



Greater Columbus
Arts Council

2012 Grant Guidelines

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Letter from the President

Dear GCAC Constituents:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of GCAC, I am pleased to introduce GCAC's updated 2012 Grant Guidelines.

GCAC's grants programs are primarily funded through a share in the City of Columbus' Hotel/Motel Bed Tax. After falling in 2009, the bed tax receipts rebounded in 2010 giving GCAC the opportunity to increase our budget for grants in 2011 by almost 15% to \$2.75 million. This increase allowed us to launch new support programs for individual artists and build new fellowship partnerships. That meant we provided almost 70 grants to arts and culture organizations and direct support to almost 50 individual artists.

We are excited to continue existing programs into 2012 with expanded funding in most categories and have some new programs on the horizon, such as Fellowship programs in Music and Playwrighting.

Many thanks to Mayor Michael B. Coleman and his staff along with the Columbus City Council for their leadership and continued strong support to GCAC and the Columbus arts and cultural community. We also appreciate the important support provided to GCAC by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Ohio Arts Council.

We hope that you find these updated Guidelines continue to be clear and easy to navigate. Our Grant Guidelines are not a static document—we review them annually to ensure we are responsive to the changing needs of the arts community and goals of our funders. As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Sincerely,



Milton D. Baughman
President

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Trying to find the sections that are best suited to you, your organization or activity?

We suggest everyone review **SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION** before you review additional sections.

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Section 5: Artists in the Community

Section 3: Project Support

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Appendix 2: Fiscal Agents

If you are an **ARTS ORGANIZATION** in the city of Columbus with **an annual budget less than \$500,000**:

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Section 4: BOOST (Broadening Organizations' Overall Skills and Technology)

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Appendix 5: Frequently Asked Questions: Arts Legal Assistance

If you are an **ARTS ORGANIZATION** in the city of Columbus with **an annual budget over \$500,000**:

Section 2: Operating Support

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If you are an **ARTS ORGANIZATION** outside of the city of Columbus, but within Franklin County:

Section 6: Franklin County Neighborhood Arts

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