

**KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL
FY2026 Kentucky Arts Partnership Grant Program Tier 6 — (Smaller)**

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of the Kentucky Arts Partnership Grant Program is to ensure that year-round participation in the arts is available to the people of Kentucky by providing unrestricted operating support to arts and cultural organizations.

The program provides support for the operating costs of arts and cultural organizations in the following tier:

Tier 6 - organizations with operating revenues of less than \$100,000

PANEL DATE: April 29, 2025

PANEL CHAIR: Chris Cathers

PANELISTS

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Brett Ratliff, Arts Organization Director

NOTES: Applications were scored by the panel according to the program performance expectations. The funding formula for the program incorporates the following:

- 1) applicants' scores
- 2) applicants' eligible revenues with the tier funding cap (6.5% of eligible revenues)
- 3) available funding for the program

KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL

FY2026 Kentucky Arts Partnership Tier 6

| App #: | Applicant Name | Average Score | Award – NEA Funding | Award – Without NEA |
|---------------|---|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| KAP260011 | Louisville Master Chorale Inc. | 70.5 | \$ 1,124 | \$ 1,000 |
| KAP260014 | First Friday Berea Inc | 80 | \$ 2,672 | \$ 1,000 |
| KAP260022 | Cadiz Community Arts Center Inc. DBA Janice Mason Art Museum | 65.5 | \$ 1,786 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260033 | Little Colonel Players Inc. | 62.5 | \$ 2,030 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260038 | Louisville Chorus Inc | 69 | \$ 1,348 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260050 | Artworks: A Visual Arts Coalition Inc | 72.5 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| KAP260062 | Epicentre Arts | 68 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260066 | Antagonist Productions Company | 75 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| KAP260078 | Appalachia Book Company | 69.5 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260088 | Arts Commission of Danville-Boyle County | 70.5 | \$ 1,796 | \$ 1,000 |
| KAP260090 | GreenRoom Exchange | 75 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| KAP260093 | Burkesville Academy of Fine Arts | 67.5 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260103 | Garrard County Arts Council Inc. DBA Garrard Arts | 64 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260104 | Lake Cumberland Performing Arts | 64.5 | \$ 1,276 | \$ 0.00 |

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| KAP260110 | Owsley County Alliance for Recreation and Entertainment, Incorporated | 70.5 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| KAP260112 | Casa de la Cultura Kentucky | 72.5 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| KAP260113 | Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen | 56.5 | N | N |
| KAP260128 | Marshall County Arts Commission, Inc. | 64.5 | \$ 2,134 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260131 | Public Theatre of Kentucky Inc. The DBA Phoenix Theatre | 81 | \$ 2,202 | \$ 1,000 |
| KAP260138 | Harstad Fine Arts Series The | 71.5 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| Total | | | \$ 26,368 | \$ 10,000 |

**KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL
FY2026 Kentucky Arts Partnership Grant Program Tier 5-6**

PROGRAM PURPOSE

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The program provides support for the operating costs of arts and cultural organizations in the following tier:

- Tier 6 - organizations with operating revenues of less than \$100,000
- Tier 5 - organizations with operating revenues of \$100,000 - \$499,999

PANEL DATE: June 3, 2025

PANEL CHAIR: Randall Vaughan, KAC Board Member

PANELISTS

- Jennifer Dreibelbis, Grants and Data Administrator, Nebraska Arts Council, Omaha, NB
- Dr. Winter Phong, Assistant Professor, Arts Administration, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- Zachary Klobnak, Assistant Professor of Music, Centre College, Chicago, IL

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Brett Ratliff, Arts Organization Director

NOTES: Applications were scored by the panel according to the program performance expectations. The funding formula for the program incorporates the following:

- 1) applicants' scores
- 2) applicants' eligible revenues with the tier funding cap (Tier 6 - 6.5% of eligible revenue, Tier 5 – 5.5% of eligible revenue)
- 3) available funding for the program

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KAP FY2026 Tiers 5-6

| App #: | Applicant Name | Average Score | Award – NEA Funding | Award – Without NEA |
|---------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| KAP260005 | Allegro Dance Project Inc | 86.7 | \$ 3,222 | \$ 1,068 |
| KAP260018 | Richmond Area Arts Council | 77.3 | \$ 3,942 | \$ 1,307 |
| KAP260025 | VOICES of Kentuckiana | 81.7 | \$ 3,260 | \$ 1,081 |
| KAP260026 | Lou Tate Foundation Inc. DBA Little Loomhouse | 87.7 | \$ 3,496 | \$ 1,159 |
| KAP260043 | Viva Voices Choral Organization Inc. | 67 | \$ 4,226 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260047 | Campbellsville University, Inc. | 80 | \$ 3,036 | \$ 1,006 |
| KAP260048 | Chamber Music Festival of Lexington | 68.3 | \$ 2,186 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260069 | South Central Kentucky Kids on the Block | 88 | \$ 13,164 | \$ 4,365 |
| KAP260072 | Lexington Singers | 84.7 | \$ 4,136 | \$ 1,371 |
| KAP260080 | Looking for Lilith | 83.7 | \$ 5,182 | \$ 1,718 |
| KAP260081 | Union Commonwealth University (Fine Arts Center) | 75.7 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 1,326 |
| KAP260087 | Commonwealth Artists Student Theatre Inc. DBA CAST | 80.7 | \$ 2,954 | \$ 1,000 |
| KAP260091 | Red Oaks Center for Nature and the Arts, Inc. | 72.3 | \$ 3,122 | \$ 1,035 |
| KAP260095 | Institute 193 Incorporated | 91 | \$ 4,476 | \$ 1,484 |

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| KAP260108 | Ohio Valley Art League Inc. | 72 | \$ 1,628 | \$ 1,000 |
| KAP260114 | Oldham County Arts Association DBA Arts Association of Oldham County | 77.7 | \$ 3,090 | \$ 1,024 |
| KAP260115 | Pones Inc | 76 | \$ 3,738 | \$ 1,239 |
| KAP260118 | Arts Connect Inc. | 71.3 | \$ 2,996 | \$ 1,000 |
| KAP260123 | Louisville Youth Choir Inc. | 87.7 | \$ 3,086 | \$ 1,023 |
| KAP260133 | Squallis Puppeteers Inc. | 82.3 | \$ 2,618 | \$ 1,000 |
| KAP260136 | Paducah Art House Alliance Inc. DBA Maiden Alley | 76.7 | \$ 3,500 | \$ 1,161 |
| Total | | | \$ 81,058 | \$ 25,368 |

**KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL
FY2026 Kentucky Arts Partnership Grant Program Tier 5**

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of the Kentucky Arts Partnership Grant Program is to ensure that year-round participation in the arts is available to the people of Kentucky by providing unrestricted operating support to arts and cultural organizations.

The program provides support for the operating costs of arts and cultural organizations in the following tier:

Tier 5 - organizations with operating revenues of \$100,000 - \$499,999

PANEL DATE: June 5, 2025

PANEL CHAIR: Chris Cathers, KAC

PANELISTS

- Dr. Winter Phong, Arts Administration, UK, Lexington, KY
- Amy Jenkins, Alabama Arts Council, Montgomery, AL
- Courtney Young, Film Maker, Lafayette, LA

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Brett Ratliff, Arts Organization Director

NOTES: Applications were scored by the panel according to the program performance expectations. The funding formula for the program incorporates the following:

- 1) applicants' scores
- 2) applicants' eligible revenues with the tier funding cap (5.5% of eligible revenues)
- 3) available funding for the program

KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL

KAP FY2026 Tier 5

| App #: | Applicant Name | Average Score | Award – NEA Funding | Award – Without NEA |
|---------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| KAP260010 | Murray Art Guild | 82.3 | \$ 4,562 | \$ 1,512 |
| KAP260019 | Lexington Art League | 78 | \$ 6,254 | \$ 2,074 |
| KAP260021 | Louisville Leopard Percussionists | 74 | \$ 7,288 | \$ 2,417 |
| KAP260032 | Winchester Council for the Arts DBA Leeds Center for the Arts | 70.5 | \$ 7,762 | \$ 2,573 |
| KAP260036 | Hardin County Schools Performing Arts Center | 70.7 | \$ 5,636 | \$ 1,869 |
| KAP260045 | Arts for All Kentucky Inc. | 77 | \$ 5,108 | \$ 1,694 |
| KAP260055 | Ballet Theatre of Lexington DBA Kentucky Ballet Theatre | 76.3 | \$ 8,816 | \$ 2,923 |
| KAP260063 | Flashback Theater Co. | 76 | \$ 4,828 | \$ 1,600 |
| KAP260067 | City of Pikeville Exposition Center Corporation DBA The Appalachian Center for the Arts | 78.7 | \$ 6,114 | \$ 2,027 |
| KAP260073 | Headley-Whitney Museum | 69 | \$ 6,516 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260079 | Appalachian Arts Alliance Inc. | 69 | \$ 5,788 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260083 | Louisville Folk School Inc. | 73.3 | \$ 6,532 | \$ 2,166 |
| KAP260084 | Central Music Academy The Inc. | 75.7 | \$ 8,954 | \$ 2,969 |
| KAP260086 | Kentucky Classic Arts at Centre Square | 75.7 | \$ 9,774 | \$ 3,241 |

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| KAP260096 | Pandora Productions Inc. | 77.7 | \$ 6,590 | \$ 2,185 |
| KAP260100 | Hands Healing HeArts, Inc. DBA Yes Arts | 83 | \$ 9,506 | \$ 3,152 |
| KAP260116 | Young Authors Greenhouse | 81 | \$ 7,334 | \$ 2,432 |
| KAP260117 | Henderson Area Arts Alliance | 69.3 | \$ 5,708 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260126 | Murray Calloway County Community Theater Arts Inc. DBA Playhouse in the Park | 78 | \$ 5,352 | \$ 1,774 |
| KAP260139 | Montgomery County Council for the Arts DBA Gateway Regional Arts Center | 68 | \$ 7,706 | \$ 0.00 |
| Total | | | \$ 136,128 | \$ 36,607 |

**KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL
FY2026 Kentucky Arts Partnership Grant Program Tier 4-5**

PROGRAM PURPOSE

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The program provides support for the operating costs of arts and cultural organizations in the following tier:

Tier 5 - organizations with operating revenues of \$100,000 - \$499,999

Tier 4 – organizations with operating revenues of \$500,000 - \$999,999

PANEL DATE: May 8, 2025

PANEL CHAIR: Lynn Schrader, KAC Board Member

PANEL CO-CHAIR: Chris Cathers, KAC

PANELISTS

- Amy Jenkins, Visual Art Program Manager & Gallery Director, Alabama State Council on the Arts, Montgomery, AL
- Ali Blair, First Friday Berea, Co-Owner of Rebel Rebel, Berea, KY
- Katherine Wilson, Assistant Curator, 21C Museum Hotels, Louisville, KY

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Brett Ratliff, Arts Organization Director

NOTES: Applications were scored by the panel according to the program performance expectations. The funding formula for the program incorporates the following:

- 1) applicants' scores
- 2) applicants' eligible revenues with the tier funding cap (Tier 4 - 4.5% of eligible revenue, Tier 5 – 5.5% of eligible revenue)
- 3) available funding for the program

KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL

KAP FY26 Tiers 4-5

| App. #: | Applicant Name | Average Score | Award – NEA Funding | Award – Without NEA |
|----------------|---|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| KAP260008 | Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra Society | 85.3 | \$ 12,482 | \$ 4,138 |
| KAP260020 | Save the Grand Theatre Inc. DBA Grand Theatre | 76 | \$ 11,124 | \$ 3,688 |
| KAP260023 | Behringer-Crawford Museum Board of Trustees Inc. | 85 | \$ 13,824 | \$ 4,584 |
| KAP260034 | Sarabande Books Inc. | 77 | \$ 11,668 | \$ 3,868 |
| KAP260037 | Lyric Theatre & Cultural Arts Center | 75.3 | \$ 10,432 | \$ 3,459 |
| KAP260041 | Bluegrass Youth Ballet | 81 | \$ 11,932 | \$ 3,956 |
| KAP260042 | Louisville Academy of Music Inc. | 82.7 | \$ 13,688 | \$ 4,538 |
| KAP260052 | Living Arts & Science Center | 79.3 | \$ 12,514 | \$ 4,149 |
| KAP260053 | Lexington Children's Museum Inc. DBA Explorium of Lexington The | 80.7 | \$ 15,004 | \$ 4,975 |
| KAP260058 | Boyle County Schools | 75 | \$ 11,524 | \$ 3,821 |
| KAP260076 | Art Center of the Bluegrass Inc. | 74 | \$ 10,710 | \$ 3,551 |
| KAP260085 | Pioneer School of Drama Inc. DBA Pioneer Playhouse | 76.7 | \$ 8,678 | \$ 2,878 |
| KAP260094 | Woodford County Theatrical Arts Association DBA Woodford Theatre | 86.7 | \$ 12,298 | \$ 4,077 |
| KAP260109 | Louisville-Jefferson County Youth Orchestra Inc. DBA Louisville Youth Orchestra | 84 | \$ 9,442 | \$ 3,131 |

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| KAP260120 | Lexington Ballet Company Inc. | 69.7 | \$ 9,564 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260127 | Owensboro Dance Theatre Inc. | 89.7 | \$ 12,056 | \$ 3,998 |
| KAP260129 | Louisville Story Program Inc. | 81.7 | \$ 9,106 | \$ 3,019 |
| Total | | | \$ 196,046 | \$ 61,831 |

**KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL
FY2026 Kentucky Arts Partnership Grant Program Tier 3-4**

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of the Kentucky Arts Partnership Grant Program is to ensure that year-round participation in the arts is available to the people of Kentucky by providing unrestricted operating support to arts and cultural organizations.

The program provides support for the operating costs of arts and cultural organizations in the following tier:

- Tier 4 - organizations with operating revenues of \$500,000 - \$999,999
- Tier 3 – organizations with operating revenues of \$1,000,000 - \$2,499,999

PANEL DATE: May 13, 2025

PANEL CHAIR: Marcheta Sparrow, KAC Board Member

PANEL CO-CHAIR: Chris Cathers, KAC

PANELISTS

- Katherine Wilson, Assistant Curator, 21C Museum Hotels, Louisville, KY
- Jennifer Dreibelbis, Grants and Data Administrator, Nebraska Arts Council, Omaha, NB
- Courtney Young, Writer & Arts Administrator, Owner & Founder Quitman Studios, Founder The Mae Fellowship, Lafayette, LA

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Brett Ratliff, Arts Organization Director

NOTES: Applications were scored by the panel according to the program performance expectations. The funding formula for the program incorporates the following:

- 1) applicants' scores
- 2) applicants' eligible revenues with the tier funding cap (Tier 3 – 3.5% of eligible revenue, Tier 4 – 4.5% of eligible revenue)
- 3) available funding for the program

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KAP FY2026 Tiers 3-4

| App #: | Applicant Name | Average Score | Award – NEA Funding | Award – Without NEA |
|---------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| KAP260003 | Barn Lot Theater | 79.7 | \$ 15,634 | \$ 5,184 |
| KAP260004 | Owensboro Museum of Fine Art Inc. | 64.3 | \$ 13,366 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260007 | Lexington Philharmonic Society DBA Lexington Philharmonic | 87 | \$ 20,796 | \$ 6,895 |
| KAP260012 | Lexington Theatre Company The DBA The Lex | 77.3 | \$ 21,302 | \$ 7,063 |
| KAP260017 | Pennyroyal Arts Council. Inc. DBA PACI | 79.7 | \$ 17,952 | \$ 5,952 |
| KAP260040 | Paducah Symphony Orchestra | 68.3 | \$ 16,436 | \$ 0.00 |
| KAP260049 | Lexington Children's Theatre | 83 | \$ 23,874 | \$ 7,916 |
| KAP260054 | National Quilt Museum The Inc. | 91 | \$ 19,290 | \$ 6,396 |
| KAP260060 | Josephine Sculpture Park Inc. | 81.3 | \$ 11,670 | \$ 3,869 |
| KAP260068 | Louisville Children's Theatre Stage One DBA Stage One Family Theatre | 80.7 | \$ 20,148 | \$ 6,680 |
| KAP260074 | Owensboro Symphony Orchestra Inc. DBA Owensboro Symphony | 82.7 | \$ 19,354 | \$ 6,417 |
| KAP260075 | Appalachian Artisan Center of Kentucky Inc. | 80 | \$ 16,348 | \$ 5,420 |
| KAP260089 | Louisville Visual Art Inc. DBA LVA | 78 | \$ 19,138 | \$ 6,345 |
| KAP260099 | Kentucky Shakespeare Inc. | 85.3 | \$ 22,372 | \$ 7,418 |

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| KAP260119 | Pine Mountain Settlement School | 70 | \$ 19,490 | \$ 6,462 |
| KAP260121 | Carnegie Literacy Center Inc. Carnegie Literacy Center Inc. DBA Carnegie Center for Literacy & Learning | 85.3 | \$ 19,234 | \$ 6,377 |
| KAP260124 | Asia Institute Inc. DBA Crane House | 78.3 | \$ 14,436 | \$ 4,786 |
| KAP260137 | Northern Kentucky Symphony Inc. DBA Kentucky Symphony Orchestra | 85.7 | \$ 13,552 | \$ 4,494 |
| Total | | | \$ 324,392 | \$ 97,677 |

KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL
FY2026 Kentucky Arts Partnership Grant Program — Tiers 1-3

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of the Kentucky Arts Partnership Grant Program is to ensure that year-round participation in the arts is available to the people of Kentucky by providing unrestricted operating support to arts and cultural organizations.

The program provides support for the operating costs of arts and cultural organizations in the following tiers:

- Tier 1 - organizations with operating revenues of \$5,000,000 or more
- Tier 2 - organizations with operating revenues of \$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999
- Tier 3 - organizations with operating revenues of \$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999

PANEL DATE

May 15, 2023

PANEL CHAIR

Marcheta Sparrow, Kentucky Arts Council

PANELISTS

- Zachary Klobnak, Assistant Professor of Music Centre College, Chicago, IL
- Winter Phong Assistant Professor, Arts Administration, UK, Lexington, KY
- Sara Callaway, Executive Director, Louisville Academy of Music, Louisville, KY

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Brett Ratliff, Arts Organization Director

NOTES: Applications were scored by the panel according to the program performance expectations. The funding formula for the program incorporates the following:

- 1) applicants' scores
- 2) applicants' eligible revenues with the tier funding cap
(Tier 1 – 1.5%, Tier 2 – 2.5%, Tier 3 – 3.5% of eligible revenues)
- 3) available funding for the program

KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL

KAP FY2026 Tiers 1-3

| App #: | Applicant Name | Average Score | Award – NEA Funding | Award – Without NEA |
|---------------|---|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| KAP260006 | Kentucky Opera Association | 88.7 | \$ 37,102 | \$ 12,302 |
| KAP260015 | Actors Theatre of Louisville | 83 | \$ 44,384 | \$ 14,717 |
| KAP260024 | Fund for the Arts | 95 | \$ 47,444 | \$ 15,731 |
| KAP260027 | Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center for the Performing Arts DBA Carson Center | 93 | \$ 41,642 | \$ 13,807 |
| KAP260029 | LexArts | 88.3 | \$ 36,504 | \$ 12,104 |
| KAP260030 | International Bluegrass Music Museum | 77 | \$ 29,148 | \$ 9,665 |
| KAP260035 | Arts of Southern Kentucky | 89.3 | \$ 38,478 | \$ 12,758 |
| KAP260039 | Mountain Arts Center | 83.7 | \$ 20,892 | \$ 6,927 |
| KAP260044 | RiverPark Center | 94 | \$ 36,926 | \$ 12,244 |
| KAP260051 | Kentucky Dance Council DBA Louisville Ballet | 91.7 | \$ 39,620 | \$ 13,137 |
| KAP260071 | Appalshop | 85.3 | \$ 36,116 | \$ 11,975 |
| KAP260077 | Market House Theatre of Paducah Ky. Inc. DBA Market House Theatre | 92 | \$ 29,250 | \$ 9,699 |
| KAP260092 | Hindman Settlement School | 88.7 | \$ 31,938 | \$ 10,590 |
| KAP260102 | Centre College of Kentucky DBA Norton Center for the Arts | 83.5 | \$ 26,896 | \$ 8,918 |

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| KAP260106 | KMAC Museum Inc. DBA KMAC | 90 | \$ 32,918 | \$ 10,915 |
| KAP260107 | Carnegie Visual and Performing Arts Center Inc. DBA The Carnegie | 89.7 | \$ 27,146 | \$ 9,001 |
| KAP260140 | JB Speed Art Museum | 86 | \$ 59,998 | \$ 26,049 |
| Total | | | \$ 616,402 | \$ 210,539 |

KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL
FY2026 Individual Artist Fellowship and Emerging Artist Award
Visual Arts

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of the Individual Artist Fellowship program is to support Kentucky artists engaged in creating artwork of high quality and to recognize creative excellent in practicing, professional Kentucky artists.

The purpose of the Emerging Artist Award is to directly support the advancement and continuation of Kentucky emerging artists' careers and creative work.

PANEL DATE

May 19-20, 2025

PANEL CHAIR

Stephanie Renner
Kentucky Arts Council Board of Directors

PANELISTS

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| Robbie Moore | Arts Extension Educator Tamarak Foundation for the Arts & WVSU Extension Service | Beckley, WV |
| Rudee Ann Rodriguez | Studio Artist—Fiber | Lanesville, IN |
| Matt Smith | Visiting Asst. Professor of Sculpture Marshall University | Huntington, WV |

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Tamara Coffey

NOTES:

The Individual Artist Fellowships are \$7,500 awards given to professional Kentucky artists who have achieved a high level of excellence and creativity in their work. Emerging Artist Awards are \$1,000 awards given to emerging professional Kentucky artists who demonstrate a high level of excellence and creativity in their work.

Fellowships and emerging artist awards are awarded based on the quality of work samples submitted by the applicants. Fellowships and emerging artist awards are unrestricted and may be used in any way to enhance the recipients' careers.

KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL

FY2026 Individual Artists Fellowship and Emerging Artist Award

Panel Recommendations

| Individual Artists Fellowship FY2026 | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| App # | Name | County | Award – NEA Funding | Award – Without NEA Funding |
| IAF260008 | Sarah Hoskins | Fayette | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 |
| IAF260026 | Margaret Kahlo | Fayette | \$ 7,500 | \$ 0.00 |
| IAF260013 | Lori Larusso | Jefferson | \$ 7,500 | \$ 0.00 |
| IAF260035 | Joseph Graham | Scott | \$ 7,500 | \$ 0.00 |
| IAF260007 | Rachel Moser | Fayette | N | N |
| IAF260014 | Sean Hill | Jefferson | N | N |
| IAF260015 | Jeanne Jesse | Jefferson | N | N |
| IAF260016 | Joanne Price | Shelby | N | N |
| IAF260019 | Ceirra Evans | Jefferson | N | N |
| IAF260021 | Lina Tharsing | Fayette | N | N |
| IAF260022 | Ashley Brossart | Jefferson | N | N |
| IAF260024 | Katherine Knudsen | Jefferson | N | N |
| IAF260029 | Seanna Bryant | Kenton | N | N |
| IAF260033 | James Southard | Fayette | N | N |
| IAF260034 | Angelique Shah | Bullitt | N | N |
| IAF260038 | Debra Lott | Jefferson | N | N |
| IAF260039 | Kathleen O'Brien | Mercer | N | N |
| IAF260043 | Roxanne Pizzuto | Fayette | N | N |
| IAF260049 | Darryl Halbrooks | Madison | N | N |
| IAF260051 | Monica Namyar | Kenton | N | N |
| IAF260053 | Marilee Salvator | Warren | N | N |
| IAF260055 | Mark Whitley | Barren | N | N |
| IAF260058 | Elizabeth Foley | Jefferson | N | N |
| IAF260063 | Lacy hale | Letcher | N | N |
| IAF260067 | Dobree Adams | Franklin | N | N |
| IAF260074 | Tim Hall | Estill | N | N |
| IAF260080 | Jannette Parent | Caldwell | N | N |
| IAF260083 | Joyce Barbour | Jefferson | N | N |
| IAF260086 | Morgan McGill | Jefferson | N | N |
| IAF260092 | Mary Ann Woolery-Bussey | Madison | N | N |
| IAF260093 | Billy Williams | Meade | N | N |
| IAF260096 | Anita Douthat | Campbell | N | N |
| IAF260097 | Michael Nichols | Warren | N | N |
| IAF260098 | Robyn Moore | Menifee | N | N |

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| IAF260103 | Nicholas Walters | Fayette | N | N |
| IAF260104 | Don Ament | Fayette | N | N |
| IAF260106 | Lindsey Ward | Boone | N | N |
| IAF260107 | Anne Beyer | Calloway | N | N |
| IAF260108 | John Andrew Dixon | Boyle | N | N |
| IAF260110 | Ken Buck | Campbell | N | N |
| IAF260111 | Claire Krueger | Jefferson | N | N |
| IAF260113 | Katherine Baker | Kenton | N | N |
| IAF260114 | Naveen Chaubal | Jefferson | N | N |
| IAF260115 | Johnny House | Butler | N | N |
| IAF260116 | Makara Sernett | Jefferson | N | N |
| IAF260117 | Jim Cantrell | Nelson | N | N |
| IAF260120 | Amelia Stamps | Fayette | N | N |
| IAF260124 | William Duffy | Jefferson | N | N |
| IAF260126 | Sherman Parnell | Boone | N | N |
| IAF260129 | William Stamps | Fayette | N | N |
| IAF260131 | Kenneth Burney | Fayette | N | N |
| IAF260135 | Beth Reitmeyer | Warren | N | N |
| IAF260138 | Wyatt Severs | Calloway | N | N |
| TOTAL | | | \$ 30,000 | \$ 7,500 |

| Emerging Artist Award FY2026 | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| App # | Name | County | Award - NEA Funding | Award - Without NEA Funding |
| EA260123 | Molly Marek | Lee | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| EA260011 | Martin Matisoff | Franklin | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| EA260130 | Christine Kuhn | Fayette | \$ 1,000 | \$ 0.00 |
| EA260061 | Amanda Stoddard | Fayette | \$ 1,000 | \$ 0.00 |
| EA260027 | Hannah Smith | Fayette | N | N |
| EA260032 | Tristan Roy | Russell | N | N |
| EA260045 | Erica C Wilcox | Jefferson | N | N |
| EA260056 | Micah Wiles | Pulaski | N | N |
| EA260066 | Abbi Loree Ruppert | Daviess | N | N |
| EA260076 | Karen L Geesey | Jessamine | N | N |
| EA260079 | Devan Horton | Campbell | N | N |
| EA260119 | Stephanie Say | Jefferson | N | N |
| EA260121 | Maria Bossert | Kenton | N | N |
| EA260004 | Erika Martin | Pulaski | N | N |
| EA260102 | Brooke Harris | Fayette | N | N |
| EA260105 | Shawna Southerland | Madison | N | N |
| EA260112 | Karen E Hudson | Fayette | N | N |
| EA260010 | Gewel Kafka | Clark | N | N |
| TOTAL | | | \$ 4,000 | \$ 2,000 |

KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL

FY2026 Kentucky Touring Grant

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Kentucky Touring (KYT) Grant is a 1:1 matching grant of up to \$5,000, that helps make quality public performances available to the people of the commonwealth. The program provides nonprofit organizations with support to book dance, music, theatre, and storytelling performers who have been adjudicated into the Performing Artists Directory.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations with annual budgets under \$1,000,000 (including arts organizations, public libraries, churches, schools, cooperative extension offices, social service agencies, community-based organizations serving Kentuckians, health departments and institutions with a residential population); nonprofit presenting organizations based within colleges, universities and K-12 public schools with organizational budgets under \$1,000,000; and Kentucky state and city parks.

PANEL DATE

May 15, 2025

PANEL CHAIR

Chris Cathers, Kentucky Arts Council Executive Director

PANELISTS

| | | |
|---------------|---|-----------------|
| Diane Dehoney | Adult Services Manager Paul Sawyer Public Library | Frankfort, KY |
| Abigail Handy | Community Development Coordinator Northeast Louisiana Arts Council | West Monroe, LA |
| Laverne Perry | Independent Arts Consultant | Union City, GA |
| Dara Silver | Senior Program Director North Carolina Arts Council | Raleigh, NC |

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Tamara Coffey

NOTES:

Due to the limited number of applications received (five) and the success of similar process in previous year, panelists were given a two week window in which to read and score eligible applications. Panelists were required to submit scores and comments for each application by May 15, 2025. Panelists did not meet for a discussion of the applications. Panelist scores were combined and used to determine applicant funding. This process of accepting scores but not meeting to discuss applications is more and more in use among other state arts agencies.

KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL
FY26 Kentucky Touring Grant
Panel Recommendations

| App # | Applicant Name | County | Award – NEA Funding | Award - Without NEA Funding |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| KYT0009 | Josephine Sculpture Park, Inc. | Franklin | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| KYT0002 | First Friday Berea Inc | Madison | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| KYT0004 | Save the Grand Theatre, Inc. | Franklin | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| KYT0007 | Southland Jamboree Association, Inc. | Fayette | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| KYT0008 | Kentucky Waterways Alliance | Jefferson | N | N |
| TOTAL | | | \$ 13,000.00 | \$ 7,000.00 |

**KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL
FY2026 Folk and Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grant Program**

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of the Folk and Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grant is to honor traditional artists and encourage the continuation of Kentucky's living traditional arts by funding master artists to teach skills and practices vital to their cultural heritage to less experienced artists within their communities.

PANEL DATE

May 22, 2025

PANEL CHAIR

Nathan Mick

PANELISTS

Aaron Banther

Berea, Ky.

Delainey Bowers

Bowling Green, Ky.

Bob Gates

Frankfort, Ky.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Mark Brown

NOTES: Folk and Traditional Arts Apprenticeship applicants request up to \$4,000.

KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL

FY2026 Folk and Traditional Apprenticeship Grant Program

Panel Recommendations

| App #: | Applicant Name | County | Award – NEA Funding | Award - Without NEA |
|---------------|---|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| FAA0016 | John Haywood Levon Harvey | Letcher | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| FAA0009 | Andrew Bentley Yani Vozos | Fayette | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| FAA0010 | Johnny House Richard Brown | Butler | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| FAA0014 | Daxson Lewis Susan Montana Hobbs | Rowan | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| FAA0020 | Lorena Miller Linelle Rivera Rodriguez | Powell | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| FAA0022 | Will Bowling Sarah Kate Morgan | Clay | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| FAA0025 | John Ryster Harold Zeller | Rowan | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| FAA0021 | Shahram Karimi Diba Karimi | Daviess | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| FAA0011 | Michael Morrow Mariel T. Gardner | Logan | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| FAA0013 | Amelia Stamps Bekah Dunlap | Fayette | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| FAA0018 | Lee Alan H. Roher Todd Batsche | Anderson | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| FAA0015 | Angelique Shah Chaney Williams | Bullitt | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| FAA0019 | Kathy Werking Leah Shao | Bourbon | N | N |
| FAA0024 | Lewis Lamb Crystal Bartruff | Garrard | N | N |
| TOTAL | | | \$ 48,000.00 | \$ 24,000.00 |