



## **For Artists Considering a 2025–26 Grant Application**

### **Welcome**

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

### **You'll Choose 1 of the Funds to apply to**

For 2025–26, we offer two grant opportunities to Pinellas County Artists working in film, music, performance, visual, and writing or composition:

- **Arts Ignite Fund:** Up to \$500 to close a budget gap for an art project or effort; think materials, Artist pay, rental fees, etc.
- **Arts Impact Fund:** Between \$3000 and \$10,000 to create & present environmentally focused art in Pinellas County as part of the Making Waves celebration in April–May 2026

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 Ignite Fund examples (up to \$500) from 2024-25**

- To purchase a durable zine stand and curate zines to promote a range of artistic voices
- To purchase professional video editing software that will allow the Artist to edit their own videos for portfolio development and marketing
- To support teen workshops focused on the intersection of grief and comics, with inspiration from the "True Believer" comic book
- To acquire screenwriting software and professional playwriting training to increase opportunities to be produced by theatres
- To purchase a 500mm camera lens to better capture detailed images of the avian subjects of future artwork

### **Some Arts Impact Fund \$3 to 10K genres & example Ideas**

<b>FILM</b>	Ginsburg, et. al.'s <i>Meditation Ocean</i> , a multi-channel video installation showcasing Key Biscayne's evolving state of vibrancy
<b>MUSIC</b>	Boursier-Mougenot's <i>Clinamen</i> , a sound installation: Waves in a basin measuring 59 feet in diameter push white ceramic bowls, making spontaneous music
<b>PERFORMANCE</b>	Choreograph weekly outdoor dances about mangroves that include audience participation
<b>VISUAL</b>	Cortada's <i>The Underwater</i> , a community-wide activation using creative installations to illustrate the rise in water elevation
<b>WRITING or COMPOSITION</b>	Evolve a poetry-event series to be outside, nature-focused, and with poets of national note
<b>NOTE ON COLLABORATION</b> <i>We love collaborative and multidisciplinary projects; we invite the lead applicant to choose the primary focus of the project as the genre area to apply in</i>	



## **What You'll Need for Your Ignite or Impact Fund 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 Impact Fund 2024-25, Sixstar Performing Arts Fund 2024-25, FloridaRAMA Fund 2024-25
- ☐ Ignite Fund 2024-25 recipients may only apply for Impact Fund, not Ignite Fund again
- ☐ Was not selected for Leadman CRA, Tax Collector, or PODS Murals 2024-25
- ☐ If you were selected for a 2024-25 Hurricane Relief Grant or a 2024-25 Signal Box, you are OK to apply
- ☐ Project starts no earlier than agreement signing (tentatively Nov - Dec 2025) and ends by May 31, 2026, with reporting in June

### **Your Information and Some Agreements**

- ☐ Pinellas address and other identifying information
- ☐ If you authorize any other party to discuss your application or grant with Creative Pinellas (and their contact information if so)
- ☐ Short portfolio of your work in the genre of the idea you're proposing
- ☐ Selection of which fund 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 marketing & reporting requirements
- ☐ For Impact Fund: Agreement that you'll participate in our 2 required events: Launch and Reflection with other selected Artists
- ☐ Agreement to general grant terms and conditions



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

	Draft Answers
A. What is your idea? Tell us about the who, what, where, and how.	
B. Tell us about the why. How would a grant support your artistic practice or project? In return, what community or location would benefit?	
C. What grant amount are you applying for? (Type a rounded amount, up to \$500.)	
D. In lieu of a budget, list each item you'll purchase / pay for and how much each costs. It's OK to have only 1 item. If the overall cost for all your items is for more than the amount of the grant, tell us how you'll specifically cover the additional costs.	
E. When do you plan to use the funds between agreement signing (approximately Nov - Dec) and May 31, 2026?	



**Also for an Arts Impact Application (\$3 to \$10K)**

	Draft Answers
<p>1. What do you propose to create? In 100 words or fewer, help reviewers understand who, what, for what purpose, how, where, &amp; how often.</p> <p><i>Upload a letter or email or similar to show that the location is secured and aware of the needs of hosting</i></p>	
<p>2. Tell us about the location and why it's a good match</p>	
<p>3. Tell us about anyone who'll be involved in making or presenting your artwork and why they're a good match</p>	
<p>4. Tell us about the direct experience(s) visitors to Pinellas County and residents will have with your artwork</p>	
<p>5. How will the artwork raise awareness, inspire action, and/or celebrate the connection between art and the environment? Include notes on how you would confidently report that those things happened.</p>	
<p>6. What's your timeline to complete your idea? Include 5 to 7 associated actions and timeframes.</p>	



### **Also a simple budget for Arts Impact Fund applications**

- A project may be equal to or greater than the amount of the Impact Fund grant you're applying for
- Remember to confirm with your location if they are charging you any fees for the use of the location, such as rent, insurance, power, permits, etc. – or if those will be provided by them in-kind
- Even in-kind items are budget items, so include them in your budget form

- A. How much does your whole project cost, including any in-kind costs?
- B. What grant amount are you applying for? Choose one: \$3K, \$5K, \$7K, or \$10K
- C. Complete the budget planner – remember to make sure that the idea you've described in your application matches all the items in your proposed budget; the next page includes budget examples

List each expense item (you are allowed 5 lines, so please combine items as needed)	Total that this expense item will cost -- <b>Please do not use \$ signs or words</b>	How much of the cost for this expense item will the Creative Pinellas grant cover? <b>Please do not use \$ signs or words</b>	This column shows the amount covered by a source other than the Creative Pinellas grant
	Above is the total cost	Above = amount covered by Impact Fund	Above = amount covered by a different source

- D. If the table above shows expenses greater than the amount of the Creative Pinellas grant you're applying for, explain how you have or will ensure the additional funding or in-kind donations
- E. If you have secured additional funding, please upload a copy of the funding confirmation



## **Impact Fund budget examples**

### **Example One**

- How much does your whole project cost? \$20,000
- What grant amount are you applying for? \$10,000

Up to 5 expense items	Cost	Impact Fund	Other Source (cash or in-kind)
Sculptor fee	5000	5000	0
Location prep for installation	6000	3500	2500
Materials	7500	0	7500
Choreographer for dances	1500	1500	0
	20,000	10,000	10,000
	Above is the total cost	Above = amount covered by Impact Fund	Above = amount covered by a different source

- I have secured a matching grant from the City in the amount of \$10,000;  
please see the City's letter in the additional upload section below

### **Example Two**

- How much does your whole project cost? \$7000
- What grant amount are you applying for? \$7000

Up to 5 expense items	Cost	Impact Fund	Other Source (cash or in-kind)
Choreographer Fee	5000	5000	0
Rental of Location	1500	1500	0
Hospitality	500	500	0
	7000	7000	0
	Above is the total cost	Above = amount covered by Impact Fund	Above = amount covered by a different source



## **Sample email to a potential Impact Fund location**

Dear Donald:

I'm applying for a Creative Pinellas grant for \$7000 to create and present a new educational dance performance that encourages people to plant trees. For the application, I'm hopeful to list your hotel's beach pavilion as my performance location for four Saturdays in April 2026. Would you meet with me to discuss being the location?

Being my location means:

1. Agreeing you would provide the space for a fee or in-kind; we'd discuss
2. Meeting with me to ensure requirements for the performances could be met
3. Confirming if permits or insurance would be required
4. Discussing any questions and concerns that you have

I look forward to discussing this opportunity. I can meet you at your site anytime in the first half of July, Tuesdays to Thursdays, from 11 am to 1 pm. I'm also available for a phone call or video meeting. Feel free to respond to me at this email address or text me at the number below.

Thank you,

ARTIST NAME

CONTACT INFORMATION

WEBSITE

*To learn more about Creative Pinellas, the local arts agency of Pinellas County, visit [creativepinellas.org](https://creativepinellas.org)*



**Sample letter from a potential Arts Impact Fund location**

Dear Creative Pinellas:

My name is Donald, and I represent the Beach Pavillion Hotel of Treasure Island. I'm happy to be listed in the application of ARTIST NAME for your 2025-26 Impact Fund. I have met with the Artist and confirmed budget and location requirements, including insurance and permits, and we are confident we will be able to meet the requirements if the Artist is chosen.

We will provide the Artist the location in-kind, but the Artist will pay for and provide their own insurance, which we will collect prior to any performance.

We understand that the artwork will be presented on our grounds in April and/or May over several weeks and is intended to be easily attended or viewed by visitors to, and residents of, Pinellas County. We look forward to finalizing details after the Artist has been chosen for this funding opportunity.

Thank you,

Donald Donald

Owner

Beach Pavillion Hotel

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