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Five Things You Can Do Now to Get Ready to Apply for FY2023 Funding

The National Endowment for the Arts' FY2023 funding guidelines are beginning to be [posted online](#), starting first with [Grants for Arts Projects](#) (GAP) and [Challenge America](#). 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 2022.

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

Before applying, your organization must create and maintain up-to-date registrations with both the System for Award Management (SAM) at [SAM.gov](#) and [Grants.gov](#). Registering and maintaining accounts with SAM and Grants.gov is always FREE. These registrations can take several weeks to finalize, so begin this process early!

Your organization will use the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) available in your SAM.gov record to apply for a grant. See Grants for Arts Projects [How to Apply](#) or Challenge America [How to Apply](#) for more information.

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: [GAP guidelines](#), and [Challenge America guidelines](#). *New this year: Each program's full application instructions are consolidated into one downloadable, easy to save PDF document.*

3. Watch the webinars

A live **Grants for Arts Projects** guidelines webinar with Q&A will be held on **January 12, 2022** at 3pm ET. [Register in advance](#). A live **Challenge America** guidelines webinar with Q&A will be held on **March 1, 2022** at 3pm ET. [Register in advance](#).

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](#). Each program also has helpful documents covering Common Application Mistakes and FAQs. All of these tools can be found in the Applicant Resources section of each program's guidelines.

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.

Plus, First Time Applicants: If your organization is applying for a federal grant for the first time, [see here for helpful tips](#).