




# ORANGE COUNTY ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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## Cultural Tourism Funding

**Eligibility:** Cultural nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations, for event(s) in Orange County that: 1) enhance the Orlando area's arts and cultural identity, 2) present quality arts and cultural experiences, and 3) promote tourism (See guidelines for complete requirements).

**Request levels:** Large - up to \$155,000; Medium - up to \$77,000; Small - up to \$42,000; \$1:\$1 match required. Request levels have stepped requirements in match and attendance.

**May 2021:** Guidelines, Application & Forms available  
**May/June 2021:** Required workshop for first-time applicants (**attend one**):

- Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 3-4:30 pm
- Friday, May 21, 2021, 9:00-10:30 am
- Thursday, May 27, 2021, 5:30-7:00 pm

Click [here](#) to register.

**June 15, 2021:** Deadline for Nonprofit Search Portrait; input due to Central Florida Foundation

**July 8, 2021, 5 p.m.:** Deadline for applications

**Mid-Sept, 2021:** Public review panel meeting (mandatory attendance for applicants)

**Nov 1, 2021 to Feb 28, 2023:** Grant period (event(s) must occur between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2022)

## Cultural Facilities Funding

(Note: The Cultural Facilities program has been temporarily suspended due to budgetary restrictions from COVID-19.)

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit museum- and/or government-leased or owned entities in Orange County, for: acquisition, construction, renovation or equipping of cultural museums or auditoriums.

**Request Amount:** Max: \$500,000; \$1:\$1 match, and other requirements

**Late December/January:** Letter of Intent and application deadline

**July 1, 20XX–Mar 31, 20XX:** Grant period of 21 months

## Blockbuster Fund

(Note: This program has been temporarily suspended due to budgetary restrictions from COVID-19.)

To encourage marquee-type arts and cultural blockbuster events in Orange County, Florida, that result in regional, statewide and national attendance. Eligible: individual or organization. Ongoing program, as funds are available.

For information about proposals for Blockbuster projects in Orange County, see guidelines [here](#) or contact Mr. Terry Olson at Orange County Arts & Cultural Affairs: Terry.Olson@ocfl.net 407.836.5040.

## The Awesome Foundation

The Awesome Foundation is a global community advancing the interest of awesome in the universe, \$1,000 at a time. Eligible to an individual or a group. Ongoing; awarded monthly. (Note: On hold until Fall 2021)

Easy application can be accessed [here](#) or contact Mr. Terry Olson at Orange County Arts & Cultural Affairs: Terry.Olson@ocfl.net, 407.836.5040.

For more resources click [here](#) or email contact Trudy Wild: Trudy@UnitedArts.cc, 321.972.9837

## OTHER STATEWIDE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



### Florida Division of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

Division grants support Florida's cultural organizations through several programs. July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023: Grant period for all listed grants. For updates:

<https://www.dosgrants.com/>  
<http://dos.myflorida.com/cultural/grants/>

United Arts offers an annual "Tips & Tricks" workshop on applying to the State (Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 12 - 1 pm; Register [here](#).)

**June 1, 2021, 5 pm - Grant Opportunities & Deadlines – through State legislature funding:**

- General Program Support (GPS, called Cultural and Museum Grants)
- Specific Cultural Projects (SCP, called Culture Builds Florida) – includes Individual Artist Grants – up to \$25,000 (requires dollar-for-dollar match)
- Cultural Facilities – contact Teri Abstein 850.245.6299
- Cultural Endowment (applications not currently available)
- Grants information: <https://dos.myflorida.com/cultural/> or email DCAGrants@dos.myflorida.com; Technical support: 850.245.6470

**Sept 1, 2021, 5 pm – Fast Track Projects from Jan 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022**

- Program offered twice a year (March/Sept), supporting small organizations' arts and cultural projects, including, but not limited to, artist residencies, performances, or exhibitions.
- Awards range from \$1,000-\$2,500.
- Contact Sarah Stage 850.245.6459



### National Endowment for the Arts

The NEA offers funding for projects only, through four categories: [CARES Act](#) | [Grants for Arts Projects](#) | [Our Town](#) | [Research Awards grant programs](#).

Click [here](#) for more information on programs and upcoming deadlines. Grants for organizations support exemplary projects in almost every genre. Projects may consist of one or more specific events or activities.

### Additional Resources:

[National Endowment for the Humanities](#)

[Florida Humanities](#)

[Institute of Museum and Library Services](#)

[Florida Division of Historical Resources](#)

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