

## Grants for Arts Projects, Challenge America, or Our Town?

### Selecting the Best Grant Program for your Project

You have a great project for a National Endowment for the Arts grant application. But which grant program is the best fit? Below is a snapshot of basic differences between our primary grant programs for arts organizations.

Generally, organizations are eligible to submit one application to **either** the Grants for Arts Projects program **or** the Challenge America program in each NEA funding year. **In addition**, organizations can choose to apply to Our Town to request support for a distinctly different project or project phase.

Each NEA funding program has a different grant amount range, application deadline, eligible time period for support, and program focus for support. Consider which program makes the most sense relative to your project focus, budget, and timeline.

After considering the details below, be sure to read the [full guidelines](#) for complete information on each program. In addition to reading the guidelines, applicant resources such as the searchable [Recent Grants](#) database and the sample application narratives posted in the [FOIA Reading Room](#) will give you a sense of recent projects supported through each of our grant categories.

FY2023 Programs	Grant Amount Range	Application Deadline	Eligible Time Period for Support	Program Focus
<b>Challenge America</b>	\$10,000	April 21, 2022	begins January 1, 2023	<b>An entry point into NEA funding.</b> Support for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations.
<b>Grants for Arts Projects</b> <i>(Two annual deadlines: GAP 1 and GAP2)</i>	\$10,000 to \$100,000 for project support  (Also: Grants of up to \$150,000 for subgranting by Local Arts Agencies)	GAP 1: February 10, 2022  GAP 2: July 7, 2022	GAP1: begins Jan 1, 2023  GAP2: begins June 1, 2023	<b>Our principal grant program for organizations.</b> Project-based support across 15 disciplines, including Local Arts Agencies.
<b>Our Town</b>	<i>*Our Town details provided from FY22. The FY23 Our Town guidelines expected to be posted online later this year.</i>  Awards at specific levels between \$25,000 and \$150,000*	August annually*	begins July of the following year*	<b>Creative placemaking grants.</b> Support for projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes.

**Note:** The information in the table above is current as of January 2022. Continue to check [our website](#) for the most up-to-date details on grants for organizations. **Also:** Applicants interested in [Research Awards](#) should review details for [Research Grants in the Arts](#) and [NEA Research Labs](#).

**Still not sure which grant opportunity is the best fit? We're here to help! Don't hesitate to call [program staff](#) to ask questions and learn more.**

