Arts & Culture Grant Program:  
2022 Guidelines

In 2022, the Foundation for MetroWest seeks to award one-time general operating grants of up to $20,000* to support arts & culture nonprofits in MetroWest as they continue to stabilize, sustain, and grow. In alignment with our vision where artistic and cultural initiatives are centered as a key component to cultivating a vibrant MetroWest community and sense of belonging for all residents, we will provide grants to nonprofit organizations whose primary mission is to provide access to arts and cultural initiatives in the region. This includes organizations focused on:

- Visual and/or performing arts education for adults and families, including veterans, individuals with disabilities, aging adults, etc.
- Performance series that resonate with changing audiences
- Gallery exhibitions or programming
- Celebration or preservation of local history and historic cultural landmarks in our region

As the region slowly recovers from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we recognize the importance of arts & culture to help us heal and rebuild, and we look forward to supporting nonprofit partners in need of additional funding to sustain their efforts or transform their work to benefit MetroWest.

*Maximum grant size will be 10% of the organization’s annual operating budget or $20,000, whichever is less.

GRANT PROCESS

The 2022 grant cycle is an online process and will operate based on the following timeline:

- August 15th, 9:00 AM Applications open online: www.bit.ly/ffmw_foundant
- September 16th, 5:00 PM Deadline for proposals
- October 3rd to October 28th Potential virtual site visits / follow-up conversations**
- Week of November 28th Applicants notified of decision

**Please note that we are unable to visit every applicant due to limited capacity. If you are not chosen to receive a site visit, this in no way serves as a reflection of your organization or your likelihood of receiving funding.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Have 501(c)(3) tax status as a registered nonprofit organization OR have an eligible fiscal sponsor
- Not discriminate in the hiring of staff or the provision of services on the basis of race, religion, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or disability
- Serve one or more of the following MetroWest cities/towns: Acton, Ashland, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Dedham, Dover, Framingham, Harvard, Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Marlborough, Maynard, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Natick, Needham, Sherborn, Southborough, Stow, Sudbury, Walpole, Waltham, Wayland, Wellesley, Westborough, Weston, Westwood

Ineligible organizations or requests include:

- City/town agencies, including libraries
- Individuals
- Schools – private, public, pre-K, charter, or Chapter 766
• youth-serving arts & culture initiatives (learn about our Youth Development Grant Program on our website)
• human service organizations providing an arts-based programs to their clients

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

When reviewing proposals the Foundation will prioritize organizations who:

• prioritize equitable access for all residents, especially under resourced individuals
• foster connection and collaboration
• contribute to the economic vitality of our region
• have a strong and existing commitment to and prioritize serving one or more MetroWest communities
• demonstrate strong leadership and financial stability or a commitment to achieving financial stability post-pandemic
• have a clear and meaningful impact on the community as a whole or their intended beneficiaries

We encourage all applicants to utilize any relevant data from our indicator project Impact MetroWest to help us further understand your mission and work within our communities. Please visit www.impactmw.org for more information.

**HOW TO APPLY**

1. Beginning August 15th, applicants will have access to the application form online.
2. If your organization is new to FFMW, please create an account.
3. If your organization has applied to FFMW in the past, please log into your existing account.
4. Once you are logged into your account, click on the Apply icon from the top menu bar.
5. Select **2022 Arts & Culture Grant Program**.

**GRANT DECISIONS**

Awards will be determined the week of November 28th. All applicants will be notified by email of decisions.

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: September 16, 2022 AT 5:00 PM**

*If you have questions regarding the eligibility or suitability of your organization or proposal, we encourage you to email grants@foundationformetrowest.org as early as possible to schedule a time to discuss.*