

Grant Evaluation Criteria & Scoring Arts and Health Grant (AHG)

Review of the application materials must focus on the following criteria:

Logistics.

- The application clearly states what will be done by whom, when and where things will take place, and how this project will happen both logistically and financially.
- The applicant indicates relevant metrics to measure their progress.

Artistic Vibrancy and Impact.

- Art is central to this project.
- The artist/artists will provide a positive and purposeful experience for the participants.
- This project provides access or engages underserved communities as identified by the NEA. Refer to the intended participants/audiences the applicant identified under “Logistics.”

Health Benefit and Impact

- The project addresses a health need/challenge and specifies how engaging with the arts* will improve health and quality of life for individuals and/or communities.
- Health and/or community partners are integral to the design and implementation of the project.
- For Health Projects: Evidence of integrating the arts as a healing modality – such as improving mood, social interactions, or physical function.
- For Public Health Projects: Describes how the arts and culture activities will address one or more of the social determinants of health (SDOH) to provide a community health benefit.

*These arts engagements are non-clinical experiences. They may have therapeutic outcomes but are not intended as treatment or to cure an illness.

Social determinants of health (SDOH) are the non-medical factors that influence health outcomes. They are the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life.

These forces and systems include economic policies and systems, development agendas, social norms, social policies, and political systems. The SDH have an important influence on health inequities - the unfair and avoidable differences in health status seen within and between countries.

For each application, assign a rating from the list of the following statements:

- 5: This application is excellent. I strongly recommend that this application advances in the selection process.
- 4: This application is good. I recommend that this application advances in the selection process.
- 3: This application is okay. I am unsure if this application should receive funding.
- 2: This application needs improvement. I recommend that this application does not receive funding.
- 1: I strongly recommend that this application does not receive funding.
- No rating- conflict of interest.