



Arts Vibrancy Endowment 2026 Artist Awards

The Arts Vibrancy Endowment was established and funded by community members who believe that artistic investment contributes to a thriving community. The Community Foundation's goal is to provide financial resources to local artists enabling them to pursue their artistic vision and to promote opportunities for them to share their art with the community.

The Artist Awards grant program (formerly Individual Artist Awards) is funded through the Arts Vibrancy Endowment and provides individual artists or groups/collaboratives with awards up to \$5,000 to support creation of original works. All art forms, including but not limited to visual arts, dance, music, fabric arts, photography, theater, and literary arts, are eligible for an Artist Award.

Artists may apply for an award to fund a specific short-term project that has clear benefits to the artist and the development of their work. For groups/collaboratives, only one person may apply as the primary applicant representative of the group or collaborative. Artists who are included in a group/collaborative for which an application is submitted may not apply separately as an individual.

Awards must be used to achieve a specific objective (e.g., performance, show, display, etc.) or opportunity that will be accomplished within one year of the award date. Financial resources are available to artists for such things as to offset travel and fees associated with study opportunities; to bring an artist to Juneau to teach a class; professional documentation of an artist's work for submission to juried shows or galleries; and costs associated with the creation/installation of work scheduled for public viewing. Cost-of-living expenses may be included, but applicants should clearly explain how this would allow them to accomplish their project goals.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Artists at any career stage may apply.
- You must have been living full-time in the City and Borough of Juneau for the past two years at the time of your application and remain a resident for the duration of the grant period.
- You must be at least 18 years old at the time of application.
- You must currently be producing work.
- Past Artist Award recipients may apply if the award was received prior to 2024 and all required reporting has been completed.

Artists are NOT eligible to apply if they are:

- A student enrolled in any degree-seeking program related to the arts at any educational level.
- A current or former board member, committee member, staff member, or consultant for the Juneau Community Foundation, a current advisory member, or an immediate family member of the same.
- Individuals whose work or project is primarily research, scholarly, or commercial in nature.
- Artists who have received this award within the past two years (2024 or 2025) and/or who have not completed the requirements for awards received prior to 2024.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR AWARDS INCLUDE

- The quality of artistic work within the context of the individual's or group's experience,

training, and career stage.

- The artist's or group's creative accomplishments and the promise of future artistic excellence.
- The quality and thoroughness in completing the application.
- How likely an award at this time will impact an applicant's future artistic career growth.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application deadline is August 15, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. Submit a completed application package to: grants@juneaucf.org. Applicants will be notified by the Juneau Community Foundation of the decision made by the Arts Vibrancy Endowment Selection Committee in mid-September.

Completed Application Requirements:

- Application coversheet (found below).
- Description of activities, including a timeline that fits within one year, and a plan with specific outcomes.
- Project budget, including all the expenses and funding for the proposed use of your award and, where applicable, any other expenses and funding, including secured sources of funding.
- Artist CV - Include other grants and financial awards in the last three years, along with amounts received.
- Artist statement describing things such as why you do what you do, what your art means to you, what it communicates, and what inspires or drives you to make art.
- Work samples. Applicants should submit digital examples of recent work demonstrating their level of artistic accomplishment. This may include 5 digital photos; video(s) up to 10 minutes total; up to 15 pages of written materials or the first chapter for book-length creations. Alternatively, a link to your website will meet this requirement.

Do not submit original artwork.

AWARD TERMS

Grants will be made directly to the applicant by mid-September for use within the following year. Before award funds may be disbursed, Arts Vibrancy Endowment Artist Award recipients will fill out a W9 and sign a grant agreement that details the one-year award period and the requirement to submit a written description of the completed project and a photo or short video (or link/QR code to project photos/videos) that can be used for the Juneau Community Foundation's social media outlets and/or our newsletter.

The Juneau Community Foundation does not provide tax advice regarding how to report these funds for tax purposes. Successful applicants should consult their tax advisor or the IRS.



Arts Vibrancy Endowment 2026 Artist Awards Application Cover Sheet

Applications are due by August 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Submit to: grants@juneaucf.org

Individual Applicant or Group/Collaborative Name:

If Group/Collaborative, please list all members' names:

Contact Name for Group/Collaborative applicant:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Contact Phone Number:

Contact Email Address:

Total Funding Amount Requested:

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS COVER SHEET ALONG WITH THE FOLLOWING:

(Refer to *Completed Application Requirements* above for details.)

- Artist statement
- A description of your project/program. Include a title, even if tentative. [200 words]
- Total project budget
- Explain how the funds will be used. Please describe activities, including a timeline that fits within one year, and a plan with specific outcomes (max: 400 words).
- Artist CV (single page)
- Work samples

Please contact Samia Savell, Strategic Programs Director, at grants@juneaucf.org if you have any questions.