



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.

Mini-Grant Program Goals:

- 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, art 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 Impact or Arts DuPage grant.

Grant Amounts

\$500 - \$2,500

2024 Applications / Decisions

Grant applications will be reviewed after each deadline listed below 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.

February 29
 April 30
 June 30

August 31
 October 31
 December 31

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
 Artistic Experience & Skill
 Project Finances
 Partnerships, In-kind or Matching funds

Originality & Feasibility
 Community Engagement
 Strength of Project

Application

The *JCS Fund* Visual Arts and Music Mini-Grant online application at dupagefoundation.org/jcsfund.