

City of Reno Arts & Culture

2025 Equity Expansion Grants Information

SUMMARY:

The Equity Expansion Grant is intended to provide programmatic funding to eligible organizations that provide arts, culture, and heritage services. The grant prioritizes organizations historically facing social, financial, and/or geographic barriers. The grant prioritizes projects and activities that are by and for American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander, Black and African American, Hispanic and Latinx, LGBTQIA+, disabled, youth, seniors, and access-challenged communities.

La subvención de expansión de equidad (Equity Expansion Grant) tiene como objetivo proporcionar financiación programática a organizaciones elegibles que brinden servicios de arte, cultura y patrimonio. La subvención prioriza a las organizaciones que históricamente han enfrentado barreras sociales, financieras y/o geográficas. La subvención prioriza proyectos y actividades realizados por y para personas indígenas y nativos de Alaska, árabes y del Medio Oriente, asiáticos e isleños del Pacífico, comunidades con orígenes africanos y afroamericanos, hispanos y latinos, LGBTQIA+, con capacidades especiales, jóvenes, adultos mayores y comunidades con desafíos de acceso. Si desea asistencia o más información en español, comuníquese con el personal al bernerm@reno.gov.

Grant Amount

- Up to \$4,000

Applicant Eligibility

- Applicants must be 501(c)3 organizations based in Reno.
- This includes colleges, universities, public schools, libraries, and federally recognized tribes.
- Organizations that do not have 501(c)3 status may use a fiscal sponsor.
- The applicant organization must have at least one year of operating history in Reno.
- Organizations cannot apply for multiple Arts & Culture Grants for the same project. Each application must be distinctly unique. For example, if you are applying for an Arts & Culture Project Grant, your application for an Equity Expansion Grant must be for a different project with no overlap.
- [City of Reno map](#)

Funding may be used for:

- Education Programming (including demonstrations, lectures, and workshops)
- Entertainment Programming (including performances, events, festivals, and traditions)
- Public Art Programming (including exhibitions, materials, and artist fees)

Funding may not be used for:

- Hospitality Expenses (including food, beverages)
- Operating Expenses (including staff salary, rent, office equipment, or repairs)

- Competition Expenses (including scholarships, prizes, or grants)
- Activities with implicit religious content

Requirements

- Programming must be advertised, free, and accessible to the public.
- Programming must support and benefit under-served communities.
- Programming must occur within the City of Reno between January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.
- Applicants will be responsible for securing any appropriate public exhibition space and any permission or permits required regarding their proposal.

Submission

- Applicants must submit applications via [City of Reno Arts & Culture submissions page](#) according to the following deadlines:
- Deadline to apply for programming taking place between January 1 - April 30, 2025, is December 8, 2024 at 11 p.m.
- Deadline to apply for programming taking place between May 1 - August 30, 2025, is March 31, 2025 at 11 p.m.
- Deadline to apply for programming taking place between September 1 - December 31, 2025 is July 31, 2025 at 11 p.m.

Please note, organizations are only eligible to receive one Equity Expansion Grant per calendar year. If you apply and are denied, you are able to apply for a future date.

- Awardees will be required to submit a final report that includes a narrative of activities carried out, attendance/participation numbers, number of artists paid, and images of the activities carried out. The City of Reno also requires audience/participant surveys be completed. Survey questions will be provided by the City upon award of grants.

Questions: Christian Davies Arts + Culture Program Assistant, daviesc@reno.gov

If you would like assistance in Spanish, please contact staff at bernerm@reno.gov.*

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