

Louisiana Division of the Arts announces FY26 Louisiana Project Grants (LPG) to include Culinary Arts as a recognized artistic discipline.

2025 is the Year of Food within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. When it comes to food in Louisiana, you taste culture in every bite. Equal parts comfort and sophistication, seasonal ingredients and recipes handed down for generations, it's a landscape with a whole culinary language...and every region has a different dialect, a secret recipe worth tasting.

Beginning this year, we encourage projects that are centered around Culinary Arts to apply within the LPG program. Culinary Arts is the art and science of preparing, cooking, and presenting food. It involves creativity, technical skills, and knowledge of ingredients.

For the purpose of the LPG program, Culinary Arts projects:

- Must reflect and engage the community where the project will take place.
- May include recipes or techniques that are culturally relevant.
- Can be enhanced by the services of professionals or trained culinary specialists, but they don't have to be.
- Projects focused on cultural traditions can include local cooks who learned from their community or family instead of professional training.

Culinary Arts projects are evaluated for their cultural significance and ability to engage participants and their community through the history, story, sensations and emotions represented and elicited by the project. Culinary Arts projects do not include providing refreshments or a meal intended to accompany another activity or gathering.

Louisiana Project Grants range from \$2,500 - \$7,500 depending on the region. Applications will open May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with a deadline of June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All funded activities must take place between October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The LPG complete grant guidelines as well as a contact list for the regional arts councils administering the program can be found [here](#).