Vital Arts Artist Displacement Prevention Grant
Frequently Asked Question

1. To qualify for the Artist Displacement Prevention Grant, you must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be an active Artist, Culture Worker, or Cultural Producer working in Alameda, County.
- Applicants must be able to provide examples or materials/media to support their artist qualification.
- Applicant must be in need of funds that would stem immediate displacement and/or help alleviate the possibility of displacement.

2. How often can I apply for and receive the grant?

- Applicants may apply for each open round. The ADPG grant program is open twice a year.
- Artists who have received a grant the previous year are ineligible for the following year. Artists are eligible to apply again two years after funding.
    - i.e. if an applicant receives a grant in 2024, they may not reapply until 2026

3. I am having problems with the application or have questions about its accessibility.

Please email us at info@vitalarts.org or give us a call at 415-228-0281, and we will return your call as soon as possible. Be sure to leave us information on how to reach you best. If you require assistance filling out the grant application, a Vital Arts staff member will gladly assist you.

4. How do I know if I'm an artist?

For the purpose of this grant only, Vital Arts considers Artists, Cultural Workers, and Cultural Producers to be any person who practices the creative arts and is recently active or actively involved in their artistic practice. You will use the application to upload three work samples and links to your work to demonstrate that you are or have been a practicing Artist, Culture Worker, or Cultural Producer.

Please see our list of disciplines:

ELIGIBLE ART DISCIPLINES

- Visual Art
- Media Art
- Sound Art
- Music
- Video/Film
- Performance Art
- Dance
- Theatre
- Fibers and crafts
- Social Practice
- Sculpture Installation
- Interdisciplinary
- Folk and Traditional Arts

If you have any hesitation, please send us an e-mail at info@VitalArts.org or call us at 415-228-0281.

5. I work in the arts, do I still qualify?

The ADPG program is only open to those in artistic practice, including Cultural Workers and Cultural Producers. Working in the larger arts economy does not disqualify you. If you feel you qualify for the grant due to the nature of the way you work in the arts, please use the application to upload your work samples so we can evaluate your situation.

6. I don't have an address, but I live in Alameda County, do I still qualify?

Yes! Please provide an address where you can receive mail within one of the eligible counties. If you do not have a reliable mailing address, please let us know the city and county where you are generally residing.

7. What is considered displacement?

Displacement is the forced or involuntary relocation of residents. The Artist Displacement Grant prioritizes those in immediate threat of displacement. The grant will also prioritize recipients who have been historically underrepresented. Vital Arts considers the threat of displacement as covering the following issues:

- Short-term eviction
- Loss of shelter or living space
- Inability to cover back rent
- Fees being charged by a landlord or main leaseholder that the artists cannot pay
- The threat of impending eviction

8. How much will I receive, and when will I be notified?

Grants are for $2500 per grantee.
You will receive a notification by email that your grant application has been received.
Applicant will receive an award notification update on or after the grant deadline

9. When will I be paid if awarded?
If awarded, the applicant will receive funds by check or ACH deposit within two business weeks of award notification.

10. How can I apply for the grant?
You can visit our website grant portal at https://www.vitalarts.org/adpg

11. Do you offer assistance in Spanish?

Yes, if you know an applicant who cannot fill the application out in English, we offer a Spanish application and direct assistance. Please contact Maryela Perez at maryela@vitalarts.org or by calling 415-228-0281 x801, and we will set up a time to meet with the applicant.