Texas Women for the Arts (TWA), a program of the Texas Cultural Trust, is a statewide giving circle whose mission is to awaken and nurture the artist in every Texas child. Established in 2005, TWA unites the financial forces of Texas women in funding arts education programs throughout the state. Members will choose the recipients and allocate the funds at their annual meeting in the spring. We invite you to submit grant proposals through the Texas Cultural Trust website.

Applications open October 1 and must be RECEIVED by 5:00 pm CST on December 1.

CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

1. Applicants must be sponsored by current member of Texas Women for the Arts. Proposals must include the sponsor’s name and email. The Texas Cultural Trust does not assign sponsors to applications.*
2. Proposals must be submitted through the Texas Cultural Trust website. https://txculturaltrust.org/twa/grants/
3. Organizations are eligible for funding for no more than two (2) consecutive years. Applicants may reapply after a period of one (1) year.
4. The program must reflect the mission of Texas Women for the Arts, as stated above.
5. The Trust does not consider applications from individuals, businesses, or organizations that do not have 501 (c)(3) status with the following exceptions: religious organizations and city/county/state historical agencies.
6. Finalists will be notified the week of March 6, 2023 and asked to submit an electronic presentation (power point/video/digital report, etc.) by March 20, 2023, for distribution to the full membership for final voting. Videos may be no longer than two minutes in length; and power point presentations must be limited to 15 slides.
7. Top grantees may be invited to attend and accept their awards during the Texas Women for the Arts 2023 Annual Meeting. All grant awards will be announced at the meeting.
8. The interim or final reports for 2022 TWA Grant awards must be submitted prior to the 2023 application.
9. Texas Women for the Arts funding awarded in 2023 must be spent between June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024.
10. The purpose of the TWA grants are to directly fund programs that increase arts access. We do not fund programs that redistribute TWA grant funding, ie. regranting funds. Additionally, organizations receiving TWA funds agree to use the funding to fund programming provided by their organization.

*Please note that the Texas Cultural Trust is not responsible for connecting organizations with a sponsor.
PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

1. **Name and email of sponsoring Texas Women for the Arts member (required).**
2. Please complete the application using the online form located here: https://txculturaltrust.org/twa/grants/
3. **Organization name, contact person and title, address, phone, and email.**
4. **Eligibility documentation: 501(c)3 documentation, Federal EIN#**
5. **Brief summary of project for which funding is requested, including:**
   a. **Project purpose or vision**
   b. **Project need**
   c. **Project timeline, implementation, and plan for evaluation of results**
   d. **Project budget – Including the total program and project costs. TWA grants/executive committees will determine grant amounts.**
   e. **Organization capacity and project feasibility. Including the organization’s annual budget, community partnerships, and any additional funding or support.**
   f. **Uniqueness and innovation of program**
   g. **Location and demographics (income level and education level) of population served.**
6. **Is this a new program? How long has the program been in existence?**
7. **Funding must be used within one year from the date the grant is awarded. The average grant award may be from $1,000 and will not exceed $30,000.**
8. **Funding may only be used for the purpose of this project application.**
9. **Any amendments must be requested in writing prior to the end of the project.**

SCORING

**Artistic Quality 30 Points**

- Reflection of Texas Women for the Arts’ Vision
- Project innovation and creativity

**Capability 30 Points**

- Outside support and organizational funding
- Organizational management and capability
- Project planning, implementation, and evaluation

**Impact 40 Points**

- Population served
- Project impact

*Grantees must acknowledge the Texas Cultural Trust and Texas Women for the Arts on all materials associated with the recipient programs or projects. Grantees are also asked to include Texas Cultural Trust in mailing/email lists for news and updates on programs.*

**Submission through the Texas Cultural Trust website:** https://txculturaltrust.org/twa/grants/

A confirmation email will be delivered upon receipt of your application.