



Delaware County Arts Grants Panel Rubric

Panel Philosophy

The Delaware County Arts Grant Panel, consisting of members of the public with a background of artistic disciplines, education and community expertise, will meet to assess all Delaware County Arts Grants applications that are submitted with all required documents. The panel should approach this process not as gatekeepers of the grant, but rather as community-builders - working to grow the cultural community and offerings in Delaware County.

This rubric was designed to assist panelists in the decision-making process. Each of the four categories should be scored one to five. Five being of highest merit/competency in meeting the bullet and one being lowest.

There is also a score sheet to be used as a tool to help panelists note their scores in advance of the panel meeting and introduce the application to the rest of the panel. Panelists will still be asked their scores after discussion on each application is complete.

Rating	Descriptor	Strengths/Weaknesses
5	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong (model and standard for field or discipline with essentially no weaknesses)
4	Excellent	Very strong with some minor weaknesses
3	Good	Strong but with at least one moderate weakness
2	Fair	Some strengths but with at least one major weakness
1	Poor	Fails to meet most of the minimum requirements or expectations.

Considerations

- The goal of the panel is to say “yes”. If the panel chooses to not say yes, how can the application improve or be further supported/funded?
- If the project was previously funded does it exhibit further growth, artistic expansion, community support, and/or community need?
- Does the project duplicate an already existing and successful project/program?
- If partial funding is awarded, will this affect the integrity of the project/program?
- While outside financial support for a program shows strength in an application the only requirement for an applicant is they meet their match. The location, amount and repeated support by another funding source should not factor in the panels decision.



Community Arts (Score each bullet from 1 to 5. Each application should score between 4 and 20 total)

Program Merit (1-5)

- Program merit and quality of the proposed project; recognized artistic discipline; project/program focus is on the arts; qualifications of key artistic personnel; effectiveness of the artistic work/service and the impact it has on those experiencing it.

Community Benefit (1-5)

- Community benefit; service to a broad, unique, or under-served constituency/ demonstrated need for the project (community support and interest in the project): work/services, the effectiveness of the program in practice and the impact on the community served. The project contributions to the development of a vibrant arts and cultural community in the Delaware County.

Management (1-5)

- Appropriate budget for the project; clarity of goals and demonstrated ability to achieve them; adherence to the grant guidelines and funding priorities; clearly defined plan for the implementation and management of the program; qualifications of key administrative personnel

Funding Priorities (1-5)

- Creative Place-making: Creative place-making places artists and art at the center of planning, execution, and activity, animates public spaces, rejuvenates structures and streetscapes, creates a place where businesses want to be, initiating a response in commerce and public safety, and brings diverse people together to celebrate, inspire, and be inspired; New, emerging, and grass-roots organizations and artists; Projects that incorporate media arts; Projects that incorporate photography; Projects that incorporate dance.

Individual Artist (Score each bullet from 1 to 5. Each application should score between 4 and 20 total)

Artistic Merit (1-5)

- Artistic merit and quality of the proposed project; recognized artistic discipline; project/program focus is on the arts; qualifications of key artistic personnel

Artistic Benefit (1-5)

- Artistic benefit; the project helps to develop the artist's skills, the art form and the arts generally; the program assists in accessing materials, topics, partnerships or career opportunities including financial freedom to create; the effectiveness of the artistic work and the impact it has on those experiencing it.

Management (1-5)

- Appropriate budget for the project; clarity of goals and demonstrated ability to achieve them; adherence to the grant guidelines and funding priorities; clearly defined plan for the implementation and management of the program; qualifications of key administrative personnel

Funding Priorities (1-5)

- Creative Place-making: Creative place-making places artists and art at the center of planning, execution, and activity, animates public spaces, rejuvenates structures and streetscapes, creates a place where businesses want to be, initiating a response in commerce and public safety, and brings diverse people together to celebrate, inspire, and be inspired; New, emerging, and grass-roots organizations and artists; Projects that incorporate media arts; Projects that incorporate photography; Projects that incorporate dance.
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Creative Learning (Score each bullet from 1 to 5. Each application should score between 4 and 20 total)

Artistic Merit (1-5)

- Artistic merit and quality of the proposed project; recognized artistic discipline; project/program focus is on the arts; qualifications of key artistic personnel

Program Benefit (1-5)

- Class benefit; service to a broad, unique, or under-served constituency/ demonstrated need for the project; the effectiveness of the class in practice and its impact on the those served; The contribution that the program makes to the development of the participants involved, the art form, and the arts generally; the contribution the program make to the development of a vibrant arts and cultural community in Delaware County.

Management (1-5)

- Appropriate budget for the project; clarity of goals and demonstrated ability to achieve them; adherence to the grant guidelines and funding priorities; clearly defined plan for the implementation and management of the program; qualifications of key administrative personnel

Funding Priorities (1-5)

- Creative Place-making: Creative place-making places artists and art at the center of planning, execution, and activity, animates public spaces, rejuvenates structures and streetscapes, creates a place where businesses want to be, initiating a response in commerce and public safety, and brings diverse people together to celebrate, inspire, and be inspired; New, emerging, and grass-roots organizations and artists; Projects that incorporate media arts; Projects that incorporate photography; Projects that incorporate dance
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Delaware County Arts Grants Scoring Sheet.
Community Arts Grant

Application Title: _____

Applicant/Organization: _____

Previously funded: [] Yes [] No

If yes was the project successful: _____

Total Program Cost: _____

Delaware County Arts Grant Ask: _____

How Delaware County Arts Grants funds will be spent: _____

Other Notes: _____

Table with 3 columns: Category, Score 1-5, Notes. Rows include Program Merit, Community Benefit, Management, and Funding Priorities.

Total: _____ (This should be no less than 4 and no more than 20)

Legend table with 3 columns: Rating, Descriptor, Strengths/Weaknesses. Ratings range from 5 (Exceptional) to 1 (Poor).



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Delaware County Arts Grants Scoring Sheet. Individual Artist Arts Grant

Application Title: _____

Applicant/Organization: _____

Previously funded: Yes No

If yes was the project successful: _____

Total Program Cost: _____

Delaware County Arts Grant Ask: _____

How Delaware County Arts Grants funds will be spent: _____

Other Notes: _____

	Score 1-5	Notes
Project Merit		
Artist Benefit		
Management		
Funding Priorities		

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Delaware County Arts Grants Scoring Sheet.
Creative Learning Arts Grant

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Applicant/Organization: _____

Previously funded: [] Yes [] No

If yes was the project successful: _____

Total Program Cost: _____

Delaware County Arts Grant Ask: _____

How Delaware County Arts Grants funds will be spent: _____

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