



ARTS COUNCIL  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

## INDIVIDUAL ARTIST GRANT PROGRAM

### Frequently Asked Questions

*How much money is available?*

The Arts Council has \$40,000 available for the 2017 Individual Artist Grant program. An artist may apply for up to \$3000. Grant awards are based on scoring by a panel.

*Who can apply?*

Any experienced artist, age 18 or older and a resident of Hillsborough County for two years at the time of application. The artist must be able to show their accomplishments/ experience through public performance, exhibitions or publication **during the past two years**. Fulltime arts faculty in higher education and students pursuing any degree are not eligible.

*I'm a writer. Are only visual artists eligible?*

No. We welcome applications from a wide range of artistic disciplines such as theatre, visual, dance, music, literary, media and folk art.

*I received an Arts Council grant years ago. Can I apply again?*

Artists who received an Individual Artist grant in 2014, 2015 or 2016 from the Arts Council of Hillsborough County are not eligible to apply during the 2017 grant cycle. In addition, artists who have already received two artist grants from the Arts Council is ineligible.

*What kinds of things will the grant pay for?*

Examples of what we reimburse are expenses such as equipment, fees, supplies, services, certain travel expenses, or residencies relative to the project outlined in the grant application. See the grant Guidelines document for more specific details.

*Is there a matching financial requirement?*

There are no matching requirements but the grant cannot be your only source of funding the project.

*How do I apply?*

Go to [www.TampaArts.com](http://www.TampaArts.com) > Our Grants tab > Individual Artist Grants Program. Download and read the Guidelines which provide detail about the eligibility requirements. Complete and submit the application form that is available in the same location. It's important that you describe your proposed project as clearly as you can and how it will help you develop your career or take your work to a new level.

*Can I submit two different grants at the same time?*

No.

*Who decides who receives a grant?*

The grants are reviewed by a panel of professionals with experience in the arts. We select the panelists based on their overall knowledge of the arts, their backgrounds and familiarity with grant-making.

*How are grant applications scored?*

The panelists score each grant application based on the quality of the work sample and the answers written in response to the application questions. A total of 200 points are possible but in order to be considered for funding, the applicant must receive at least 160 points. A score of 160 or higher does not guarantee funding. The work samples you choose should be a reflection of your artistic achievement as it is worth up to 100 points. The other 100 points is based on:

- Clearly defined, realistic and attainable goals of the proposal
- How the proposal might be
- Reasonability - realistic budget and timeline for the proposal
- Accomplishments, work and education record

*When can I get my grant money?*

These grants are reimbursement-based. Grantees must submit the receipts for their expenses in order to be reimbursed. Expenses must be related to the proposal and incurred after March 1 and before Sept. 15. In some situations, a grantee may submit a bill from a vendor and the Arts Council will pay the vendor directly on the artist's behalf.

*Do I have to submit reports on my proposal?*

All grant recipients must submit a final report at the conclusion of their project or before end of the grant period.