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.

- 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 under Grants/JCS Fund.