

Scoring Criteria: Operating Support FY2024

Artistic Quality & Merit, 34% of total score

- The organization has a clear, meritorious mission that is focused clearly and solely on the arts.
- The organization shows evidence of high artistic standards in its activities.
- The organization demonstrates artistic growth in recent years.
- The organization contributes to the artistic development of the respective art form and/or audience.

Commitment to the Community, 22% of total score

- The organization assesses the community's needs and responds to those needs to the benefit of the community.
- There is evidence of ongoing support from the community in terms of financial contributions, the contribution of volunteered time or materials, and attendance at projects or events.
- The applicant identifies the underserved and/or underrepresented groups in their community and attempts to reach one or more of those groups to enable them to participate in their activities.
- The applicant is making an effort in regard to ADA accessibility.

Organizational Stability & Management, 22% of total score

- The board of directors' members and practices enable it to operate effectively.
- Staff and other paid or volunteer personnel, especially the main staff person (or president, if no staff) and the person responsible for finances, are qualified.
- The organization has an effective marketing plan.
- The organization shows that it has the capacity to accomplish its work and continue long-term.
- Good planning practices are implemented in the organization's regular activities.
- There is evidence of sound fiscal management and financial information reflects a variety of income sources.

Impact, 22% of total score

- The organization has identified how these funds would increase its capacity and long-term stability.
- The organization has identified how these funds would allow them to challenge and stretch their organization while building on their mission and programming.
- The applicant has identified specific proposed changes to take place as a result of this funding and a plan to measure or prove whether those changes have taken place.