

## NYSICA

Q. Are organizations only eligible to apply for one project?

A. Organizations may only apply to one of the three ARTS categories in FY16. They may serve as a partner on additional applications, but may only be the lead applicant on ONE application.

Q. Is there a mechanism within the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) that will differentiate between the different programmatic budgets?

A. Organizations may only submit one budget in the CFA portal.

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Q. How involved/committed should partners be on joint projects?

A. Partnering is encouraged: letters of agreement are required in the Planning and Implementation categories.

Q. How many grant applications will be awarded and what are the REDC deadlines?

A. The deadline to apply to the REDC FY16 program is 4 PM, July 31, 2015. The number of applications that will be awarded depends on the panel review and combined scoring through ARTS (80/100) and the REDC (20/100).

Q. Do "Healing Arts" qualify for grants?

A. Any form of therapeutic art is not allowable.

Q. Implementation Grants are for new projects, but what about projects that were funded last year such as an Annual Art Festival?

A. A repeat project is allowable, but priority is given to new projects. Repeat projects should show the success rate/number of people served in the region.

Q. How much money should be requested for the match in the workforce investment initiative?

A. A 25% cash match is required for the workforce investment initiative.

Q. Can current 2016 NYSICA applicants apply to any of the 3 ARTS categories in the CFA?

A. All ARTS categories are open to current NYSICA applicants for initiatives that are new and separate from the applicant's current 2016 NYSICA request.

Q. What would qualify as an implementation or planning initiative?

A. Planning or Implementation initiatives that are shovel ready to stimulate the region's economy and drive tourism. For examples of similar planning and implementation projects nationwide, please [review page 3 of NYSCA's resource sheet](#).

Q. Can staff time be incorporated into the planning grant?

A. Administrative staffing is allowable in the planning grant.

Q. Are payroll benefits allowable in the workforce investment budget?

A. Payroll benefits are not allowable as a part of the budget for the workforce investment opportunity. Support **may not** be requested for hiring costs, payroll taxes, fringe benefits, or overhead costs.

Q. Are physical improvements allowable in the Implementation initiative?

A. Physical improvements are considered capital improvements and are not allowable.

Q. Can a consultant be used to submit an application for funding?

A. A consultant working on behalf of the any non-profit organization may submit the application on the organization's behalf.

Q. Who is eligible to apply?

A. Non-profit organization incorporated in or registered to do business in NYS, Indian tribes in NYS, Units of government in municipalities in NYS, organizations with principal places of business in NYS serving the State's citizens and visitors.

Q. Does NYSCA require pre-application approval process?

A. NYSCA does not require pre-approval process.

Q. Do all partnering organization in one application have to be prequalified in Grants Gateway?

A. Only the lead organization in the application must be prequalified in Grants Gateway.

Q. Are planning grants more than one year?

A. Planning grants are one calendar year grant opportunities in FY16.

Q. Can funds be matched through other agencies separate from ARTS?

A. Funds can only have one State match in the budget.

Q. Are there different goals for impacting workforce development for the NYSCA grant?

A. Workforce Investment support is designed to expand the capacity of New York State's arts, culture and heritage organizations with operating budgets under \$500,000.