

CFSEM

Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

Inclusive Arts Fund

Virtual Information Session

Thursday, July 9
For Prospective Applicants

About the Inclusive Arts Fund

The Inclusive Arts Fund supports small to mid-sized arts and cultural organizations with operating budgets under \$2 million across Southeast Michigan through flexible grants designed to strengthen organizational capacity and expand access to arts and cultural experiences.

\$500,000

Total Funding Available

\$25,000

Grant Range

Note: Grants may be reduced
to \$15,000 upon review

~20 Awards

Number of Grants

Investing in arts and culture to strengthen communities across Southeast Michigan.

Inclusive Arts Fund vs. Community Grant Program

Inclusive Arts Fund

- Grants of \$25,000*
- Unrestricted funding
- Can be used for events
- Requires a recent 990
- Criteria for competitiveness is focused on access, inclusivity, and community need

Community Grants

- Grants between \$20,000-100,000
- Unrestricted funding but focused on six core focus areas
- Not for event sponsorships or one-time events
- Requires a recent audit
- Criteria for competitiveness is collaboration, leverage, sustainability, and regional impact

Fund Objectives



Increase Accessibility

Ensure affordable, high-quality arts experiences reach all corners of Southeast Michigan.



Boost Organizational Capacity

Enable growth in programs and operations for arts organizations of all sizes.



Community Engagement

Demonstrate strong community presence and meaningful engagement

Eligibility Requirements

✓ Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or have a fiscal sponsor with 501(c)(3) status
- Organizations based in Southeast Michigan (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair, or Livingston)
- Have an operating budget \$2 million and under
- Have arts and culture as a core part of their mission

✗ Who Is Not Eligible

- Schools, individuals, or municipalities
- Organizations with operating budgets over \$2 million
- Organizations who were awarded via the Inclusive Arts Fund in the most recent grant cycle
- The 11 organizations named by Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation receiving direct, yearly funding are not eligible



APPLICATION

Key Components

Narrative

This section should tell the cohesive story of who you are, why your organization is needed, who you serve, and what programs you offer.

Background

This section is to inform us of the type of arts organization you are, what counties you serve, and your operating budget. You will also be asked for organization data.

Supplement

This section is your opportunity to share any other relevant details you would like us to consider upon reviewing your application.

Application Questions

- What category best describes the activities for which funding is being sought?
- What activities will this funding support?
- Describe any key partnerships central to this request and the role those partners play.
- What need(s) does your organization fill in the community, and how do you know?

Application Questions

- If the mission of your organization is not focused on arts and culture, please explain how your organization advances arts and culture in your community (*not required*)
- Please describe your target population
- Please provide the number of people you serve annually and any demographic information you collect about this group.

Required Documents

- A Form 990 or 990 exemption
- Operating budget for the current year
- Grant Budget, how you would allocate the funds if awarded
- Current Board list
- Signed cover letter

- While not required, the most recent audited financial statement or a financial review for organizations that have them
- Note: If you are using a fiscal sponsor, we review these documents for both the applying organization and sponsor.

Review Criteria



Contribution to Community



Program Strength

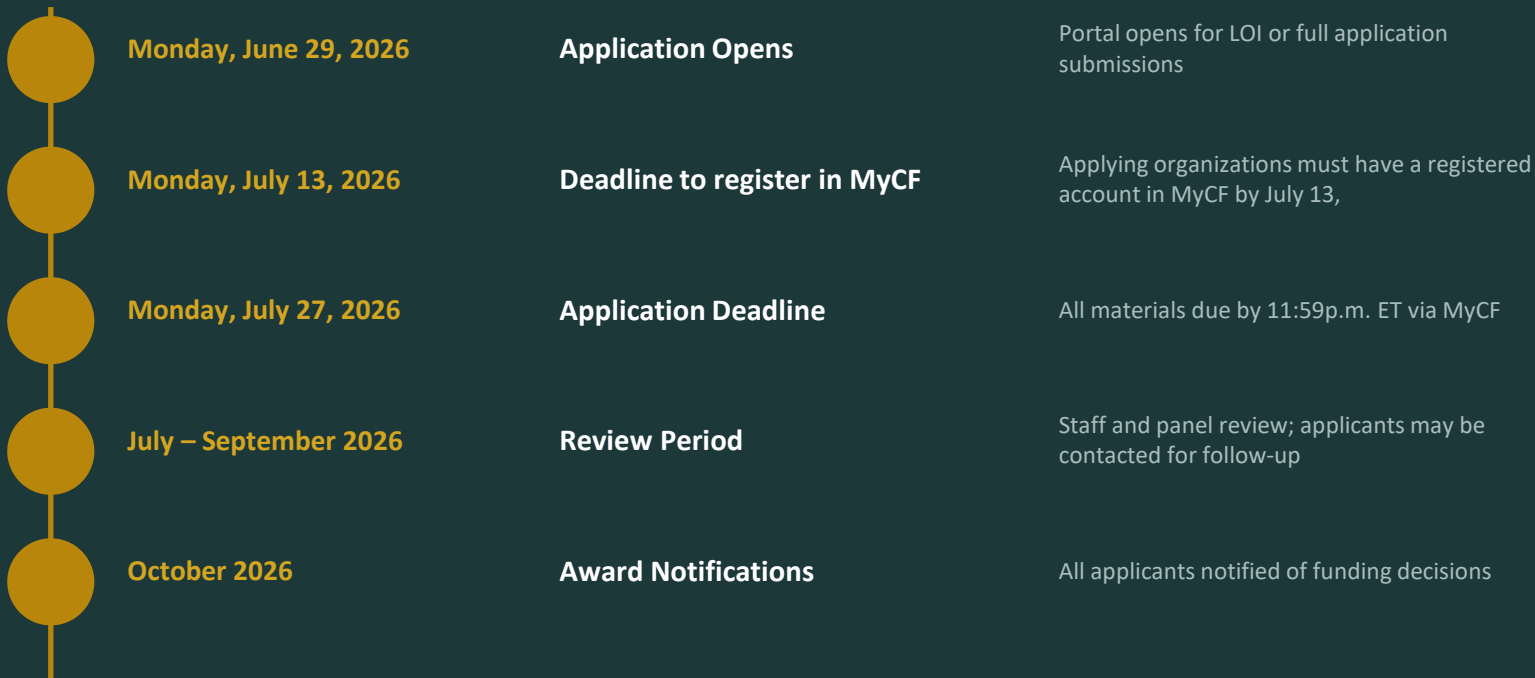


Organizational Capacity



Community Access

Application Timeline





Questions!

Please write in the chat or raise your hand and ask aloud.

We're Here to Help

Contact your CFSEM Program Officer for questions about the Inclusive Arts Fund:



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[Book time with Njeri Rutherford](#)

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