

Arts for Health Call for Art FAQ

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1. Is it possible to collaborate with other artists?

Yes, artists can apply as teams.

2. Can an arts organization apply?

Independent artists are prioritized for this funding, but arts organization can apply.

3. What is the maximum amount we can request for one concept?

\$4,000

4. If we submit two concepts, should the total amount requested be less than \$4,000?

No. Applicants can request up to \$4,000 for each concept submitted. Only one concept will be funded per artist.

5. Does the grant cover the cost of materials?

Yes. The budget request should include all costs associated with the project including the cost of materials, artist fees, etc.

6. Are there other funding sources that could be used to support the project or is it only the \$9,000?

The Cambridge Public Health Department may have supplementary funding for community engagement. While an amount cannot be guaranteed, additional support may be available.

7. If the work takes place in a physical setting, do those places need to be within the City of Cambridge, are there any particular other things we need to consider about those spaces?

Yes, any physical engagement or installation must be within the City of Cambridge. Staff from Cambridge Public Health Department and MAPC will be available to assist with securing space if needed.

8. Will we need to include the cost of renting space and licensing fees or will the City of Cambridge be able to assist with space rental and obtaining permits and licenses?

The City of Cambridge can assist with finding public venues but artists proposals must include specific details on the type of space needed. Availability of space is not guaranteed. Additional permits and licenses are part of the artists' scope.

9. Are there spaces available that have access to warm and cold water, ventilation, and allow for messy artistic activities?

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10. Would event space be available for workshops?

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11. If the concepts include events, how many participants are you expecting to engage through the work covered by these grants?

This grant intends to engage primarily the community of The Port neighborhood in Cambridge. There is no requirement for number of participants. The Cambridge Public Health Department can help with outreach, but proposals should include a basic concept for engagement.

12. What do you mean by engaging the community? Do we have to propose an activity in a physical location? Can it be material sent to people's houses? Can it be a poster or a book of portraits? Can it be a one-time event? Can it be a conceptual piece or a casting call?

Creative engagement can be in different mediums and venues. As the City of Cambridge continues to safely follow the reopening guidelines, public venues can be made available for activities. For artists working in printed media, proposals that include posters, books, mailing materials, or other printed media are acceptable.

13. Is it possible to engage a specific segment of Cambridge is population or the Port Neighborhood or does the concept need to be for a general population?

Yes, the proposal may target a specific segment of the population.

14. Can the Cambridge Public Health Department help connect the artists with community organizations and community partners like community centers, libraries, or youth organizations to collaborate with?

Yes, the Cambridge Public Health Department can assist in connecting the artists with community partners. However, the selection criteria states preference to those artists that have past-experience in engaging with the Cambridge community and The Port neighborhood.

15. What is the expectation in terms of proposing something in-person? Will we also need to include a virtual experience? (Providing both will add to the cost)

Artists are not required to include both in-person and virtual experiences. However, some documentation of in-person experiences may be expected.

16. Is there a contact person that we could talk to about designing resources about food or mental health?

Once selected, artists will work with staff from the Cambridge Public Health Department that can provide resources on the three priority areas.

17. How many participants are you expecting for these grants to cover?

The number of artists funded will depend on the number of applicants. Funding for this opportunity is currently at \$9,000 total. There is no requirement for the number of participants engaged through artistic concepts.