



JCS Fund DuPage County Public Art Grant Guidelines



Arts DuPage, an initiative of DuPage Foundation, showcases the vibrant local arts community, which generates cultural, economic, and social benefits for DuPage County and its residents. As a local arts council, Arts DuPage supports, promotes, advocates for, and distributes grants to the arts in DuPage County.

The *JCS Arts, Health and Education Fund* of DuPage Foundation (JCS Fund) supports instrumental music, cultural, health, educational, artistic, and other charitable organizations serving the needs of DuPage County residents. Arts DuPage and the JCS Fund are excited to invite local communities and not-for-profit organizations to apply for a grant to support public art!

Opportunity

JCS Fund is offering matching grants in amounts up to \$25,000 for public art projects in DuPage County. Public art projects may include permanent or limited-time projects in any art medium. Examples include: murals, sculptures, or temporary art installations. The JCS Fund encourages imaginative ideas.

Projects should be installed or completed by September 30, 2025. Recipients of these grants for permanent projects must commit to repairing, maintaining, and replacing any permanent public art to ensure its long-term sustainability. Grantees are also responsible for securing all licenses, permits, permissions, and other authorizations associated with the project. Funds may not be used for completed projects or to reimburse expenses already incurred.

Director of Arts DuPage Debbie Venezia will work closely with selected community teams to provide guidance, ensure selected artists have the appropriate experience and knowledge to execute the project and help bring public art projects to fruition.

The goals of the public art opportunity are to create excitement and engagement in the local arts landscape and to showcase public art that reflects the strengths of DuPage County communities.

Eligibility

- Public charities classified as exempt from federal income taxes under 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code
- DuPage County governmental agencies (municipalities, park districts, school districts, townships, libraries)

Grant Amount

Up to \$25,000 matching grant. Local communities will be responsible for procuring funds to match the grant amount awarded. Recipients will be required to show documentation that funds have been raised before grants will be distributed.

Review Criteria

Criteria for consideration include:

- artistic goals & impact
- project leadership & partners
- originality & feasibility
- public visibility
- community engagement
- strength of project
- community readiness for public art

Application Process

The online application is available on the [DuPage Foundation grant portal](#). Applications must be submitted online by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22, 2024**. Applications submitted after the specified deadline will not be accepted.

Questions: Please contact Debbie Venezia, debbie@dupagefoundation.org or 630.598.5299, with any questions related to creating a public art project.