



For Artists Considering a 2024 Grant Application

Welcome

We're proud to fund Pinellas Artists to pursue their great ideas for what makes our County a better place for residents and tourists alike.

You'll Choose 1 of the Funds to Apply to

For 2024-25, we offer three grant opportunities to Pinellas County Artists working in film, music, performance, visual, and writing or composition:

- **Arts Impact Fund:** Apply in your genre/category for between \$2,000 and \$5,000 to create and present your work in Pinellas County.
- **Arts Ignite Fund:** Apply for up to \$500 to bridge a small but important gap for arts supplies, materials, or a project budget item.
- **FloridaRAMA Fund:** Apply for up to \$5,000 to create art celebrating Florida's unique cultural, natural, & artistic environment, culminating in a premier exhibition or performance at FloridaRAMA in St. Petersburg, FL.

We hope this planning packet supports you as you prepare for your application. We also plan to continue our partnerships with municipalities and organizations to create opportunities for commissions of arts projects, which are separate from these granting opportunities.

Please note

Projects should not include political lobbying, discriminatory actions, or religious proselytization.



Some Arts Impact Fund \$2-5K Genres & Example Ideas

FILM	Creation, storyboarding, production, presentation, screening, and submission of a film.	I would like to create a short, feature, documentary, or experimental work and will hire actors and other talent, film the project, screen it, and shop the work to festivals.
MUSIC	Curation, production, planning, presentation, and performance of all genres of music, including hip-hop, opera, classical, pop/rock, cabaret, and more.	Focusing on music of importance to my community, I would like to hire musicians and singers to perform in a series of small concerts in neighborhoods so that people may experience intimate musical experiences.
PERFORMANCE	Staging, choreography, production, and presentation of a play, musical, concert dance, theatrical experience, and more.	I already have a musical composed/written and would like to hire performers, rent a theatre, conduct rehearsals, ensure tech, and present the show.
VISUAL	Creation and exhibition of one or more 2D, sculptural, or multimedia works of art.	I would like to create new visual art works for exhibition in a gallery or public space.
WRITING or COMPOSITION	Writing, composition, illustration, editing, publication, presentation, and submission of novels, symphonies, screenplays, musicals, stage plays, memoirs, anthologies, children’s literature, and more.	I would like to create a literary journal and use the funds to pay writers, host readings, and print the journal.
NOTES ON COLLABORATION	We strongly encourage collaborative and multidisciplinary projects; we invite applicants to choose the primary focus of the project to apply in the best genre area.	We two Artists—a painter and a composer—would like to present an interactive piece we’ve already created; we’ll apply in Music, with the composer as the lead Artist for the application.



Some Arts Ignite Fund (up to \$500) Example Ideas

I have funding for everything but my own Artist payment for a show that I created about the history of Pinellas County that is scheduled at a local theater venue.

The proper screenwriting software will allow me to write in the appropriate filmmaking formats. Each director I meet with likes my ideas but consistently tells me that I need to use proper formatting, which is only available via the correct software. I have lost opportunities due to the lack of an appropriate resource.

Other ideas:

- Kiln
- Binding machine
- Budget item that would allow a show to occur

Some FloridaRAMA Fund (up to \$5K) Example Ideas

Utilizing archival photographs, I have recreated a specific environment from 1920s Florida to highlight its relevance to today's Florida.

Focusing my attention on the history of Florida as a land of promise and folly, I will travel throughout the county with a mobile "Land of Dreams" cart.

I am utilizing the latest technology to document the impact of storms on how and where Artists create in Pinellas County.



What You'll Need for Your Application

Qualifications

- Apply as an individual, not as a nonprofit / organization
- Annual Pinellas County residency for at least 6 months + 1 day
- Age 18+ at time of application
- Did not receive a grant for Beyond Placemaking Creative Pinellas NEA Artists 2023-24
- Did not receive a grant for Emerging Artists 2023-24
- Project starts no earlier than January 2025 and ends by August 31, 2025

Your Information and Some Agreements

- Pinellas address and other contact information
- If you authorize any other party to discuss your application or grant with Creative Pinellas (and their contact information if so)
- Agreement to general grant terms and conditions
- Selection of which of 3 funds you're applying to
- Short biographical / artistic statement
- If you're also seeking funds from other sources
- Acknowledgement that some grants may be provided at funding levels other than that of the request
- Agreement to any reporting requirements
- Agreement that you'll participate in our 2 required events: Launch and Reflection with other selected Artists
- Professional development topics you'd like to be presented at the optional workshops offered throughout the granting year

Your Portfolio

- Short portfolio of your work in the genre of the idea you're proposing



Also for an Arts Impact or FloridaRAMA Application (up to \$5K)

	Example Answers
1. A one-sentence idea summary	I would like to write a new screenplay, workshop it, hire actors to present a public table-read; and submit the final draft to a contest.
2. A paragraph about the idea – what is it about? Who influenced it? Why is it vital?	This screenplay is urgent because it depicts families with children diagnosed as neurodivergent who do not find welcoming community options in our county. It is particularly influenced by my collaborating Artist (their name) and a tragic way he was kicked out of a camp when he was younger due to a misunderstanding around his diagnosis.
3. A paragraph about those who'll be involved or who will benefit – who are real or hypothetical examples? What do you hope they'll gain? How are you connected to them?	Parents or guardians who have children diagnosed as neurodivergent will perform alongside their children for the table read and learn additional ways to support their children in workshops. My collaborating Artist (their name) shares that they are diagnosed as neurodivergent, though I am not.
4. General timeline (All grants must close by August 31, 2025)	Jan – Mar – Writing Apr – Workshops & Rehearsals Begin May 17 – Table Read Performance Open to the Public June – Editing Round 2 July – Submission to Contest



Also for an Arts Ignite Fund Application (up to \$500)

	Example Answers
A. What you're hoping to purchase or cover with grant funds	The balance of the cost of a Marley floor
B. How the item you noted will support your artistic practice or a current project; who will be involved; community or location affected	This grant would be the final part of saving \$2000 each year hereafter on Marley floor rentals. This funding would be the last amount I need for the purchase and storage. Each year, I rent a Marley floor to showcase the older adults of our neighborhood in a concert dance. You may view our past performances at XXXX site.
C. Purchasing or spending timeline	February 2024



Also a Simple Budget

Budget Example 1: Project budget is greater than request

Total project cost: \$9,000

Expense Item	Cost	Amount Applied for from Creative Pinellas	Amount Covered by Another Party
Pay to Lead Artist	\$3,850	\$3,850	
Venue Rental	\$1,000		\$1,000
Pay to Artists	\$2,000		\$2,000
Screenwriting Software	\$150	\$150	
Craft Services	\$2,000		\$2,000
Totals:	\$9,000	\$4,000	\$5,000

Budget Example 2: Project budget is equal to request

Total project cost: \$4,000

Expense Item	Cost	Amount Applied for from Creative Pinellas
Pay to Lead Artist	\$1,000	\$1,000
Venue Rental	\$1,500	\$1,500
Marketing / Printing	\$1,500	\$1,500
Totals:	\$4,000	\$4,000



Worksheet for an Arts Impact or FloridaRAMA Application (up to \$5K)

	Answers
1. A one-sentence idea summary	
2. A paragraph about the idea – what is it about? Who influenced it? Why is it vital?	
3. A paragraph about those who'll be involved or who will benefit – who are real or hypothetical examples? What do you hope they'll gain? How are you connected to them?	
4. General timeline (All grants must close by August 31, 2025)	



Worksheet for an Arts Ignite Fund Application (up to \$500)

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B. How the item you noted will support your artistic practice or a current project; who will be involved; community or location affected	
C. Purchasing or spending timeline	



Simple Budget Worksheet

Budget Example 1: Project budget is greater than request

Total project cost: \$

Expense Item	Cost	Amount Applied for from Creative Pinellas	Amount Covered by Another Party
Totals			

Budget Example 2: Project budget is equal to request

Total project cost: \$

Expense Item	Cost	Amount Applied for from Creative Pinellas
Totals		