



**Council on
the Arts**

Arts for Sullivan- Individual Artist Fellowship

Statewide Community Re grants Program for Sullivan County 2024 Application Guidelines

Application Deadline:
Tuesday, January 30, 2024
11:59 PM EST

Administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance,
the Arts Council of Sullivan County
with funds provided by the New York State Council on the Arts

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Overview and Goals

Overview

In accordance with its mandate from the State Legislature to encourage participation in the grants decision-making process at the county and regional level, the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) inaugurated the Decentralization (DEC) Program in 1977 for the redistribution of public funds. This program enables selected local arts councils, county governments, or regional advisory boards to regrant state funds for arts events and cultural development in their communities.

Since 1984, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) has worked with NYSCA as the DEC Grants Program site in Sullivan County, for the purpose of administering Arts for Sullivan funding to artists, art organizations, cultural and heritage groups. The Arts for Sullivan DEC Grants Program is largely credited for establishing Sullivan County's cultural life as we know it today--relevant, vibrant and healthy.

DVAA's mission is to advance the arts in the region through the support and encouragement of artists, innovative programs, advocacy, and alliances with arts organizations, business, and government.

This program is an extension of the "Arts for Sullivan" Statewide Community Re grant Program administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, and funding is derived from public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts with support from Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

In 2024, DVAA will administer up to six discipline-specific fellowships to Sullivan County artists; two in the Visual Arts category, two in the Literary Arts category, and up to two in the Composition(music/choreography) category. Each artist will receive \$2,500 to facilitate the creation of new artwork in 2024.

An element of this funding is a community engagement component. **The project must engage a segment of the community through a public program such as an exhibition or performance that is open to the public.**

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Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements by the application deadline:

- 18 years old or older
- Current residents of Sullivan County
- Cannot be enrolled in a degree-seeking program of any kind
- Are the originators of the work
- Did not receive a DVAA Individual Artist grant in any discipline in the past four consecutive years; 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- Cannot submit any work samples that have been previously awarded a DVAA Individual Artist grant
- Are not a DVAA employee, a member of the DVAA Board of Directors, Grant Advisory Committee, or an immediate family member of any of the above.
- Artists involved in a Community Arts Project seeking FY24 funding through Arts for Sullivan are eligible to apply, so long as the work they are doing as Individual Artists is separate from their collaborative work

Submission Policy

All applications and required documents must be submitted using our online application system. Hardcopies that are received outside of this system will not be accepted and will be returned to the sender.

For technical assistance in using Submittable or uploading forms, please contact Submittable directly. For other assistance, contact our office during our normal business hours Tuesday – Saturday 10 am – 5 pm.

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Review Criteria & Process

2024 Application Cycle Timeline

- Application Opens: Mid October
- Application Deadline: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 (11:59 PM EST)
- Awards Announced: April 2024
- Grant Award Showcase: May 2024

All submissions will be presented to a peer panel anonymously and will be judged solely on the basis of application materials. All decisions will be made exclusively by the panel.

Before the panel convening, each application is read for accuracy and completeness by the DVAA Grants Coordinator and will notify applicant of omissions or errors as well as provide support with constructing a successful grant throughout the application process.

The DVAA Grants Coordinator facilitates the panel formation and discussion. Panel discussions rely on material provided in the applications and knowledge of funding priorities and criteria. Panel members are solely responsible for the funding recommendations that are made.

Funding recommendations are then presented to DVAA Board of Directors for approval.

Grant Seminars

DVAA conducts a series of free online seminars to assist organizations with the application process. **In 2024, all first-time applicants must attend a seminar** or schedule a one-on-one meeting with the Grants Manager. It is advised that all attend a seminar in order to learn about new developments in the granting process due to Covid-19 and receive assistance in honing ideas and projects. Registration is required for each seminar.

Seminars for 2024 applications will be held in-person and on zoom

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

5 – 6 pm

Sullivan Public

16 Proctor Road, Eldred, NY 12732

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Friday, October 20, 2023

6 – 7 pm

The Black Library

418 Broadway, Monticello, 12701

Thursday, October 26, 2023

6 – 7 pm

Livingston Manor Free Library

92 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY 12758

Thursday, November 2, 2023

6 – 7 pm

Zoom session:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAKf-CprzgjGNHpX9I6vTbkIXqawkTLvxwS>

For workshop registration, grant assistance, or further information, contact DVAA's Grants Manager, Signe Ballew, at grants@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or (845) 252-7576. Signe is available on Tuesdays-Saturdays (10am – 5pm) or by appointment.

