

# GRANTS FOR TEACHERS

## Information Session

2023-2024



ARTS  
*in*  
EDUCATION



*For Lafayette Parish public schools*

# PURPOSE



## AcA ARTS GRANTS FOR TEACHERS

To encourage teachers to design and develop artistically creative and innovative projects involving the visual and performing arts.



## United Way EDUCATION INNOVATION GRANTS

To support teachers and classrooms in their mission to create engaging, innovative and inclusive learning environments.

# Arts Grants for Teachers



## FOR **PROJECTS** THAT CAN...

- ❑ help develop understanding and appreciation of the arts
- ❑ complement other arts-related activities already implemented in the schools
- ❑ provide direct student involvement in the arts
- ❑ develop permanent arts resources
- ❑ integrate arts into other academic disciplines or provide support for teachers to become more proficient in the arts

# Education Innovation Grants

## THIS GRANT AIMS TO...



**empower educators** by providing them with the necessary

**resources, tools, and opportunities** to

**elevate their teaching practices** and

**enhance the overall classroom experience.**

# ELIGIBILITY

## WHO MAY APPLY

### ANY LAFAYETTE PARISH PUBLIC

- teacher
- librarian
- guidance counselor  
directly instructing  
children is eligible to  
apply

# AMOUNT\$ YOU MAY REQUEST



- ❑ **\$750** - individual teachers
- ❑ **\$1,500** - shared grants submitted by two or more teachers, either within a school or between schools (directly impact more than one class of students)
- ❑ **\$2,000** – projects that culminate in a performance or exhibit at Student Arts Expo (minimum of 3 participating teachers and classes)
- ❑ **\$1,000** - individual teachers
- ❑ **\$5,000** - shared grants submitted by two or more teachers, either within a school or between schools (directly impact more than one class of students)
- ❑ Up to **\$50,000** – grants that aim to support innovative projects that have to potential to make a lasting impact on an entire school

# 4 Arts Grants Categories



## #1 Art Works Grant

- ❑ **Involve** students in visual arts, dance, theatre, music, design, architecture/environmental arts, creative writing, media or folklife

(may include production, performance, organization and development)

TIP: Consider bringing in a teaching artist!

## #2 Integrated Arts Grant

- ❑ incorporate the arts into **academic instruction** (integrate them into literature, math, history, science and other curricula)

TIP: Consider bringing in a teaching artist!

## 4 Arts Grants Categories (continued)



### #3 Resource Grant

- ❑ develop **permanent arts resources**  
(such as fine arts reproductions, non-expendable equipment, films, books, etc., for an educational project, with an explanation of how the program will be implemented)

### #4 Training Grant

- ❑ provide teachers with arts education **training** by a recognized expert in an arts discipline  
(with an educational component to be implemented upon completion)



# Checklist...Additional Things You will Need

- ❑ statement of support from school principal
- ❑ statement of support from teaching artist (if applicable)
- ❑ information describing art resource materials to be purchased
- ❑ resumes of individuals working directly with students and paid through the grant budget  
(unless the artist is a current AcA's Teaching Artists)
- ❑ resumes or bios of teachers directly involved in instruction for this project

# GRANTS ARE **COMPETITIVE!**

Grants are reviewed by a panel, based on grant criteria

**No limit** on the number of applications per school or teacher.

Separate applications must be submitted for each project.

# EVALUATION CRITERIA ... 4 CATEGORIES

## #1 Approach - Weight 40%

- well-planned and designed project proposal
- expertise of educators and artists
- realistic timeframe

## #2 Educational & Artistic/Academic Relevance - Weight 20%

- importance of proposed project
- impact on teacher practice and student understanding
- connection to curriculum
- artistic merit of proposed project

# EVALUATION CRITERIA ... 4 CATEGORIES

## #3 Budget - Weight 20%

- ❑ appropriate request level and use of funds

## #4 Results - Weight 20%

- ❑ impact (large or small) for students
- ❑ plans for increased access, participation and exposure to the arts for students

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ❑ recurring and/or traditional school productions and exhibitions are ***not generally eligible***
- ❑ salaries for school administrative or teaching staff ***are not eligible***
- ❑ ***Art Works Grants and Integrated Arts Grants*** projects must allow for contact between the artist(s) and students during regular school hours (May request special permission for some projects)
- ❑ artists ***may not*** be used to fill teacher vacancies
- ❑ the teacher ***must be present*** at all times during grant activities
- ❑ the project and any resulting materials become the property of the Lafayette Parish School System

## MORE IMPORTANT INFO

- ❑ do not request more funds than the grant guidelines allow
- ❑ “Other Contributions” section in the budget page is a significant factor in the grant review process
- ❑ the decision process takes approximately one to three months
- ❑ the **grant review panel** consists of administrators, educators, artists and community members
- ❑ some grants may require budget adjustments
- ❑ panel may suggest partial funding after consultation with the applicant to determine that viability of the grant can be maintained
- ❑ keep copies of your completed application for your school and yourself to use as a guideline throughout the project

# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Funding Cycle:** November 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024

**Application Deadline:** September 29, 2023

(by 4:30pm via online application)

**Notification Date:** End of October

**Ready to Apply?!**

Applications are open now for  
both grants!

[AcadianaCenterfortheArts.org](https://AcadianaCenterfortheArts.org)  
(Arts in Education > Resources for Educators)

[UnitedWayofAcadiana.org](https://UnitedWayofAcadiana.org)  
(Grants > Education Grants)

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NEED  
ASSISTANCE?

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BEST OF LUCK!

# Thank You!

