



Mock Grant Review Guidelines

- This opportunity is for applications for arts-focused projects or emerging arts organizations. MAPS defines a “project” as having a beginning and an end, with a definitive outcome. For emerging organizations, your “project” may be your first year or season of activities.
- Incomplete or non-eligible applications will not be reviewed, and applications will not be accepted after the deadline.
- Any U.S. citizen over 18 may apply. Current students are eligible. There is no residency requirement, however, attendance at the November 14 mock panel review is a component of your score (see below).
- Your total project budget should range between \$5,000 and \$50,000. As a reminder, the \$800 and \$400 cash prizes offered with this opportunity will be awarded for the best applications, and are given to the submitters as “no strings attached.” Awardees are under no obligations to use the prize money for their project; no final report is needed.
- Attendance by you or a designated representative at the November 14 panel review session at Intersect Arts Center affects your final score. Attendance is not required, however, it counts for one point in your overall application, which will be added at the end.
- Winners will be notified on or before November 21, 2018.
- We encourage all applicants to revise their application elements based on the mock panelists’ comments and to apply for other opportunities to find funding for their project.
- Your project application must not have been awarded any previous grant or other opportunities. You may use application language from your other original grant applications that have not been successful. If you have submitted your application to another opportunity that is still pending, you may submit.
- Any application that is suspected of plagiarism will be investigated. If plagiarism from online sources, applications by other individuals or organizations, or other applications that have received funding is found, your application will be disqualified.
- Application questions and review criteria are almost identical to MAPS’ Fiscal Sponsorship application. Please consult the guidelines and recommendations for that program for more information.

Mock Grant Panel Frequently Asked Questions

Is this a grant application?

The questions are similar to what you will find for many grant applications looking to fund arts projects. The deadline is real, and the panelist reviews are real, but instead of a grant for your project, we're awarding a prize for the best application—no strings attached.

I hate grantwriting! Why would anyone want to do this?

Most foundations or grant-making organizations receive too many applications to offer individual feedback on each one. This is a rare chance to see what happens after you hit send on your application, and learn how to improve future applications better based on our panelists' comments.

The prizes are \$800 and \$400—is that what my project budget has to be?

No. You should submit an application for a project with a budget between \$5,000 and \$50,000.

Do I need to be present on November 14 to win?

No, but a point will be added or deducted from your final score based on attendance. If you cannot attend, you may send a representative to take notes. You must let us know the name of your representative in advance in order to receive the point for attendance.

Will the panel be online? Can I record the panel comments?

Due to privacy concerns, the panel will not be live streamed, and we ask you to refrain from recording. (You'll remember better if you write it down anyway!)

Are students eligible to apply?

Yes. Any U.S. Citizen over 18 is eligible, including currently enrolled students.

Is there a fee to apply?

No.