



Arts are the soul of a thriving community

BVF Grant Application Information

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Our Mission

Bee Vradsenburg Foundation was founded in 2001 as a private foundation to advance the relevance, resilience and greatness of arts in the Pikes Peak region.

Our Goals

1. Advocate for arts and arts education as a vital part of the region's economy and quality of life.
2. Support emerging and diverse artists, art forms, audiences, and artistic endeavors.
3. Foster growth and resilience for arts organizations that are part of the cultural fabric of the region.
4. Build organizational capacity of arts groups.
5. Cultivate partnerships with businesses and funders to leverage new financial resources for the arts.

Ineligible for Funding

The following activities or organizations are ineligible for funding from the foundation:

- Individual artists or art students.
- Organizations that are not legal nonprofits or under the fiscal sponsorship of a nonprofit.
- Performances or arts events designed primarily as fund-raisers for non-arts organizations.

Eligibility

Organizations may apply for funding once per year. All organizations applying to the foundation must:

- Be a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization; or be an arts-oriented project or organization under the fiscal agency of a 501(c)3 organization.
- Be based in and serve the Pikes Peak region, defined as El Paso County and the Ute Pass corridor of Teller County to include Woodland Park.
- Have an active employment nondiscrimination policy signed by the board chair that is inclusive of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental handicap, veteran status and marital status.

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Grant Sizes/Structures

Grants are structured based on the size of organizations. Specifically:

- Organizations with prior-year or current-year revenues of \$50,000 or less are eligible to request up to \$2,500 per year.
- Organizations with prior-year or current-year revenues of \$50,000 or more are eligible to request up to \$15,000.
- Organizations applying for capital support should contact the Foundation before submitting a request.

Types of Support

The Foundation awards grants in the following forms:

- General operating support.
- Season or programmatic support.
- Capacity-building support.
- Challenge grants.
- Capital projects.
- Outreach programs to increase exposure to the arts.

Deadlines

Applications are accepted year-round but must be received January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1 to be considered during the quarterly trustee meetings. When those dates fall on a holiday or weekend, the first weekday thereafter applies.

To Apply for a Grant

Grant application form is available for download from beevradenburgfoundation.org/grantseekers. Applicants may submit applications by mail, in person, or via email. For email applications, please combine the entire application in a single PDF attachment.

Please send applications or questions to:

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