



## 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

Applications will be reviewed quarterly starting March 31, 2021, until the grant funds are exhausted.

### 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.