

(FAQ) – 2025 Arts United Grant

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Q: Who is eligible to apply for the grant?

Applicants must work or reside within the Harbor Area (District 15). If you have a studio or do your art work in the area, you are eligible, even if you live elsewhere.

Q: What types of projects are eligible?

All activities, projects, or events must take place within the San Pedro Arts and Culture District. Projects must start after grant approval and be completed by January 31, 2026.

Q: What is the application deadline?

Applications are due by August 3rd at 11:59pm. Submissions after midnight will not be accepted.

Q: How much funding can I request, and what is the matching requirement?

You may request up to two-thirds of your total project budget from Arts United. You are responsible for matching at least one-third of the total budget. Matching funds can come from other grants, fundraising, in-kind donations, or pledges.

Q: Do I need to have the matching funds in hand when I apply?

No, you do not need to show proof of funds, but you must have a clear plan for how you will raise or secure the matching amount.

Q: Can I use the grant to reimburse a project that has already started?**

- No. Projects must begin after grant approval and be completed within the specified timeframe.

Q: What are some common mistakes to avoid in the application?

- Double-check your contact information (email, phone, mailing address).
- Do not upload zipped files; ensure all files are accessible or shared and within size limits.
- Follow formatting instructions for all uploads.
- Pay attention to word and page limits for written sections and resumes.

Q: What is required in the application?

Statement of interest, project description, resume (max 4 pages), media files (2-5), and a detailed budget using the provided template.

Q: What is the timeline for funded projects?

Projects must be completed by January 31, 2026. If your project will occur after this date, consider applying for the next grant cycle.

Q: What reports are required if I receive funding?

- An interim report is due midway through the project.
- A post-project report upon completion (required to receive final payment).

Q: How are applications evaluated?

A scoring rubric will be used by a panel to evaluate each proposal submitted. Criteria include artistic/cultural significance, community engagement, feasibility, creativity/innovation, and clarity of presentation.

Q: Can curatorial projects or open calls be funded?

Curatorial projects are less commonly funded, especially if there is overlap with other local open calls. If proposing an open call, consider including artist compensation in your budget.

Q: Can administrative costs be included in the budget?

Up to 15% of the requested budget can be allocated for project overhead fees.

Q: Who reviews the applications?

A panel is assembled to review applications. Panelist names are not disclosed to avoid conflicts of interest.

Q: Where can I find the application and resources?

Visit artsunitedsp.org, go to "Requests for Proposals," and select the 2025 grant. Resources and templates are available on the website as well.

Q: Who can I contact for help?

Reach out to Lex Motley (alexis@artsunitedsp.org) for questions or assistance with the application process.