

Vermont Arts Council Grants

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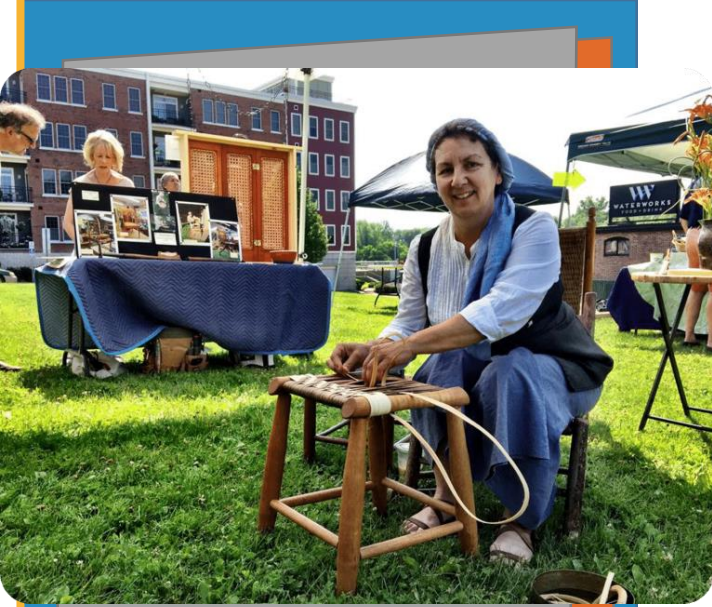
Vermont Arts Council

The Mission

To cultivate and advance the arts and creativity throughout Vermont.

The Vision

The Council envisions a Vermont where artists thrive, where creativity is at the heart of our communities, and where everyone has access to the arts in their lives and education.



Grantmaking

- Grants to artists, arts organizations, municipalities, schools, libraries, and other nonprofits
- Nine regular grant programs
- This year, we've distributed 244 grants (about 1.4 million dollars)
- Funding comes from the State of Vermont, the NEA, and private sources

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Grants for Public Libraries

- **Cultural Facilities** - capital improvements on existing buildings
- **Arts Project** - community arts programming
- **Creative Aging** - arts programming for older adults
- **Animating Infrastructure** – public art



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Wilder Club and Library

Cultural Facilities Grants

- To enhance, create, or expand the capacity of an existing building to provide cultural activities for the public
- From the State Capital budget; part of the “Building Communities” grant programs
- Maximum \$30,000; requires 1:1 match
- Deadline just passed last week; will reopen next winter again

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Arts Project Grants

- Supporting efforts to expand access to the arts and cultural activities for all Vermonters
- High priority on projects that address barriers to participation
- Maximum grant \$4,000; no match
- Deadline TOMORROW! 😊 It will reopen next winter



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Ripe to Write Group - Tunbridge

Creative Aging Grants

- Support organizations in providing skill-based activities that engage older adults in artistic creation and intentional social engagement
- Open for applications this fall for projects starting January 2026
- Maximum \$6,000; no match

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Trout installation, Bethel.
Artist: Mary Lacy

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Animating Infrastructure

Integration of public art into community infrastructure

- “Project pitch” letters due next April. Finalists invited for full proposal
- Design or Implementation Funds available. Max \$15,000



Support for Artists

- **Artist Development Grants** - small grant support career development
- **Creation Grants** - funding for the creation of new work
- **Assets for Artists** – professional development for artists

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Quahog Dance Theatre

VAC Grantseeking Pro Tips

- We want to talk to you
- Keep the criteria in mind
- Accessibility in all aspects is key
- Peer review panels
- We are always oversubscribed

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Besides the grants...

- Arts Calendar
- Vermont Creative Network
- E-news: resource round up



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Happy to talk anytime!

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