

Five Things You Can Do Now to Get Ready to Apply for FY2022 Funding

The National Endowment for the Arts' FY2022 funding guidelines are beginning to be [posted online](#), starting first with [Grants for Arts Projects](#) (GAP). So, now what? There is a lot of useful information on our website, all designed to enable you to submit the most competitive application possible. We encourage you to spend some time, in advance of the deadlines, clicking through our site to explore the available resources. And to help with that, we've pulled out a sampling of five things you can resolve to do **now**, to help you prepare to submit an application in 2021.

1. Take care of SAM.gov and Grants.gov registrations

These free federal registrations are required in order to apply for Arts Endowment grants. Give yourself plenty of time to complete (or renew) your registration, and take advantage of the help lines provided by both [SAM.gov](#) and [Grants.gov](#) if you run into any issues.

2. Read the guidelines

Each grant program description and set of guidelines walks through important details on eligibility requirements, review criteria, project types, and more. Read through them in advance to help determine the best program fit for your project. Find the GAP guidelines [here](#). New this year: a section explaining [Common Application Mistakes](#).

3. Watch the webinars

A live GAP guidelines webinar with Q&A will be held on **January 6, 2021** at 3pm ET. Register to attend [here](#).

4. Access the Recent Grants Search tool and Sample Application Narratives

In [Recent Grants](#), you can use a variety of filters in a searchable database to see who or what has been funded through our grant programs in recent years. Application narratives from a sampling of recommended applications are available to read through in the [FOIA Reading Room](#).

5. Contact staff

Now that you're checked off all of the above, don't hesitate to call [program staff](#) to ask questions. We're here to help, and always happy to talk through the funding programs and your projects.