

CALL TO ARTISTS

CHARLOTTE STREET FOUNDATION CULTURAL PRODUCER GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 16, 2021

Charlotte Street is excited to announce the launch of its new **Cultural Producer Grant Program**, with **\$50,000 in total funds** for **low-budget grassroots arts organizations** and **artist-run projects in Kansas City**.

Kansas City has long enjoyed a thriving and diverse ecology of small artist-run spaces, collectives, groups and organizations, which have sometimes suffered from lack of support needed to establish sustainability. While each may be small, the collective impact both to our arts community and to our city have been enormous. Whether permanent or temporary, these groups nurture and grow artists creatively and become powerful engines of community. Financial backing for these organizations often goes “under the radar” for larger institutional support. These new Cultural Producer Grants aim to both draw attention to these critical elements of our arts ecosystem as well as direct some much needed support their way.

GOALS:

- To encourage a rich, flourishing, and diverse Ecosystem of Arts and Culture in Kansas City
- To contribute to the sustainability of low-budget artist-run organizations, collectives, groups, projects, and initiatives
- To provide support for small arts and culture grassroots organizations and artist-organizers building larger scale projects that have an important impact on Kansas City’s Arts and Culture scene, despite smaller budgets and less access to capital

CRITERIA:

- Primary contacts for organizations must be an artist of any discipline, over 21 years of age, and cannot be currently enrolled in a degree-seeking program (BFA, MFA, or other)
- Organization or proposed project cannot have an annual operating budget over \$50k or own assets worth over \$50k
- Open to artist-run initiatives and Arts and Culture operations located in the 5-county region of the Kansas City metro or fiscally sponsored artist collaboratives, collectives, or companies (can include art spaces, festivals, ongoing operations, or one-off events)
- Open to the following disciplines: Visual Art, Film, Dance, Theatre, Spoken Word/Performative Poetry, Multidisciplinary, New Media, New/Experimental Music, Social Practice, Arts Publications/Arts Writing, Conceptual or Social Design Projects
- Not open to current Charlotte Street Foundation Startup Residents or Rocket Grantees who have not completed final report.

- Funding requests are annual. Applicants can be funded for up to 2 years in a row but then must sit out a year before applying again.
- Applicants must have 24 months of operating history if applying as a collective, organization, or company. Unaffiliated artist-organizers pitching one-time events or projects must have a demonstrated history of prior organizing success via CV.

PROCESS:

Applicants prepare a concise, multipage PDF (up to 3 pages) that addresses the following areas:

Project Narrative

Mission

Project or Program History (size, how long, employed or volunteer staff/contributors)

Attach CV demonstrating prior history if individual artist-organizer

DEI&A (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility)

Partners

Participating Artists

Logistics

Calendar

Operating Budget (for current year)

Project budget (if request is for a specific project, rather than operating funds)

Portfolio documentation/project images

- PDFs are sent to submissions@charlottestreet.org with the subject title “CPG APPLICATION”
- Eligible applications assessed by RISK/COLLABORATION/OPENNESS/EXCELLENCE rubric
- Jurors review and rank priority for funding separately and submit ranking to Charlotte Street Awards and Grant Manager.
- *At least 50% of funds will be awarded in support of organizations whose mission and leadership will positively impact the advancement of BIPOC, LGBTQIA, or Disabled communities, in recognition of the oppression of those communities in the art sector and the gap that has created particularly in the Kansas City Art Scene.*
- Awards and Grant Manager synthesizes data and ranks applications for one call to discuss applications and create a list of finalists for interviews.
- Finalists are given the opportunity to present in 20-minute interview/question-answer sessions with the jury panel.
- Jurors make final decisions about chosen applications and funding amounts.
- Applicants are notified of status on **September 24, 2021**.