



**Lower
Manhattan
Cultural
Council**

EMPOWERING ARTISTS,
INVESTED IN COMMUNITY

FUNDRAISING FUNDAMENTALS

Grantwriting Basics for Artists

GOVERNMENT SOURCES OF ARTS FUNDING

Local: New York City's Five Borough Arts Councils

Each borough in New York City has an arts council that distributes city and state funding for local arts projects that are not able to apply directly to city and state agencies. Although the arts councils are all independent nonprofit organizations (not governmental agencies), this is the first place many artists and small arts groups go to secure public support for their projects. In addition to these funds, the arts councils each offer a range of artist services and programs.

Manhattan: Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

www.lmcc.net

Brooklyn: Brooklyn Arts Council

www.brooklynartscouncil.org

Bronx: Bronx Council on the Arts

www.bronxarts.org

Queens: Queens Council on the Arts

www.queenscouncilarts.org

Staten Island: Staten Island Arts (COAHSI)

www.statenislandarts.org

City: New York City Department of Cultural Affairs

The New York City Department of Cultural Affairs is dedicated to supporting and strengthening New York City's vibrant cultural life. Among its primary missions is to ensure adequate public funding for non-profit cultural organizations, both large and small, throughout the five boroughs.

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcla/html/home/home.shtml>

State: New York State Council on the Arts

NYSCA is an agency that supports arts organizations in every arts discipline throughout the state of New York. NYSCA is dedicated to preserving and expanding the rich and diverse cultural resources that are and will become the heritage of New York's citizens by supporting the activities of nonprofit arts and cultural organizations. Its individual artists program provides grants to artists through a fiscal sponsor.

www.nysca.org

Regional: U.S. Regional Arts Organizations

The U.S. Regional Arts Organizations are six non-profit entities created to encourage development of the arts and to support arts programs on a regional basis. Partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, these organizations provide technical assistance to member state arts agencies, support and promote artists and arts organizations, and develop and manage arts initiatives on local, regional, national and international levels.

MidAtlantic Arts Foundation (includes NY)	www.midatlanticarts.org
New England Foundation for the Arts	www.nefa.org
Southern Arts Federation	www.southarts.org
Arts Midwest	www.artsmidwest.org
Mid-America Arts Alliance	www.maaa.org
Western Arts Alliance (WAA)	www.westarts.org

Federal: National Endowment for the Arts

The National Endowment for the Arts is an independent federal agency that funds, promotes, and strengthens the creative capacity of our communities by providing all Americans with diverse opportunities for arts participation. Established by Congress in 1965, the Endowment is the nation's largest annual funder of the arts, bringing art to all 50 states, including rural areas, inner cities, and military bases. The Endowment directly funds individuals in the area of literary arts.

www.nea.gov