VIRGINIA250 GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS

VIRGINIA250 IMPACT GRANT

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MISSION STATEMENT

To invest in the arts in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
General Operating Support: Medium and Large | GOS

Operating Support Small | OSS

Creative Community Partnership Grants

VCA forges strong partnerships with arts organizations and additional partners in support of unrestricted funding needs

Community Impact Grants

Education Impact Grants

New! VA250 Impact Grants

VCA drives impact through the arts in communities and learning institutions around the state

Touring Artist Roster

Virginia Touring Grant

Teaching Artist Roster

Arts in Practice

Artist Fellowships

VCA supports individual artists and their engagement with citizens and communities across the Commonwealth
VCA BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants applying for a Virginia Commission for the Arts grant must:

- Be a nonprofit and exempt from federal income tax
- Have a valid [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number
- Remain in operation for the duration of the grant cycle to receive and apply the funds
- Produce, present, or support the arts in Virginia
- Not be under current debarment or suspension from federal funding
- Have no past due Final Reports to the VCA at the time of application

- Comply with Title VI, Section 601, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which states that no person, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

- Comply with Title IV, Section 1681, of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Section 6101, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex or age.

- Comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which state that no otherwise qualified person shall, solely by reason of a handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
**Overview**

The Virginia Commission for the Arts in partnership with the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250), is thrilled to unveil the VA250 Impact Grant. This initiative is set to fund dynamic arts programs that spark a 'Revolution of Ideas,' celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and the enduring spirit of innovation that founded our nation.

**Description**

VA250 Impact Grants provide one-time programmatic support of up to $5,000 for new and innovative art-based programs or services that explore the themes of “Revolution of Ideas”, capture stories that commemorate the Revolutionary War, and demonstrate the impact of revolutionary ideas on our world today.
INNOVATIVE + COLLABORATIVE ART ACTIVITIES

- Visual arts exhibitions
- Music concerts
- Film and documentary screenings
- Theatre performances
- Dance premieres
- Literary and spoken word events
INNOVATIVE + COLLABORATIVE ART ACTIVITIES

- commissions of new works of art
- arts education programs
- public art installations
- murals
- multimedia works
- interactive workshops
VCA ROSTERS

Touring Artist Roster
Performances across the Commonwealth

Teaching Artist Roster
Participatory Residencies, Workshops, and Professional Development
Eligible Applicants

This grant program is open to Virginia units of local and tribal government, public educational institutions, public libraries, and departments of parks and recreation.

Eligible Activities

VA250 Impact Grants provide support a wide range of in-person, public arts-related activities focused on content related to the American Revolution and the theme of "Revolution of Ideas" taking place between July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.

Eligible Expenses

- Artist / Speaker / Educator Fees
- Marketing and Promotion of the Program
- Materials / Supplies / Equipment Fees
- Venue Rental

Deadline: April 1, 2024
REVIEW AND PAYMENT PROCESS

Criteria for Evaluation:

- **Relevance to Theme** (20 points): The extent to which the proposed project relates to the commemoration of the American Revolution and the theme of "Revolution of Ideas."

- **Artistic Experience** (10 points): The extent to which the applicant demonstrates a committed effort to provide its audience/community an innovative, impactful, and quality artistic experience related to the American Revolution and the theme of "Revolution of Ideas."

- **Community Engagement and Accessibility** (10 points): The extent to which the program is accessible to a diverse audience, including people with disabilities.

- **Program Management** (10 Points): The extent to which the applicant can demonstrate sound project management, budgeting, promotion, and evaluation.

**Review and Payment Process:** Applications are reviewed by VCA staff and a statewide Advisory Panel. Recommendations are approved by the Commission board in Mid-June 2024. If awarded, grants are paid in full upon receipt of a Final Report.
The Virginia Commission for the Arts does not fund:

- Activities restricted to an organization’s membership.
- Expenses related to parties, receptions, fundraising events/benefits, etc.
- Endowments or capital campaigns.
- Activities that are primarily religious in purpose.
- College or university-based projects that are part of a required course or curriculum, that do not involve and serve a significant non-student population, or that are for activities that are otherwise available in the community.
- Fines and penalties, bad debt costs, or deficit reduction.
- Arts activities / programs that have already started or otherwise occurred.
- Activities or programs that take place outside Virginia.
- Vocal, dance and musical ensembles that perform primarily pop, Broadway, or barbershop music, or that focus primarily on competitions.

**Lobbying** | No part of a Virginia Commission for the Arts grant shall be used for any activity intended to influence a member of Congress or the General Assembly, to favor or oppose any legislation.
WHAT ARE YOUR REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS?

Be bold
Be innovative
Be dynamic
Be creative
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