

# GUIDELINES FOR PROGRAM STREAM

**DUE DATE:** January 18, 2022, 5 p.m. EST

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED**

**GRANT ACTIVITY PERIOD:** September 1, 2022-August 31, 2023

**Agency Mission**  
To strengthen the cultural, educational, and economic vitality of Pennsylvania's communities through the arts.

**Overarching Value: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**  
Promote equitable access for all Pennsylvanians to participate fully in a creative life and in the diverse forms of arts and culture in the commonwealth.

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## Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts Overview

Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) is a partnership between local organizations and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA). Operating in all 67 Pennsylvania counties, [PPA Partners](#) re-grant PCA funds to support a wide variety of local and community arts activities. PPA goals include:

- Expanding constituent access to the arts by (a) making arts programs available to communities that may have been underserved in the past by state arts funding, and (b) supporting a wide variety of arts activities in communities, developed in a variety of local settings.
- Encouraging and supporting local decision making in regranting of arts dollars.
- Increasing awareness of and advocacy for government support and funding for the arts at the local and state levels.
- Enabling the PCA to provide increased assistance to its broad constituency throughout the state.

## Program Stream Description

Program Stream provides on-going support to qualified applicants that provide consistent levels of artistic programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania. Activities and services generally must have a public component.

## Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be invited to apply by a PPA Partner or the PCA based on a consistent application and grant history with PPA or the PCA.
- Be a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, a unit of government, or school district providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania. Applicants are required to provide proof of incorporation and activity in Pennsylvania before applications are reviewed or funds awarded. Unincorporated groups must apply through a nonprofit, tax exempt corporation that acts as a fiscal sponsor. The fiscal sponsor is legally responsible for the administration of the contract, including all reporting requirements, and may charge a fee for its services. Applicants applying through a fiscal sponsor organization must meet the same requirements as other applicants, except for nonprofit status. The fiscal sponsor is responsible for any award. The fiscal sponsor receives the award check directly from the designated PPA Partner and is responsible for ensuring the completion of the final reports.
- Have an average annual revenue of less than \$200,000.

## Matching Requirements

- All grants must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis in cash.
- In-kind goods and services may not be used to match PCA funds.
- Program Stream grant funds cannot be used to match other PCA grants.

## Funding Restrictions

Grant funds cannot be used for any of the following:

- Activities outside the performance period of the grant.
- Activities that have a religious purpose.
- Payments to lobbyists.
- Cash prizes and awards.
- Benefit activities.
- Hospitality expenses (i.e., receptions, parties, gallery openings).
- Capital expenditures, including equipment costing \$500-or more.
- Competitions.
- Performances and exhibitions not available to the public.

## Application Process

Based on their PA county of residence, applicants must submit applications to their applicable [PPA Partner](#). Applications are due January 18, 2022, for the grant performance period of September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. (If the due date is missed, an application may be submitted to Entry to Program Stream with a February 15, 2022, due date).

## Application Review Process

- PPA Partner staff review applications for any significant changes in finances, leadership, programming, or other factors that may have an adverse impact on the applicant's ability to meet the terms of the grant agreement. A PPA staff member may contact applicants about these changes to obtain additional information.
- The PCA annually reviews funding parameters for Program Stream.
- Applicants will be notified of the status of their applications, award amounts, and grant award

agreements.

### About PCA

The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) is a state agency under the Office of the Governor. The PCA's mission is to strengthen the cultural, educational, and economic vitality of Pennsylvania's communities through the arts. By leveraging the immense potential of Pennsylvania's arts and cultural sector, the PCA supports jobs, builds community, inspires lifelong learning, promotes the commonwealth nationally and internationally, and sparks innovation. For more information about the PCA, visit [arts.pa.gov](https://arts.pa.gov).

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### How to apply

**STEP 1 READ THIS DOCUMENT.**

**STEP 2 APPLY THROUGH** the applicable [PPA Partner](#).

**STEP 3 SUBMIT ONLINE by January 18, 2022. No hard copies are required.**

### Need help?

- For technical and login questions or questions about content and attachments, contact the applicable [PPA Partner](#).



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