

Office of Arts & Culture Update

Arts Access Fund Oversight Committee Meeting

July 31, 2025

Arts Access Fund Teacher Advisory Group:

Formation of the 2025-26 advisory group is underway, and meetings will begin again in the fall.

Arts Education Framework:

The Framework will be piloted across all public elementary schools in the 2025-26 school year. The framework describes and assesses the conditions necessary for a high-quality arts education on a scale: Beginning, Advancing, Strengthening, and Excelling. Based on the pilot, revisions will be made, and the framework will be fully implemented in the 2026-27 school year, with a dashboard made public by June of 2027.

Updating IGAs:

The IGAs with school districts were most recently revised in 2023. The Office of Arts & Culture is working on another revision to include the following updates:

- Add language around the Arts Education Framework
 - Defines the Framework as a tool to define and assess quality
 - Establishes Framework survey due dates
- Charter Schools
 - Clarifies language on use of funds and ability to hire teachers from the Charter School Registry
- Adds language on retention of financial records
- Clarifies language on reporting roll-over funds to Revenue

Grants update:

The Office of Arts & Culture has renewed its contracts with three partners to again award small grants (up to \$5,000) for artists and arts organizations in FY26.

Friends of IFCC will award \$100,000 to individual artists; no Arts Access Funds are used for these grants.

MusicOregon will award \$100,000 to individual artists; no Arts Access Funds are used for these grants.

RACC will award \$1.2 million to both artists and arts organizations, including \$350,000 in Arts Access Funds for projects that serve K-12 students and underrepresented communities. [Portland Arts Project Grant](#) applications are available now and are due September 25, 2025.

A final list of all Arts Access Fund grants awarded by RACC in FY25 is attached. This information, along with a list of all General Operating Support organizations that received Arts Access Funds in FY25, is being compiled and drafted by staff for the AOC's FY24-25 report.

RACC Portland Project Grants, funded by the Arts Access Fund

21ten Theatre (Theatre /Musical Theatre), \$5,000
A Notion, A Scream (Music), \$3,000
Advance Gender Equity in the Arts (Theatre /Musical Theatre), \$5,000
after / time collective gallery (Multi-Discipline), \$5,000
Albina Music Trust (Music), \$5,000
Alder Commons (Multi-Discipline), \$5,000
Baksana Ensemble LLC (Multi-Discipline), \$5,000
Bedrock Theatre (Theatre /Musical Theatre), \$3,000
BIPOC Adoptees VOICES (Literature), \$5,000
Carnation Contemporary (Visual Arts), \$5,000
Columbia Slough Watershed Council (Media Arts), \$5,000
congruency dance collective (Dance/Movement), \$5,000
Couch Film Collective (Film/Video), \$5,000
Creative Music Guild (Multi-Discipline), \$5,000
Dana Thompson Memorial Fund of Awesome (Music), \$5,000
Espacio Flamenco (Multi-Discipline), \$4,000
Fear No Music (Music), \$5,000
First Matter Press (Literature), \$3,000
Futel (Media Arts), \$5,000
Gather:Make:Shelter (Visual Arts), \$5,000
Hoi Phu Huynh (Multi-Discipline), \$5,000
Immutable Studio (Media Arts), \$5,000
In Medio (Music), \$5,000
India Cultural Association (Folk Arts/Cultural Arts), \$5,000
Japanese Ancestral Society - Iko no Kai (Multi-Discipline), \$4,000
LineStorm Playwrights (Theatre /Musical Theatre), \$5,000
Lion Speaks (Film/Video), \$5,000
Lloyd EcoDistrict (Visual Arts), \$5,000
Many Hats Collaboration (Theatre /Musical Theatre), \$5,000
Medicine Bear Native American Spiritual Encampment (Folk Arts/Cultural Arts), \$5,000
New Wave Opera (Music), \$5,000
nũn studios llc (Visual Arts), \$5,000
NW Dance & Culture Collective, LLC (Dance/Movement), \$5,000
Open Signal (Film/Video), \$5,000
Oregon Arts Watch (Media Arts), \$5,000
Oregon Karen Association (Folk Arts/Cultural Arts), \$5,000
Oregon Origins Project (Visual Arts), \$5,000
Oregon Potters Association (Visual Arts), \$5,000
Oregon Repertory Singers (Music), \$5,000
Oregon Society of Artists (Visual Arts), \$5,000
Outer Voice (Multi-Discipline), \$5,000
Past Lives (Visual Arts), \$5,000
People's Town Hall (Film/Video), \$5,000
Performance Works NorthWest (Dance/Movement), \$5,000
Portland Child Art Studio (Visual Arts), \$5,000
Portland in Color (Multi-Discipline), \$5,000
Portland Japanese Garden (Music), \$5,000
Portland Jazz Composers Ensemble (Music), \$4,000
Portland Lesbian Choir (Music), \$5,000
Portland Panorama (Film/Video), \$5,000
Portland Revels (Theatre /Musical Theatre), \$4,000
Portland SummerFest (Music), \$5,000
Portland Symphonic Choir (Music), \$4,000
Portland Zine Symposium (Multi-Discipline), \$5,000
Radix Vocal Ensemble (Music), \$4,000
Rahab's Sisters (Multi-Discipline), \$5,000
Renegade Opera (Music), \$4,000
Risk/Reward (Multi-Discipline), \$5,000
Roots and All Theatre Ensemble (Theatre /Musical Theatre), \$5,000
Shaver Elementary Community Organization (Visual Arts), \$5,000
Souvenir (Visual Arts), \$5,000
Stage Fright (Theatre /Musical Theatre), \$5,000
Steps for Youth (Dance/Movement), \$5,000
Street Roots (Visual Arts), \$5,000
Swan Songs Portland (Music), \$5,000
The City Repair Project (Multi-Discipline), \$5,000
The Mud Room (Visual Arts), \$4,000
Third Space (Multi-Discipline), \$5,000
Thompson Elk Fountain Comic Project (Multi-Discipline), \$4,000
Vibe of Portland (Multi-Discipline), \$5,000
Waterstone Gallery (Visual Arts), \$5,000
Women In Film - Portland (Film/Video), \$5,000
Word is Bond (Visual Arts), \$5,000