

Tacoma Arts Commission's Funding Programs and Eligibility Criteria

TACOMA ARTISTS INITIATIVE PROGRAM (TAIP)

The Tacoma Artists Initiative Program is a biennial program to encourage the contributions made by individual artists within the City of Tacoma. The goal of the program is to recognize high quality creative expression of the artists in our community and assist them in generating new work and presenting that work to the community through a free public component. TAIP supports artists working in all disciplines including literary, performing, new media, visual arts, and interdisciplinary.

TAIP eligibility

You are eligible to apply if you meet **all** of the following requirements:

- You ARE a resident of the City of Tacoma
- You ARE a practicing artist, dedicated to producing artwork on a regular basis
- You ARE applying as an individual artist. It is fine if the individual artist is contributing to a larger group project but the application must reflect the work of the artist applying
- You ARE 18 years old or older
- The funded public component will be free to the public; will take place within Tacoma city limits; and will be fully accessible to all audiences, including individuals with disabilities
- You already have or, if selected for funding, will obtain a City of Tacoma business license
- You will comply with the laws of the Federal Government, the State of Washington and the City of Tacoma, including ADA accessibility, non-discrimination and equal employment opportunities
- You will acknowledge the City's funding in all appropriate marketing and promotion of the project
- You HAVE NOT received a TAIP award in the past 2 cycles. (2015-2018)
- You ARE NOT a full time undergraduate or graduate student in an arts-related degree program
- You ARE NOT a member of the TAIP selection panel
- You ARE NOT a current Tacoma Arts Commission member, City Council member, or City of Tacoma employee

ARTS PROJECTS

Arts Projects is an annual program which financially supports a variety of arts projects throughout Tacoma. This funding can be used for artistic presentations, activities, workshops or projects that are accessible to the general public. Admission may be charged to these projects, as long as the application demonstrates public benefit. The arts activity may be a one-time event or a number of events that are closely related. It may also be an ongoing project or neighborhood public art project.

Arts Projects eligibility

You are eligible to apply if you answer 'YES' to one of these:

- Are you a private non-profit with any 501(c) designation (i.e. 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4))?
- Are you an organized group of community volunteers? Submissions must come from an organized group, not an individual.
- Are you a for-profit business wishing to produce an arts function, outside your normal line of business, for public benefit?
- Are you an educational institution wishing to produce a not-for-profit arts function?
- Are you a federally-recognized tribe or Native non-profit?

AND, if you answer 'yes' to one of the above, then you need to answer 'YES' to all of these questions:

- Is your office located within the Tacoma city limits? Or, if you have no office, do a majority of your activities take place within the Tacoma city limits?
- If applying under an umbrella 501(c) organization, is the producing organization based in Tacoma? The umbrella 501(c) can be located outside of Tacoma but the producing organization must be located within the Tacoma city limits.
- Will the funded project be produced within Tacoma city limits and open to the public?
- Is this the only contract that the applicant would have with the City of Tacoma in 2020 for the same portion of the funded project?
- Will your organization match Arts Projects funding, at least \$1:\$1, with other sources of cash or in-kind/donated support? Or, if you are a taxing authority, school, or school-based auxiliary organization, will you match Arts Projects funding at least \$1:\$1 with other sources of cash?
- Does your project support arts activities that are fully accessible to all audiences, including individuals with disabilities?
- Does your project comply with the laws of the Federal Government, the State of Washington and the City of Tacoma, including non-discrimination and equal employment opportunities?
- Does your organization have a City of Tacoma business license? If not, are you prepared to get a business license if Arts Projects funding is awarded?
- Does your organization have a bank account?
- Will you acknowledge the City's funding in marketing and promotion of the project?