



## JCS Arts, Health and Education Fund Visual Arts and Music Mini-Grant Guidelines



In an effort to enrich the creative landscape in DuPage County, the *JCS Arts, Health and Education Fund (JCS Fund)* is offering a Visual Arts and Music Mini-Grant opportunity for not-for-profit arts organizations and governmental agencies. Entities may request up to \$2,500 for locally-developed, high-quality visual arts or certain music projects that reflect the strengths of our diverse community.

### Goals of the Mini-Grant Program are:

- To raise the visibility of DuPage County's robust arts and culture ecosystem
- To create excitement and engagement in the local arts scene to enhance the identity of DuPage County

### Program Description

Mini-grants are designed to provide quick access to funds to support:

- Visual arts projects that relate to drawing or painting in any medium or related arts activities
  - Examples of project types include exhibitions, public art, pop-up galleries, community murals, master classes, arts projects created by or for seniors, and cultural heritage projects
- General music programs that benefit preschool and elementary school-aged children
- Instrumental music programs that benefit senior citizens

### Eligibility

DuPage County 501(c)(3) organizations and governmental agencies.

An organization can only receive one *JCS Fund* Visual Arts Mini-Grant in a calendar year. Receiving a mini-grant does not preclude an organization from applying for a DuPage Foundation *Community Needs* grant.

### Grant Amounts

\$500 - \$2,500

### Applications / Decisions

Application due dates are listed below. Grants will be reviewed after each deadline until the grant funds are exhausted. Requests to support an event must be received no later than two months before the event date.

February 28, 2022  
April 30, 2022  
June 30, 2022

August 31, 2022  
October 31, 2022  
December 31, 2022

### Review Criteria

Special consideration will be given to organizations that have not received funding from DuPage Foundation in the past. Other criteria for consideration include:

Artistic Goals & Impact	Originality & Feasibility
Artistic Experience & Skill	Community Engagement
Project Finances	Strength of Project
Partnerships, In-kind or Matching funds	

### Application

The *JCS Fund* Visual Arts and Music Mini-Grant online application is available on DuPage Foundation's website at [dupagefoundation.org](http://dupagefoundation.org) under Grants/JCS Fund.