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Restart NY Regrants 2022 Guidelines

New York State Council on the Arts Statewide Community Regrants Program
Formerly known as DEC or Decentralization Grants



FOR ERIE & NIAGARA COUNTIES

**DEADLINE: Thursday, September 30, 2021
by 11:59pm**

OVERVIEW

RESTART NY REGRANTS

The New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) recognizes that performing arts organizations and the artists that work with them have been especially impacted by COVID-19. Restart NY Re grants are offered as part of NYSCA's Recovery Fund Initiative meant to help support New York's return to live performance and in-person events. These grants are designed to support live performance projects, as well as projects that feature a public program or presentation and are distributed by the Statewide Community Re grant (SCR) sites (formerly known as DEC sites).

The RESTART NY REGRANT FUNDS are administered by Arts Services Inc. (ASI) in Erie and Niagara counties and funded by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA). **These grants are awarded for in-person performances and events occurring between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 in Erie and Niagara counties.**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Restart NY Re grants

This opportunity will focus on reviving in-person performance on a local level through re grant support provided to current Statewide Community Re grant (SCR) partners, formerly known as DEC or Decentralization sites.

In-person performing arts events and activities will take priority for this fund. Performing arts activities include - but are not limited to - music, dance, and theatre. If funding is still available once all qualified performing arts proposals have been funded, other in-person public arts-based activities and events will be considered for funding.

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must be one of the following: a nonprofit or 501c3 organization, a local government municipality, tribal organization, an individual representing a collective or informal group, or an individual artist legally located in Erie or Niagara counties.
- Your program or project must take place in the same county in which you reside/are physically located.
- Performances and arts-based events have **an in-person public arts-focused activity that takes place between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022**. Retroactive support for performances and events taking place during this timeframe is allowed.
- Show annual operating expenses of less than \$5 million on your organization's 2019 IRS Form 990.
- Did not apply to NYSCA's Restart NY: Rapid Live Performance Grants or any other NYSCA funding opportunity for 2022.
- Performance or arts-based event is open and accessible to the public.
- Arts education programs or anything available only to a closed group are not eligible for this funding.
- An individual artist or collective may apply if working in partnership with a community-based nonprofit organization that meets the above eligibility. In addition:

- You must attach a letter of commitment from the partner organization that confirms the partnership with the applicant and outlines the scope of the partnership in relation to the proposed event.
- The applicant and the partner organization must both be based in the same county the event is taking place - either Erie or Niagara counties.
- At least 60% of the award is restricted to compensation for artistic/creative professionals.

Applicants cannot apply for support to cover a performance or event that is currently being funded by another government grant (state or federal). This includes DEC/SCR, NYSCA, or National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) project support, among others.

2021 DEC/SCR grantees may still apply for this funding for a different performance or event. Applicants of this fund can also apply for 2022 DEC/SCR funding for yet another different program or project.

Restart NY Regrant funds cannot be used to cover expenses already covered by another government fund, such as Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG).

Grant funds also may not be used for expenses for travel, food, entertainment, or out-of-state activities. No time spent by any salaried or contractual personnel on travel, food, entertainment, or out-of-state activities may be allocated to the award.

AWARD AND APPLICATION DETAILS

AWARDS

ASI has \$45,000 to award through this fund.

Requests between the amounts of \$500 and \$5,000 can be submitted. Due to the limited amount of funding available, we will only accept one proposal per applicant to consider.

At least 60% of the award is restricted to compensation for artistic/creative professionals.

Matching funds are not required for this grant. However, if your performance or event expenses are more than the requested amount, you should outline how you plan to securing funding to cover the rest of the project.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

ASI will be hosting information sessions that discuss this grant opportunity, as well as the Statewide Community Regrant (SCR) funds, formerly known as DEC or Decentralization grants, for 2022.

These info sessions are not mandatory, but are strongly encouraged as they are designed to help ensure applicants fully understand the process and priorities of this grant and to assist with a successful grant application.

Visit <https://www.asiwny.org/restart-ny-regrants/> for the complete schedule or contact Holly Grant at holly@asiwny.org or 716-833-3004 x512.

APPLICATION

The Restart NY Regrant applications have been streamlined and simplified to create easier access to restart funding. However, those selected for funding will still need to complete a final report form at the conclusion of their funded performance or event.

All applications must be submitted electronically through the online grants portal - <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=artsofwesternny>.

You can review the Restart NY Regrant application questions at the end of this document.

Application Deadline: Thursday, September 30, 2021 by 11:59 pm.

GRANT REVIEW AND DETERMINATION

ASI staff reviews all applications for eligibility and completeness following application deadline. Ineligible or incomplete applications will be eliminated from consideration.

A peer panel of area artists, arts administrators, and community leaders will evaluate each application and recommend a level of funding based on the evaluation criteria and funding priorities set by NYSCA. Deliberations are based only on the information and materials contained in the application; additional information presented after the application deadline will not be accepted or considered.

Once funding decisions are made by the panel, a separate Advisory Committee will review the decisions. Then, the ASI Board of Directors will review the funding recommendations and has the final authority for all funding decisions.

EVALUATIVE CRITERIA

The grant panel will make funding recommendations based primarily on the following criteria:

- Artistic merit and quality of proposed program with a focus on the integrity and rigor with which the project is being created, the uniqueness of the program, and the relevance of the program to the creative conversation in the applicant's local community.
- Qualifications of professional artists and other project personnel supported by resumes and work samples.
- Programs and projects that have a direct impact on the community in which they take place, including under-resourced and marginalized communities as defined by the applicant.
- Project budget is accurate, realistic, demonstrates a need, and features diverse sources of funding.
- Clearly defined plan for implementation, management, and evaluation of the project.
- Organizational history, stability, and a diverse board representative of the community served.
- Clarity and conciseness of written application and supporting materials.

AWARD DETERMINATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Awards will be announced as early as practicable, with a goal of making all announcements by the end of October 2021.

Award notifications will be sent via email. Because this opportunity is provided through one-time relief funding, the appeals process will not apply to this grant opportunity.

Grantees will be required to sign and complete a contract to receive the funding.

All grantees will be required to submit a final report no later than 30 days following the conclusion of their performance or event.

For any other questions, contact Holly Grant at holly@asiwny.org or 716-833-3004 x512.

2022 RESTART NY REGRANT APPLICATION QUESTIONS

You can access the Restart NY Regrant application through the online grants portal – <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=artsofwesternny>.

From there, you can complete your application narrative directly in the grants portal. You do not need to complete the application in one sitting. You can hit the ‘Save’ button at the bottom of the application to leave the site and complete at a later time.

You can also download a PDF of all the application questions by clicking the “Question List” button in the upper right-hand corner of the application.

You can also find the list of application questions listed below.

APPLICANT PROFILE

County

I am applying as a/an:

Nonprofit Organization

Collective / Informal Group

Individual Artist

Government Entity / Municipality

Project Title

Artistic Discipline of Performance / Event

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST PROGRAM DETAILS

Performance / Event Description

Dates, Times, & Locations

Artist Resume/CV

Website or Social Media Page

ORGANIZATION, COLLECTIVE/INFORMAL GROUP, GOVERNMENT ENTITY/MUNICIPALITY, TRIBAL ORGANIZATION PROGRAM DETAILS

Performance / Event Description

Dates, Times, & Locations

Year Incorporated / Formed

Mission & Major Programs or Activities

Website or Social Media Page

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

How is the performance or event open and accessible to the entire community?

FINANCIALS

Grant Amount Request

Budget and Budget Notes

How will program be revised if you do not receive your full request?

ATTACHMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND COLLECTIVES/INFORMAL GROUPS

Support Documentation / Tentative Agreements

Artistic Work Samples

ATTACHMENTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS, GOVERNMENT ENTITIES/MUNICIPALITIES, TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

Proof of Nonprofit Status

2019 IRS Form 990