

Material Needs Grants

Material Needs Grants, funded by an anonymous donor, support the expenses of supplies and materials for the creation of new art in Worcester County. With this gift, we are able to distribute grants to local artists between \$500 and \$1,500. We generally exhibit the new work in the following exhibition season (awards made in early spring of 2020 will go towards the works shown in the 2022-2023 exhibition season). *

When is the deadline? Midnight on Friday, January 15, 2021. Submissions received after this date and time will not be considered.

What expenses could be covered by a Material Needs Grant? These grants are restricted to expenses incurred for the supplies, material, and equipment (purchased or rented) needed to make new art. Proposals for any and all kinds of visual art, including performance art, are welcome.

What expenses are not covered? Examples of expenses not covered would be studio rental, framing, publicity and promotional costs, reception expenses, insurance or transport of artwork.

How are proposals evaluated? Proposals are considered for their novelty, innovation, potential impact (on the viewer, on your career, and on other artists in the area), and feasibility. Can you do it? And can you do it in one calendar year?

Who is eligible? You must have held ArtsWorcester membership for at least one calendar year immediately prior to applying for a Material Needs Grant, and you must reside in Worcester County. We regret that members residing outside of Worcester County are not eligible. If you have previously received a Material Needs Grant, you must wait three years from the previous application date before applying again.

How do I submit? All submissions must be made online through this Submittable form:
<https://artsworcester.submittable.com/submit/180821/material-needs-grants-2021-2022>
Email and hard copy proposals will not be considered.

When will I find out if I have received a grant? Notifications will be made by mid-February, 2021.

And then I just make the art? Yes—and awardees receiving grants made in 2021 should expect to have works completed with their funds exhibited in the fall of 2022. *

**Exhibition dates are subject to change*

Please turn over for an application checklist.

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Pre-Check

- You must reside in Worcester County
- You must have held an ArtsWorcester membership for at least the calendar year immediately prior to application
- Clarity and coherence of what you will do with your grant funding, and ability to complete the project
- Typed Material Needs Grant Proposal, not to exceed 1,500 words
- Estimated budget and sum total of expenses
- Resume or *curriculum vitae*
- Label files of artwork images: "Last name_Artwork Title"
- Artwork files are a maximum of 2 MB, or 300 dpi at 100% size; video & performance artists should include short 30-second pieces

Submission Form (In Order of Form)

- Proceed to the Submittable website and log-in or create a log-in:
<https://artsworcester.submittable.com/submit/7cf3ee8c-8735-454d-ae9e-c5f0cffde695/material-needs-grants-2021>
- Enter current address, telephone number, and e-mail address
- Enter a title or general description for your grant
- Type or copy/paste your proposal text, describing the materials and artwork (1,500 word max).
- Upload an estimated project budget for your grant. Please include the sum of your expenses.
- Upload a resume or *curriculum vitae*
- Upload up to 5 images and save the image with your last name and the artwork title in the file name (e.g.: Kahlo_SelfPortrait.jpg)
- Take a deep breath
- Review submission
- Press the "Submit" button by midnight on January 15, 2021. You will receive a confirmation email once your submission has been made. Please contact the gallery to confirm receipt if you do not see this email:
alice@artsworcester.org or (508) 755-5142.