

2027 Queens Arts Fund

New Work & Arts Access Grants



About the Queens Arts Fund

QAF offers project-based grants to Queens-based artists, artist collectives, and small non-profit organizations to support the local production of artwork and cultural programs that highlight, engage, and bolster the diverse communities of the Queens borough. **Applications are open now until Tuesday, November 17, 2026.**

The Queens Arts Fund is supported in part by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, Greater New York Arts Development Fund, in partnership with the City Council.

New Work Grant: Overview

The New Work Grant supports emerging individual artists and artist collectives of all artistic disciplines in their creation of new work. "New Work" is defined as work that has not been produced or presented to an audience before.

Applicants may submit grant requests ranging from \$3,000 to \$7,500.



Kaylah Sambo (QAF New Work '26), "Grandma and Grandpa in their living room," 2025, photography

Applicant Eligibility

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Individual artists who live in Queens or who have a full-time studio lease in Queens.
- Artist collectives or collaborations where the lead applicant resides in Queens.
- Artists working in any artistic discipline.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age by December 31, 2026.



Arts Access Grant: Overview

The Arts Access Grant supports community-based organizations and collectives in their efforts to produce public arts and cultural programs in all artistic disciplines that bolster the cultural vibrancy of the Queens communities and neighborhoods where they are located and operate.

Applicants may submit grant requests ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000.



Applicant Eligibility

WHO CAN APPLY?

- 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations that are based in Queens.
- Unincorporated artist collectives where the lead applicant resides in Queens.
- Must have an operating budget of less than \$100,000 in at least two of the last three years.
- The organization or collective applying must have existed for at least one year.
- Lead applicants must be at least 18 years of age by December 31, 2026.



Funding Priority

The review process takes place from November 2026 to February 2027. Priority will be given to artists whose primary mission is to provide arts and cultural programs at the community level in Queens as well as (in no particular order):

- Artist-driven projects that are collaborative between artists and/or organizations
- Cultural activities that provide cultural access for under-resourced communities
- Cultural traditions and/or contemporary creative expression of cultural ethnicity
- Projects that demonstrate uniqueness/non-duplication of comparable existing programs in the same geographical area
- Geographic diversity and distribution across neighborhoods throughout Queens

NYFA defines “community” as a group defined by any of the following: geographic area, culture, art form, race, sexuality and/or socio-economic status.

Panel Nomination Form

We are looking for artists, cultural workers, educators, and community leaders who are familiar with Queens to serve as panelists. This could be yourself, a colleague of yours, or anyone else you think might be a good fit!

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Thank You!

Questions?

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