

FOLKLIFE ARTIST GRANT

Supporting the work of folk artists and culture bearers



HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Folklife Artist Grant (FLA) from the Nevada Arts Council (NAC) supports traditional arts projects by folk artists and culture bearers. Eligible projects focus on the transmission of folk arts or traditions that are practiced, valued, and shared within culturally specific communities in Nevada.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Apprenticeships, mentorships, or small group learning activities focused on folk and traditional arts practices

All projects must be completed before June 30, 2021. Grant recipients must complete the Final Report online within 45 days of project completion or by June 30, 2021, whichever is first.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must talk with Folklife Program staff before applying and must meet the following requirements:

- Have U.S. citizenship or legal resident status
- Be at least 21 years old
- Be a current Nevada resident and have been in residence for at least one year prior to the date of the grant application
- Not be enrolled as a degree-seeking student
- Be an intermediate or advanced-level folk/traditional artist or cultural practitioner

Applicants may receive funding for one FLA per fiscal year and are limited to two consecutive years of funding in this category.

Folklife Artist grantees may receive the Professional Development Grant and up to two Arts Learning Express Grants (if eligible) in the same fiscal year but may not receive any other NAC grants during that fiscal year.

FLA FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

Please see the General Funding Restrictions on page 4 of the [FY21 GRANT POLICIES](#).

REVIEW PROCESS

This is a noncompetitive grant category. Full funding is awarded to eligible applicants throughout the year while funds remain available. For more information, please see the Grant Review Process on page 5 of the [FY21 GRANT POLICIES](#).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

At least 30 days before the proposed project (while funds remain available)

GRANT AMOUNT: Up to \$1,500 (no match required)

ELIGIBILITY SNAPSHOT

Individual, NV Resident, 21 years or older, non-student

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APPLICATION SUPPORT MATERIALS

All required materials must be submitted online with your completed application.

1. A copy of your valid Nevada Driver's License or ID (for proof of eligibility)
If you do not have a Driver's License/ID or if your NV Driver's License was renewed in the past 12 months, contact NAC staff to discuss other residency verification material
2. Résumés or Biographies for all participating artists (click [HERE](#) for details and samples of Artist Résumés and Biographies)
3. Artistic Quality Work Samples
 - Material Culture: Up to 10 photos and/or up to 2 videos (not to exceed 10 minutes total) showing artistic processes and finished objects
 - Oral Traditions/Performing Arts: Up to 4 audio or video files not to exceed 10 minutes total
4. Two Letters of Community Support
 - Written by (non-family) members of your community, master artists, or by representatives of cultural organizations with whom you have worked in the past
 - Each letter must clearly identify the writer and provide their contact information and their relationship to the artist(s), the project, and the community
 - Support letters should describe:
 - a. Why the project is significant in the cultural community that is represented
 - b. The participating artists' level of artistic excellence and experience with the art form (ALL participating artists, including apprentices, if applicable)
 - c. How the artists and the cultural community will benefit from the project
5. Confirmation Letter/Email (if applicable)
 - An email or letter from the master artist or apprentice confirming their participation in the project
6. Additional Support Material (optional)
 - Up to 5 additional items of your choice that strengthen your application such as marketing and publicity samples, news articles, event programs, link to artist's website, etc.

HOW TO APPLY

Please review the [FY21 GRANT POLICIES](#) before applying. Then complete application questions and submit all required support material online at: <https://nevadaartscouncil.submittable.com/submit>

Click [HERE](#) to access additional resources for NAC grant applicants including a guide to submitting applications online.