

APPLICATION FOR PREVIEW ONLY

Link to Application available 9/20/24: <https://svcreates.org/arts-access-grants/>

Arts Access Grant 2025-26

Silicon Valley Creates

Project Information

Arts Access Grant Application Instructions:

Before you get started, please review complete Guidelines and Application Instructions to determine your eligibility for this grant program: [*link to Guidelines*](#)

- We also recommend that you review the entire application before getting started. You may download the application questions by clicking on the "Question List" button at the top of the page.
- In your narrative responses, be concise. You may use bullet points.
- Character limits are a guide, your answers may be much shorter.
- This platform has a collaboration feature. Click on the blue "Collaborate" button to invite others in your organization to view, edit, or submit your application.
- You may continue to edit your application until you've clicked "submit." Once you've submitted your application, you will not be able to change it.

NOTE: SVCCreates is transitioning to a **two-year application** cycle for Arts Access Grants. 2025 grant recipients will be eligible for grant renewal in 2026, contingent on SVCCreates available funding, grantee's successful delivery of their project/program in year one, and submission of required reports. This shift is intended to support your capacity to deepen relationships with the communities you serve, and learn through project challenges and successes year over year. So while your project scope may change in 2026, you are expected to serve the same community over both years of the grant program. Grant awards will be comparable in year one and year two.

Grant term:

Year one: January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Year two: January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

Application Deadline: October 25, 2024 at 5:00 pm. This is a hard deadline, no extensions will be granted.

For questions, contact Alyssa Erickson at alyssae@svcreates.org

Eligibility Check*

Eligibility Requirements:

- Organizations must be based in Santa Clara County (eg. have a primary performance, exhibition, or office space in the county and serve primarily Santa Clara County residents).
- Eligible organizations must have 501c3 status or a qualified nonprofit fiscal sponsor.
- Eligible organizations must have a **minimum of three years** of arts programming history in Santa Clara County.
- Eligible projects/programs must serve Santa Clara County residents and take place in Santa Clara County.
- **New in 2024:** Eligible organizations must have a history of programming with the community to be served, having provided at least one year of programming with/for the identified community.

Choices

My organization meets ALL eligibility requirements.

Project Title*

Character Limit: 200

Grant Request Amount*

You may request between \$8,000 and \$20,000. **Please enter the request amount for year one.** Grant awards will be comparable in year one and year two.

Character Limit: 20

Project Budget*

Estimated TOTAL project budget for year one.

*Note: include your **total** budget for the first year, even if it is greater than your grant request.*

Character Limit: 20

Annual Operating Expenses*

Organization's annual operating expenses for the most recently completed fiscal year.

Character Limit: 20

Project/Program Lead*

Please list name and bio/qualifications.

Character Limit: 3000

Project Description and Details

Organization Mission*

Briefly describe your organization's mission, when it was founded, and its principal activities.

Character Limit: 3000

Audience Served for this project*

Identify audience/community your program will serve:

- Include demographic description and estimated number of individuals to be served.
- Be as specific as possible. For example, stating "Title 1" schools is overly general. Are there specific schools or communities you have an established relationship with?
- Why do you consider this audience historically marginalized or underserved?

Character Limit: 3000

Relationship to Audience/Community Served*

Briefly describe your relationship with the audience/community to be served, including your past experience working with this audience/community.

Note: applicants are required to have provided at least one year of prior programming of some kind to this audience/community.

Character Limit: 2500

Partner/Advisor

Please list the partner organization or community advisor for this project, if any. (Note, this is not a requirement.)

Include the following:

- Is this relationship pending or confirmed?
- Is this a first-time or ongoing partnership?
- What will their role be?
- List specific contact name and email address.

Character Limit: 2000

Project Summary for Year One*

Provide a concise summary of your project for the **first year** of the grant period, beginning with "[organization name] requests funding from SVCCreates to . . ." (1-2 sentences only)

Character Limit: 500

Project Details*

Please include:

- A description of the proposed program/project, include artistic discipline and scope of program (e.g. a series of classes at your location; a one-time performance; an outreach program at off-site locations).
- How the program was or will be designed.
- Who will participate in the design/planning process? Will input from your intended audience or partners be a factor?
- Why is this project a priority for your organization. I.e., how does it align with your mission? Is this an existing or new program?

Note: Projects in the first year of this grant program must take place between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

Character Limit: 5000

Planning for Year Two*

Do you anticipate the project will be similar for the second year of the grant period? If known, how might the project shift in year two? If not known, what factors will be considered for modifications in year two? I.e, what do you hope to learn in the first year that may inform planning for year two?

Character Limit: 3000

Project Team*

Who will deliver this project/program? Include administrative and artistic team members. List name and role, and note if individual resides in Santa Clara County.

Character Limit: 3000

Selection and Compensation of Artists*

How do you select and compensate artists, how does the selection process ensure that artists are experienced in their craft/art form?

Character Limit: 2500

Venue*

Where will this program take place? Specify type of facility (school, theater, gallery, etc.) and name and address if known.

Character Limit: 2000

Project Goals

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Describe two goals for this project.

Character Limit: 2000

How will you know if you've met those goals?*

Character Limit: 2000

Budget Details

Project Budget - year one

Provide a brief expense breakout of your project budget for the **first year** of the grant, using the template below. *Note: include your **total** budget for the first year, even if it is greater than your grant request.*

*Up to 15% of grant award may be allocated to administrative/overhead costs.
If budget allocation for any category is zero, please enter 0.*

Artistic Personnel	
Other Personnel	
Materials/Supplies	
Admin/Overhead	
Other Expenses	
TOTAL EXPENSES	

Other Expenses

If you include "other expenses," please specify.

Character Limit: 1000

Other Revenue

If this grant does not cover the full cost of the project, list additional anticipated sources of revenue for the project.

Character Limit: 2000