

MCA Arts Grants Application Preview

This guide outlines the questions and required word limits included in the MCA Grants 2026 online applications to help you prepare in advance. All applications must be submitted through the official online form; documents or emailed responses will not be accepted.

Use this preview to review the questions, plan your responses, and gather materials before starting the online application.

MCA Grants 2026 – Artists and Artist Collectives

This section outlines the questions included in the MCA Grants 2026 online application for individual artists and artist collectives.

Applicant Information

Applicants will be asked to provide the following information:

Name (First and Last)

Name of Artist Collective or Affiliated Organization (if applicable)

Mailing Address

Email

Phone Number (please enter a valid phone number)

Primary Artistic Discipline

- Dance/Movement
- Film/Video
- Cultural or Traditional Arts
- Literature/Poetry
- Media Arts (Audio/Computer/Technology based)
- Multi-discipline
- Music
- Theatre/Musical Theatre
- Visual Arts
- Other

Marin County Districts

In what districts of Marin County do you live or present your work? Mark all that apply.

- District 1 – Includes the majority of the City of San Rafael and unincorporated communities Lucas Valley, Marinwood, and Santa Venetia
- District 2 – Includes Fairfax, San Anselmo, Ross, Larkspur, Southwest San Rafael, Kentfield, Greenbrae, Oak Manor and Sleepy Hollow
- District 3 – Includes Sausalito, Floating Homes, Marin City, Tam Valley, Almonte, Mill Valley, Alto-Sutton Manor, Strawberry, Tiburon, and Belvedere
- District 4 – Includes coastal west Marin from Dillon Beach to Muir Beach; inland areas including Nicasio, Chileno Valley, the San Geronimo Valley, and west Novato; and areas of east San Rafael, San Quentin, Corte Madera, Larkspur, and Mill Valley
- District 5 – Includes the majority of the City of Novato and the unincorporated areas of Bel Marin Keys, Loma Verde, Black Point, Green Point, Rush Creek/Atherton Corridor, and Indian Valley
- Other

Narrative Questions

Please share a brief bio or artist statement about your work.

Limit 250 words.

How much funding are you requesting?

Individual artists and artist collectives may apply for funding up to \$5,000.

Please detail how you intend to use the requested funds to support your artistic practice or proposed project. Include a brief budget summary that outlines your anticipated expenses across key categories (e.g., art supplies and materials, equipment, studio or production costs, contracted services such as fabrication or technical support, or other relevant items).

Limit 250 words.

What will be the impact and reach of the work funded by this grant? How will you measure these results?

Limit 250 words.

MCA advocates for and serves as a catalyst to increase participation, advance collaboration, and optimize resources for art and culture in Marin County for all residents. Describe how your artistic practice supports this work.

Limit 250 words.

Work Samples

Artists may submit up to three website links (organizational or personal website, YouTube, Spotify, BandCamp, etc.) to provide samples of work.

Eligibility Confirmation

Applicants must confirm that they have read the application guidelines (available at marincultural.org/grants) and meet eligibility requirements.

MCA Grants 2026 – Arts Organizations

This section outlines the questions included in the MCA Grants 2026 online application for nonprofit arts organizations and fiscally sponsored organizations.

Organization Information

Applicants will be asked to provide:

- Organization Name
- Primary Contact Name (First and Last)
- Primary Contact Title
- Mailing Address
- Email
- Phone Number (please enter a valid phone number)
- Website

Primary Artistic Discipline

- Dance/Movement
- Film/Video
- Cultural or Traditional Arts
- Literature/Poetry
- Media Arts (Audio/Computer/Technology based)
- Multi-discipline
- Music
- Theatre/Musical Theatre
- Visual Arts
- Other

Organizational Narrative Questions

Please share your organization's mission.

Limit 250 words.

Please describe the arts programs or services your organization provides in Marin County. Include your estimated annual attendance and a brief description of the audiences you serve.

Limit 250 words.

Marin County Districts

In what districts of Marin County does your organization present work or programming? Mark all that apply.

- District 1 – Includes the majority of the City of San Rafael and unincorporated communities Lucas Valley, Marinwood, and Santa Venetia
- District 2 – Includes Fairfax, San Anselmo, Ross, Larkspur, Southwest San Rafael, Kentfield, Greenbrae, Oak Manor and Sleepy Hollow
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- Other

Budget and Funding Questions

What is your organization's annual operating budget?

How much funding are you requesting?

Nonprofit and fiscally sponsored organizations may apply for funding up to \$10,000.

Please describe how your organization intends to utilize the requested funds. Include a brief budget summary outlining key expense categories (e.g., personnel, program costs, supplies/materials, contracted services, marketing/outreach, or other relevant line items). If applicable, identify any matching funds, in-kind support, or leveraged resources that will help strengthen the proposed project.

Limit 250 words.

Impact and Alignment

What will be the impact and reach of the work funded by this grant? How will you measure these results?

Limit 250 words.

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Limit 250 words.

Work Samples and Supporting Materials

Please provide up to three virtual links that showcase your organization and its work.

Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or fiscally sponsored organization and will be asked to submit required documentation.

Eligibility Confirmation

Applicants must confirm that they have read the application guidelines and meet eligibility requirements.