

**ONTARIO COUNTY**  
**American Rescue Plan**  
**Arts, Culture, and Recreation Grant Support Application**

**Introduction**

Ontario County Board of Supervisors have made available funding received through the Federal American Rescue Plan to fund projects that support the development and expansion of arts, cultural, and recreational opportunities from non-profits, private entities, and municipalities that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. The County is soliciting grant applications ranging from \$10,000 - \$100,000 for projects that (i) respond to the negative impacts of COVID-19, (ii) involve investment in the arts, cultural activities, or the creation or enhancement of active or passive recreational opportunities, and (iii) support the recovery and economic resilience and/or quality of life in Ontario County.

Funding awards will require an applicant match, as follows:

- 25% for non-profit organizations [501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) organizations]
- 25% for municipalities
- 50% for businesses

*This program is funded by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), designed to:*

- *Fight the pandemic and support families and businesses struggling with its public health and economic impacts*
- *Maintain vital public services, even amid declines in revenue resulting from the crisis*
- *Build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity*

*These funds are available to applicants without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, familial status, handicapped or marital status. Funded projects must be complete prior to December 31, 2026. Additional guidance related to the use of ARPA funds is available at:*

**<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribalgovernments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>**

**Grant Application Required Documents Checklist**

- Completed and signed application form
- Ownership information (for-profit entities) or board of directors list (non-profit entities)
- Resolution of support from local legislature or letter with a draft resolution
- Letters of support
- Project cost estimate
- Proof of matching funds

**All applications must be submitted through the Ontario County Community Grant Website (<https://www.ontariocountynv.gov/communitygrant>). Any application submitted by mail, or email, will be automatically disqualified.**

**Ontario County**  
**ARTS, CULTURE, and RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Applicant Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (bus. & cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Organization:

For-profit entity:  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-profit:  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality/Government:  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Year founded: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of Proposed Project: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS

		Yes	No
1.	Is the organization located within Ontario County?		
2.	Was the business operating on or before March 1, 2020, and is it currently operating or, if closed due to COVID-19, expected to reopen within 3 months?		
3.	Does the organization (or will the proposed project) serve or benefit a clientele or population negatively impacted by COVID-19? (see program eligibility guidelines)		
4.	Does the business meet one of the criteria for determining negative impact caused by COVID-19? (see program eligibility guidelines)		
5.	If the organization is not a municipality – is the applicant organization current on all local taxes and fees?		
6.	If the organization is not a municipality – is the applicant organization free of any building code or property violations?		
7.	Does the applicant organization receive operating support from Ontario County or another local government agency? If Yes, please describe in detail in (7a) below.		

7a. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## PROJECT PROPOSAL

Grant funds may be used to leverage and initiate an eligible improvement to an artistic, cultural, or recreation asset or facility in Ontario County. The proposed project should have a demonstrable positive impact on Ontario County and address the needs of a population impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis with a monthly deadline for funding requests. Documentation of eligible costs must be provided to Ontario County prior to the disbursement of grant funds.

Describe how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted your organization and/or the population that your organization serves:

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Provide a detailed description of the proposed project to be funded with Grant funds:

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Describe how the proposed project addresses a negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic or better serves an impacted population:

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### PROJECT BUDGET

Provide a detailed budget of expenses you expect to incur in the Ontario County Arts, Culture, and Recreation Grant program. Please note that the grant requires a 25% match for municipal or non-profit applicants, and a 50% match for for-profit applicants. Cash match is preferred but some in-kind match expenses are eligible. See program guidelines for more information.

Project Costs		Source of Funds	
Construction/Renovation	\$	Ontario County Grant	\$
Furnishings, fixtures, & equipment	\$	Cash Equity	\$
Inventory or supplies	\$	Other	\$
Working Capital	\$		\$
Soft Costs – architecture, engineering, legal fees	\$		\$
Other	\$		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

Describe how the above costs were determined (cost estimates, quotes, etc.):

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Describe and/or confirm that all other sources of funding for the proposed project are committed:

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Provide an expected schedule for the proposed project including project start date, project completion date, and any significant milestones: (\*the grant funded project must be completed by 12/31/2026)

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List any local permits or approvals required to complete the project and the current status of each:

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Outline the annual operating/maintenance plan and cost of the project:

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**APPLICANT EXPERIENCE**

Describe the organization's experience completing or implementing similar projects:

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Describe the organizations' staff capacity dedicated to the project or, if applicable, has the organization identified any professional third-party support for the project?

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Describe the organization's experience managing and completing grant funding projects including fiscal and reporting requirements:

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**COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Define and describe the primary population served by the project:

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Describe how the project will impact the local community and any positive benefits of the project:

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Describe any local support for the project. Has the proposed project been identified in any local plans or initiatives?

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## DECLARATIONS

I (we) attest that to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief, the information contained in the foregoing application is correct and true.

I (we) am (are) aware that the filing of a false instrument in connection with this application may constitute an attempt to defraud Ontario County and may be a felony under the laws of the State of New York.

I (we) agree to abide by the provisions of all applicable local, state and federal laws pertaining to falsification of any item contained herein or fraudulent misrepresentation of my (our) organization.

I (we) further authorize Ontario County to order credit reports and/or other information on my (our) personal financial background (if signatory(ies) is (are) an owner(s) of the company seeking financial assistance) and on the financial background of the company seeking financial assistance.

I (we) acknowledge that this application is not a legally binding document for purposes of receiving grant monies. This grant request may be withdrawn at any time prior to formal closing of the grant, subject to the terms and conditions of any written grant commitment offered by Ontario County or its agent. However, this application is being submitted in good faith as a request for grant funds.

Applicant:

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Printed Name and Title

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Authorized Signature

Date

*No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, creed, religion or national origin or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any project assisted with American Rescue Plan funds.*