



Basic Operating Grants: An Overview 2024-2025

Description

Basic Operating Grants (BOGs) are designed to support arts and design nonprofit organizations in the greater High Point area. Funds are directly provided by the High Point Arts Council (HPAC) and are provided on an ongoing basis to support and strengthen the artistic and administrative functions of these organizations. We understand that basic operating support is difficult to come by in the nonprofit world, so HPAC would like to provide this grant opportunity to address a need in our community.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a nonprofit arts or design organization with a 501(c)(3) state and federal tax- exempt status that serves the greater High Point area.
- Must have 75% of programming be related to the arts and/or design.
- Must have consistently produced arts and/or design programs for a minimum of two years.
- Must provide current financial reports (updated yearly budget, most recent financial statement and balance sheet).
- Must maintain a board of directors which meets at least quarterly.
- Must have a board-approved long range plan.

Evaluation Criteria

Each application is reviewed by a committee of the HPAC. Each application is evaluated on the following areas (see BOG application form for narratives):

- Programming and Artistic Excellence
- Organization Stability
- Service and Community Engagement
- Respect, service, and commitment for HPAC's mission
- Financial Sustainability

Application Submission

Basic Operating Grant applications are due via email to director@highpointarts.org or in the office of the High Point Arts Council by 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2024. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. For more information, please email director@highpointarts.org.

Some selected applicants may be asked to give a short 15 minute presentation to the committee as a means to answer questions about their application from the committee. Recommendations from the committee are voted on at the next board meeting, and funding will be awarded to the selected grantees in November.

Distribution of Funding

The High Point Arts Council (HPAC) has a budget of \$40,000 to distribute for the 2024-2025 granting year. Knowing this, please be mindful of your request. An organization may not request greater than \$20,000.

We are hopeful for this support to grow in the future to be able to offer a greater impact. For reference, HPAC's fiscal year runs July 1 - June 30.

Timeline

Below you will find a breakdown of the timeline for the BOG process. Please note, this year the timeline has been pushed back; however, for next year we anticipate the BOGs to happen during their regularly scheduled time which is opening after Labor Day. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your flexibility.

Grant Application Stage	Date
BOG Applications Open	September 27, 2024
BOG Applications Close	October 21, 2024
BOG Committee Meets	Week of October 21st
Awardees are announced	November 6, 2024
Funding is awarded*	November 20, 2024

** Please note, funding is awarded in quarterly segments. For a breakdown of the quarterly award cycle of funding, please refer to the BOG Fund Agreement.*