



2016 ARTISTS UP / Grant LAB Guidelines

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DEADLINE

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 - 5 P.M. PST

BACKGROUND

The **Grant LAB** is a small funding program that is **testing new approaches to grantmaking**, all of which was informed by the opinions and experiences shared by *Artists Up* participants.

Artists Up is a collaborative effort by three funding agencies [Seattle Office of Arts, 4Culture, and Artist Trust] to improve and expand capacity and networks for artists in Seattle, King County, and Washington State. From 2012-2015, *Artists Up* offered networking and focus group sessions with artists of color to build relationships and understand how to better serve artists from all racial and ethnic backgrounds, with an emphasis on embracing both contemporary art forms and intangible cultural heritage and traditions.

PURPOSE

The Grant LAB is an experiment by Artists Up, offering cash awards of \$3,000 to Washington State artists working in all disciplines to enhance their creative process. Artists working in all art forms, from contemporary to traditional/cultural heritage, are encouraged to apply. Funded artists must offer a public presentation (exhibit, installation, performance, reading, or screening) and may include a talk, conversation, or workshop.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

\$3,000

NUMBER OF AWARDS

up to 18 awards

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

- Individual artist residing in Seattle, King County, or Washington State
- Must not have received more than \$1,600 from any one agency (the Seattle Office of Arts & Culture, 4Culture, and Artist Trust) in the past 2 years
- Must not have student status
- Applicants must be 18 years or older

SELECTION PROCESS

The Grant LAB is experimenting with new grantmaking approaches based on findings from our research. Three multidisciplinary review panels of artists and art leaders from around Washington state will review and determine grant recipients. The panelists will represent a range of art and/or cultural heritage/traditional art forms and geographic identities. Applicants will be asked to select one of three evaluation criteria:

- potential or demonstrated skill
- innovation/experimentation
- community engagement

Each panel will award up to six grants each.

TIMELINE

Notifications will be sent by December 2016. Awarded artists will sign an agreement with one of the Artists Up agencies. Agreements will require that artists complete a public presentation within a 12-18 month period. Payments will be issued in two installments.

WORKSHOPS

Applicants are encouraged to attend a workshop or listen to a webinar to learn about the application, review or contracting.

Webinar	Online - Click here to watch		
Seattle	6-7:30 p.m.	Monday, Sept. 12, 2016	Douglass-Truth Library
Kent	12 - 1 p.m.	Monday, Sept. 19, 2016	King County Library

CLICK HERE TO APPLY

THANK YOU

Thank you for experimenting with *Artists Up*! The Grant LAB will explore new approaches to grantmaking using an equity lens, strongly informed by our work with participants in *Artists Up* focus groups and events. [Learn more and connect with Artists Up.](#)

