



ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM 2026-28 GENERAL TERMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

WELCOME

On behalf of the Department of Arts and Culture's (Arts and Culture) Grants and Professional Development division, congratulations on receiving a grant award for the 2026-28 Organizational Grant Program (OGP) cycle! We appreciate your commitment and service to Los Angeles County. While there were county-wide budget reductions, this year the total program allocation is \$5,059,000, which is level with the allocation from FY 25-26.

Since 1992, the OGP program has supported a wide variety of arts and culture organizations to ensure that residents have access to arts and culture as a resource and tool for expression and overall well-being. The OGP program serves a large region. Grantees are located in 52 of the County's 88 cities and also in unincorporated areas in the County. We are proud that this program supports the meaningful role of arts and culture in our community to support a higher quality of life and aligns with the [County of LA Strategic Plan](#) to foster vibrant and resilient communities throughout the region, especially in high-need areas, and acknowledge the work of the artists, arts practitioners, arts educators, and culture bearers that make this happen every day.

These General Terms and Instructions contain important information you will need for managing your grant timeline, meeting requirements, and receiving payments. Please read the entire document thoroughly and visit our [website](#) to access up-to-date resources and information about managing your OGP award. Please email grants staff if you have any questions about your grant or schedule an appointment [here](#).

Arts and Culture is committed to upholding the values of [cultural equity and inclusion](#) in our grant programs. We look forward to working with you and thank you for your dedication to community building and service through arts and culture!

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GRANT AGREEMENT OVERVIEW

Grantees must meet all award requirements. If you fail to comply with requirements, your grant agreement may be suspended or terminated, and you may forfeit some or the entirety of the grant award. Grantees can contact the Grants Program Manager to discuss the grant funded project and terms of the grant agreement.

Grant Period

Organizational Grant Program (OGP) awards are granted for a two-year period. Following the Los Angeles County fiscal year, each year of the grant begins July 1 and extends through June 30 of the following year.

The **grant period for OGP awards granted in 2026-28 is:**

- Year One runs July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027
- Year Two runs July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028

Please note that the **reporting deadlines have changed this year. Grant disbursements will be issued in November of both year one and year two, and reports will be due on June 1st for both years** of the grant period.

All funds must be incurred or expended before the June 30, 2027 deadline for Year 1 and by June 30, 2028 for Year 2.

Project Scope

The OGP grant agreement *Project Scope* for all organizations will state that the funds will be used for general operating support to allow organizations to have the maximum amount of flexibility in using their funds for what they most need.

The OGP grant amount you were awarded is less than the fundable request amount. As a result, your OGP project scope will likely be scaled down or updated.

If the OGP award amount seriously impacts the scope of work or project budget, please refer to the *Project Amendment* section of this document for further instructions.

Matching Funds

Grantees must demonstrate and report matching funds that ensure Los Angeles County grant funds *do not exceed fifty percent (50%)* of the *total cost* of the supported project. **Please note that the grant agreement provides that you may forfeit some or the entire grant award if you cannot comply with this requirement.**

Signing the Grant Agreement

Signed grant agreements are due by August 5, 2026. Per State of California requirements for nonprofit organizations, the grant agreement may be executed in one of two ways.

1. **Two signatures – the official legal requirement:**

Grant agreement must be signed by two distinct members of the organization's board of directors. Reference the table below to identify which positions are allowed to sign.

Signature 1: Executive board positions	President, Vice-President, or Chair
Signature 2: Supporting board positions	Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, or Treasurer

Examples:

Correct Signatures: A grant agreement signed by the President and the Secretary is acceptable.

Incorrect Signatures: A grant agreement signed by the President and the Vice-President, or by the Secretary and the Chief Financial Officer is NOT acceptable.

– OR –

2. One signature – delegated authority:

The board of directors of your organization may delegate the authority to sign a grant agreement to a single person or position within the organization (e.g., the Executive Director). In such case, you must provide evidence of the person's authority to execute the grant agreement. Such evidence typically takes the form of a resolution adopted by the organization's board of directors, or the articles of incorporation.

Note:

A person may hold more than one position within your organization. For example, an Executive Director may also sit on the board and may sign grant agreements using their board title and not their title of Executive Director.

GRANT PANEL COMMENTS

Knowledgeable members of the arts community, including artists, nonprofit arts administrators, and members of the academic community have assessed your organization's programs and management as part of the OGP peer review panel process. To schedule a brief phone appointment and discuss panel feedback, use [this link](#) or contact grants staff by email at grants@arts.lacounty.gov.

PANEL PARTICIPATION

Participation as a panelist for grant programs is highly encouraged of our grantees. Benefits include a better understanding of the panel process and government grantmaking, as well as opportunities to network with peers in your field. To find out more about panel service, to apply to serve as a panelist or to recommend someone for panel service please visit our [website](#).

REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNING THE GRANT AGREEMENT

The following requirements must be met by your organization prior to the signing of your grant agreement:

California Secretary of State – Certificate of Good Standing

Los Angeles County ensures that each grantee organization is registered to do business in California and is in good standing with the California Secretary of State before the grant agreement can be fully executed. To verify your organization's standing with the Secretary of State, visit: bizfileonline.sos.ca.gov/search/business. It is the responsibility of the organization to contact and follow up with the Secretary of State to resolve any issues before the grant agreement is executed.

Los Angeles County Vendor Registration

Grantees must have a current vendor number registered with Los Angeles County and be enrolled in direct deposit. To obtain a vendor ID and register with the Vendor Self Services (VSS) Portal, visit camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven/. If you have questions about your vendor number or need to update your address, contact vendor relations by email to isdvendorrelations@isd.lacounty.gov.

Direct Deposit Registration

Upon registration in VSS, **grantees are required** to enroll in Direct Deposit in order to expedite payments. At any time during the duration of the grant agreement, a grantee may submit a written request for an exemption to this requirement. The Auditor-Controller, in consultation with Arts and Culture, will decide whether to approve exemption requests. Enrollment information and instructions can be found at [Vendor Deposit Application \(lacounty.gov\)](#).

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT REPORTING

The following requirements **must be met by your organization to ensure compliance with reporting procedures for the grant award**. If you fail to comply with applicable requirements, your grant agreement may be suspended or terminated, and you may forfeit some or the entire grant award. Grant requirements, including applications, reports, and forms must be completed and submitted using the SurveyMonkey Apply platform at apply-lacdac.smapply.io/.

Credit/Recognition

Grantees are required to acknowledge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Arts and Culture on all materials, websites, publications, flyers, and announcements (printed or digital) through placement of the Arts and Culture logo and use of the following credit line:

"This [ORGANIZATION / PROJECT / PROGRAM / PERFORMANCE / EXHIBITION] is supported, in part, by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Department of Arts and Culture."

The Arts and Culture logos can be found [here](#). In addition to the logo and credit line, any printed list of contributors to an organization or program funded by this grant should include the "Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture". Grantees are also encouraged to use the Board's and Arts and Culture's handles and hashtags when posting on social media: @CountyofLA #CountyofLA #LACountyBOS, and @LACountyArts #LACountyArts.

Letter of Acknowledgement and Impact for County Board of Supervisors

Grantees are required to send one letter via email to their Board Supervisors at some point during the course of the two grant years. A copy of the email sent should be saved to submit with the final report. The letter should provide short details on the impact of the grant on your organization as well as the communities served. Letters should be sent on behalf of the executive director, board chair, or both, directly to the County Supervisor where your office is located at the corresponding email address listed below. To confirm your organization's Los Angeles County Supervisorial District, please visit [this website](#) and find your district using the main address for your organization. If the organization serves more than one district, please send letters to each applicable district and Supervisor based on the address where programs are located. Copies of letters sent by email must be attached with the final grant report. Letters will be reviewed for compliance by grants staff at time of report review and may be shared with the Los Angeles County Arts Commission. *We also invite you to share the news of your grant and thank the Board of Supervisors on social media using the social media handles provided below and the social media toolkit located on our website, [here](#).*

Email and Social Media Contact information for the LA County Board of Supervisors

Supervisorial District	Supervisor	Email Address	Social Media Handle
District 1	Hilda L. Solis	Firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov	@HildaSolis
District 2	Holly J. Mitchell	HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov	@HollyJMitchell
District 3	Lindsey P. Horvath	Thirddistrict@bos.lacounty.gov	@LindseyPHorvath
District 4	Janice Hahn	Fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov	@SupJaniceHahn
District 5	Kathryn Barger	Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov	@SupervisorKathrynBarger
Board of Supervisors			@LACountyBOS @CountyofLA
Department of Arts and Culture		lacac@arts.lacounty.gov	@LACountyArts #LACountyArts #OGPArtsFunding

PAYMENT REQUESTS AND REPORTING

OGP grant agreements run through the end of each grant cycle year on June 30. All project expenses must be incurred by the annual report deadline date and expended by June 30 of each OGP year.

OGP grantees will receive half of the total grant amount each year, after completion of grantee requirements.

Please note:

- Year 1 payments will be processed in November 2026 provided the organization is in good standing (i.e., the OGP grant agreement has been fully executed by all parties and OGP grant reports for prior cycles have been submitted).
- Year 2 payments will be processed in November 2027 after the Year 1 requirements have been completed.

Annual reports must be submitted by the June deadline each year (year one deadline is June 1, 2027 and year two deadline is June 1, 2028) through the online grants system and should include the items below:

Year 1 Report and Requirements	Year 2 Final Report and Requirements
1. Report Forms	1. Report Forms 2. Copy of letter of acknowledgement and impact to the Board of Supervisors (sent anytime during the grant cycle). 3. Up to 2 high resolution images (300 dpi, at least 1,000 pixels across) that have not been submitted in prior applications or reports. 4. Authorization for use of images. <i>By submitting these images, you authorize Arts and Culture and by extension LA County to use photos to highlight grantees and promote programs.</i> 5. <i>Demographics Questionnaire</i>-organizations will provide quantifiable data about participation and project reach via this section in the report form. 6. Excel sheet of program location zip codes.
*IMPORTANT NOTE: All grantees are required to maintain financial records to verify compliance for up to three (3) years after your grant agreement expires. The grantee will compile, maintain, and permit access to records as required by applicable regulations, guidelines, or other directives. If you are selected for an audit, you must have and submit proof of expenses for review by grants staff upon request.	

For detailed instructions and information about invoicing and reporting requirements and our online reporting system, please visit our [website](#).

PROJECT AMENDMENTS

Grant activities and expenses must be consistent with those approved for funding. If changes in the project are necessary, you must:

1. Contact Arts and Culture's Grants and Professional Development staff by emailing grants@arts.lacounty.gov to set up an appointment to discuss project amendments.
2. Complete and submit the online *Project Amendment* form **within** the applicable grant cycle via apply-lacdac.smapply.io

No project amendment is in effect until grantee receives written approval from Arts and Culture. Until such time as grantee receives such approval, grantee shall only incur costs and shall only carry out its project in a manner consistent with the terms and conditions of the *original* grant agreement.

BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OGP GRANTEES

What is the Professional Development Program?

Arts and Culture provides an array of professional development opportunities to current grantee organizations. The Professional Development (PD) Program aims to bolster organizational capacity by providing learning and networking opportunities for the individuals who lead and staff your OGP funded projects.

Opportunities are advertised in the PD Newsletter. Grantee's primary grant contact will receive this newsletter on behalf of the organization. It is the responsibility of this individual to share with all OGP award-supported staff and cultural workers.

Who Can Attend?

All current OGP grantee staff, board members or artists working directly on the OGP funded arts and culture project are eligible to participate in Arts and Culture PD offerings.. Organizations with budgets over \$15,000,000 should reserve subsidized classes and scholarship opportunities for emerging-level staff working on the grant-funded arts project.

How Does Arts and Culture Decide on Topics for Convenings?

Topics are determined by current strategic priorities (such as the [County of LA Strategic Plan](#)), review of grantee reports, and aggregated survey responses from workshops and convenings across all Arts and Culture programs. Sample topics include promising practices in nonprofit management, human resources, artistic documentation, and arts advocacy rules and tools.

How Do I Learn More?

We send email blasts regularly to grantees with workshop opportunities and information on local conferences. Additional information and instructions on how to sign up for workshops is always available at lacountyarts.org. You can also follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#), and sign up for our [monthly newsletter](#).

LA Culture Net

Opportunities are also posted on the [LA Culture Net](#) listserv. An organizational representative should subscribe to receive PD and other announcements from the field that are not included in our PD Newsletter.

Regional Cultural Calendar

The *Discover Los Angeles* website is a digital platform connecting events and destinations countywide with links to regional public transit. *DiscoverLosAngeles.com* offers a platform for outreach and accessibility and provides a web portal that supports online information dissemination.

Grantees are encouraged to post publicly accessible programs and events on www.discoverlosangeles.com. To do so, create an organization user account via discoverlosangeles.com/user?destination=what-to-do/events/submit.

Click [here](#) to review instructional information on how to post on this website.

UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION

Grantees must notify Arts and Culture of changes to their organization's contacts or other organizational information. A *Contact and Change of Information* form can be found in the grant management system online at apply-lacdac.smapply.io/. Once logged in, find and fill out the form and submit it for review by grants staff.

Grantee must also notify [LA County Vendor Services](#) separately to make updates to address or vendor

information with regards to payments. It is the responsibility of the grantee to maintain current information in the vendor system. LA County Vendor Relations assists grantees (vendors) with the registration process, *Vendor Self Service* activations and other related inquiries. It is important to note that all checks/payments will be sent to the address registered with LA County Vendor Services. Changes must be made using the LA Count Vendor services if the organization has not signed up for direct deposit.

Office Hours:	Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm PST
Email:	ISDVendorRelations@isd.lacounty.gov
Phone:	323-267-2725

CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DEADLINES

To ensure compliance and timely reporting and communications, note important dates in the calendar below. **Please share this calendar with any staff who should be aware of these deadlines.**

Deadlines should be available and shared on your organization's grant management calendar so that the primary organizational contact is aware and able to manage the grant requirements within the OGP program timeline. Please note that the grant agreement stipulates that organizations must maintain good standing by ensuring all grant requirements are submitted by the deadline.

Failure to meet all grant deadlines and requirements may affect eligibility for future grant cycles and will be reported to the County of Los Angeles Auditor Controller.

Signed Grant Agreements

August 5, 2026

Year 1 OGP Grant Cycle Begins

July 1, 2026

Year 1 Payment Processed

November 2026

Reporting Workshop for Year 1

May 2027

Year 1 Report Deadline

June 1, 2027

Year 2 OGP Grant Cycle Begins – TIME TO REAPPLY!

July 1, 2027

Year 2 Payment Processed

November 2027

Reporting Workshop for Year 2

May 2028

Year 2 Report Deadline

June 1, 2028

End of Grant Cycle

June 30, 2028

LA VS HATE

We encourage grantees to visit the webpage for [LA vs Hate](#) where you will find resources and free artwork intended to be used across social media to unite your community in the effort to recognize, report, and resist hate in our county. LA vs Hate is a community-centered creative campaign to encourage and support all residents of Los Angeles County to unite against, report, and resist hate. If you are the victim or witness of a hate incident or hate crime you can [report the incident/crime with 211 LA](#). Your report is confidential and 211 is not affiliated with law enforcement.