



Oceanside Arts & Culture Grant Program

2025 Call for Panelists

Deadline: August 15, 2025

This project is funded by Oceanside Arts Commission funds and Oceanside California Cultural District California Arts Council grant funding

Grant Program Overview

2025 Grant Application Deadline: August 15, 2025 5:00 PM

Grant Award Amounts: \$2,500, \$5,000 or \$10,000

Total Granting Budget: \$150,000

Background & Purpose

The Oceanside California Cultural District has received funding from the California Arts Council (CAC) through the California Cultural District grant program. This financial support aims to foster the growth of arts and cultural activities within the district. In accordance with the Oceanside Arts Commission O'Arts Master Plan (Goal 1, Strategy 3; Goal 3, Strategy 2), the City of Oceanside Arts Commission has contributed matching funds, enabling the distribution of grants to local artists, cultural practitioners, and arts and culture organizations for the development of arts and culture programs throughout the city.

This document provides details regarding the qualifications and application process for individuals interested in serving as grant panelists for the 2025 Oceanside Arts & Culture Grant Program. The panel shall represent a broad range of artistic discipline experience including, but not limited to: visual art, performance, film, music and related fields. Selected panelists who complete their panel service will receive an honorarium of \$250 for their time and input, excluding city staff and commissioners. Panelists will commit to reviewing completed applications independently prior to collaborative deliberation in person or via Zoom on September 18, 2025.

During the review process, in cases of conflict of interest, panelists should notify staff immediately, and will be replaced in reviewing the application.

Panelists will be selected by the Library & Cultural Arts staff and will include:

(2) Citywide representatives with experience in arts and culture sector

- Including residents, professionals, and stakeholders who either reside, work, or own a business in the City of Oceanside

(2) Cultural District representatives with experience in the arts and culture sector

- Including residents, professionals, and stakeholders who either reside, work, or own a business in the Oceanside CA Cultural District

(1) Oceanside Arts Commissioner

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Eligibility

Prospective panelists will have an interest in the grantmaking process and in supporting the development of arts and culture activities in the City of Oceanside.

Eligible **panelist** will:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have the capacity to independently assess 20-30 applications based on the grant program scoring rubric
- Demonstrate experience in the arts and culture sector, artistic disciplines, arts education or arts project management
- Have the capacity to participate in 2-3 in person or virtual group meetings
- Demonstrate a commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion; Have a strong understanding of the importance of promoting equal opportunities for all applicants

Grant Application Review

Grant panelists will independently and collaboratively review applications during the jury deliberation period. Award recommendation will be received by Oceanside CA Cultural District and Oceanside Arts Commission, for final review and approval. Note: prior to jury deliberation, Cultural District staff will review applications for completeness and pre-qualification.

Grant application review will be guided by principles of fairness, equity, and inclusion. Oceanside CA Cultural District and Oceanside Arts Commission are committed to ensuring that all eligible applicants have an equal opportunity to be considered for funding.

Panel Scoring Process

The qualified review panel will evaluate complete and eligible applications for the selection of grant awardees, according to a comprehensive scoring rubric. The panel scoring rubric is available for viewing on our website. Incomplete applications will not be considered eligible for funding.

Apply Online

Panelist applications must be submitted online by August 15, 2025 at 5pm. Panelist applications will be reviewed and selected by Library & Cultural Arts Department staff. Submit your panelist application www.oceansidelibrary.org/about-us/oceanside-cultural-district

Important Dates

June 1, 2025	Grant Application Opens
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August 15, 2025	Panelist Application Due Date
August 15, 2025 5PM	Grant Application Deadline
August 22, 2025	Panelists Selected and Notified
August 25, 2025	Panelists begin review
September 18, 2025	Panel Deliberation Day
October 18, 2025	Grant Award Notification
October-November 2025	Grant Award Distribution

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions or require staff assistance for program guidance, clarification or access accommodations, please contact Cultural District staff at culturaldistrict@oceansideca.org