



2025 JCS 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.

Mini-Grant Program Goals

- To provide arts programs that benefit people in DuPage County.
- To create excitement and engagement with the arts in the local community.

Program Description

Mini-grants are designed to support:

- Visual arts projects in any medium or related arts activities
 - Examples of project types include exhibitions, pop-up galleries, community murals, master classes, art projects created by or for seniors, and cultural heritage projects
- General music programs that benefit children
- Instrumental music programs

Eligibility

- Public charities classified as exempt from federal income taxes under 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code
- DuPage County governmental agencies

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

Grant Amounts

\$500 - \$2,500

Application Process

The online application is available on the [DuPage Foundation grant portal](#). The 2025 application deadlines are March 14, April 30, June 30, August 31, and October 31. Grant applications will be reviewed until the grant funds are exhausted.

Requests to support an event must be received by the deadline at least two months prior to the event date:

March 14 – events scheduled after May 15

August 31 – events scheduled after November 1

April 30 – events scheduled after July 1

October 31 – events scheduled after January 1

June 30 – events scheduled after September 1

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: Program/Project Goals, Impact, Artistic Experience & Skill, Project Finances, and Community Engagement.

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