council. **Incomplete applications will not be presented to the panel. Late applications will not be accepted.**

## INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

Contact the Jackson County Arts Council via email at [RAPG@jacksoncountyarts.org](mailto:RAPG@jacksoncountyarts.org) for information regarding workshops or assistance with your application. Grant writing workshops have been scheduled to assist you with your application- see the website for details.

The Regional Artist Project Grant Program is administered by the Jackson County Arts Council with grant support from the North Carolina Arts Council, the Arts Councils of western NC and through private contributions. For more information contact [rapg@jacksoncountyarts.org](mailto:rapg@jacksoncountyarts.org) or your local arts organization below.

Cherokee County Arts Council  
PO Box 1524  
Murphy, NC 28906  
[www.cherokeeartsCouncil.org](http://www.cherokeeartsCouncil.org)  
828-361-9584

Jackson County Arts Council  
310 Keener St.  
Sylva, NC 28779  
[www.jacksoncountyarts.org](http://www.jacksoncountyarts.org)  
828-587-2787

Stecoah Valley Arts, Crafts & Educational  
Center, Inc.  
121 Schoolhouse Road  
Robbinsville, NC 28771  
[www.StecoahValleyCenter.com](http://www.StecoahValleyCenter.com)  
828-479-3364

Clay County Historical & Arts Council.  
PO Box 5  
Hayesville, NC 28904  
[www.clayhistoryarts.org](http://www.clayhistoryarts.org)  
828-389-6814

Haywood County Arts Council  
PO Box 306  
Waynesville, NC 28786  
[www.haywoodarts.org](http://www.haywoodarts.org)  
828-452-0593

Art League of Highlands Cashiers  
[www.artleaguehighlands-cashiers.com](http://www.artleaguehighlands-cashiers.com)  
Pat Calderone 706-746-5540  
[calderonegallery@gmail.com](mailto:calderonegallery@gmail.com)



– REGIONAL ARTIST PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION –

**A. APPLICANT ATTACHMENTS (DO NOT STAPLE YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS)**

*Applications without **all attachments** are considered incomplete and will not be eligible.*

**Applicant Data & Certification**

**Project Budget**

**Narrative** No more than 2 (two) 8.5X11” pages including: a description of your project, the amount you are requesting, the goals of your project, how this will advance your artistic career, and how you will evaluate your success.

**Artistic Resume** – Include education, employment, exhibitions, performances, publications, commissions and honors

**References (OPTIONAL)** – Letters of Reference are not required but are preferred. All Letters of Reference should be on letterhead and signed. You may provide not more than three letters. (4 copies).

**Work Samples** – You must submit current work sample. Your work sample should pertain to your grant request. For example, if your project relates to fiction, submit a sample in the genre. You may submit reviews, programs, catalogs and:

**Visual arts:** between 5 and 15 images of your work (images may be submitted on CD-ROM, DVD or thumb drive). All images must be accompanied by a description sheet that includes the date of completion, medium and size of work. Do not submit as a power point presentation. Please submit a CD, DVD or thumb drive.

**Dance:** copy of recorded performance (video, cued to 5 minute clip). Please submit on DVD.

**Drama:** copy of recorded performance (audio or video, cued to 5 minute clip). Please submit on DVD.

**Playwright:** not more than 12 pages of manuscript. You may include a copy of a recorded performance (audio or video, cued to 5 minute clip). Please submit on CD or DVD.

**Music:** a copy of up to three recorded performance (audio or video, cued to no more than 5 minute clips). Please submit on CD or DVD.

**Literature:** not more than 12 pages of manuscript (on a CD/DVD in .doc format)

**Composers:** not more than 3 sample scores (1 copy only) and recorded performance (audio, 5 minute clip).

For video, audio and DVD work samples please provide a brief description of each work sample including the date & location of performance, title of piece, name of artist performing, name of creator, composer, choreographer, etc. Please indicate if the work sample was professionally mastered DVDs, CDs, and thumb drives will NOT be returned to the artist.



**PLEASE NOTE: The Jackson County Arts Council is NOT responsible for any ORIGINAL artwork submitted.**

**B. APPLICANT DATA & CERTIFICATION**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Residence in this County: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

*The information contained in this application, including all attachments and supporting materials is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that, though all appropriate care will be taken with any work samples submitted to support this application, the Regional Artist Project Grant Program cannot be responsible for possible damage to those materials.*

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

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**C. PROJECT BUDGET**

Your project budget must include expenses and sources of income (including the grant amount requested and any matching funds).

**EXPENSES**

Description	Total Amount	Amount grant would pay	Amount you would pay
<b>Expense Total:</b>			

**INCOME**

Description of Income Source	Amount
<b>Income Total:</b>	