

VENU Arts and Culture Foundation Grant Application

Project Submission Details

Thank you for your interest in applying for our VENU Arts and Culture Foundation's Encore Grant. At the heart of the VENU Arts and Culture Foundation lies an unwavering commitment to nurturing local talent and gathering communities together to create lasting memories. We champion access to the arts through transformative community concerts, immersive events, and impactful scholarships for aspiring musicians. Our initiatives, including educational programs, grants, and innovative fundraising events, create vibrant opportunities that unite communities and inspire the next generation of artists. Together, we're shaping a dynamic and inclusive cultural landscape.

The Encore Grant provides up to \$2,500 in funding to individuals or organizations implementing projects or initiatives that align with the mission of the VENU Arts & Culture Foundation.

Only 501(c)3 organizations, other non-profits, and individuals are eligible for Encore Grants. Below you will find the details to submit your application.

Project Submission Requirements

1. Project Summary Requirements
 - a. To submit an application, applicants are required to provide a written or video submission detailing you, your organization, and or the cause for which you are requesting this grant (further known as the "project") addressing the following questions and details.
2. Project Submission Agreement (detailed below)
3. Supporting Materials (if applicable)

Project Summary Requirements

1. Project Scope and Alignment
 - a. Your submission must be a minimum of 500 words, or a video 5-minutes in length
 - b. Provide a detailed explanation for this project for which you are requesting this grant, including objectives, timeline, and expected outcomes.
 - c. How does your project align with the mission of the VENU Arts and Culture Foundation?
2. Project Budget
 - a. How much will you be requesting?
 - b. How will the \$2,500 grant be used? Please provide a detailed breakdown of the proposed use of funds.
 - c. Will this grant cover the full cost of your project? If not, what other funding sources are being pursued or secured?
 - d. a. What is the locality where all or most grant funds will be spent or used?
3. Project Impact
 - a. What measurable impact will your project have on the community?
 - b. How will your project sustain its benefits beyond the funding period?

Project Supporting Materials - Optional**

1. If an education-related individual application, please provide a Copy of your college ID and an official transcript or an official enrollment verification letter for your program.
2. If applicable, 501(C)3 verification letter or other non-profit status documentation
3. Organization's mission statement or relevant background *
4. Examples of previous work or similar projects *
5. Letters of support or references *
6. Professional resume *

Project Submission Deadlines

Applications will be reviewed according to the 2026 submission deadlines outlined below, and recipients will be notified by the corresponding dates.

- Winter Deadline
 - Application Deadline: January 1st, 2027
 - Recipient Notification Deadline: January 30th, 2027
- Spring Deadline
 - Application Deadline: April 1st, 2027
 - Recipient Notification Deadline: April 30th, 2027
- Summer Deadline
 - Application Deadline: July 1st, 2027
 - Recipient Notification Deadline: July 31st, 2027
- Fall Deadline
 - Application Deadline: October 1st, 2026
 - Recipient Notification Deadline: October 31st, 2026

Project Submission Instructions

Please email your completed application and any attachments to info@venufoundation.org using the [subject line: Encore Grant Submission \[insert season and year\]](#).

- Subject line example: Encore Grant Submission Winter 2026

Encore Grant Program Terms and Conditions

These Terms and Conditions govern every application to, and every award made under, the Encore Grant program administered by the VENU Arts & Culture Foundation (the "Foundation"). By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to these terms in full. If a term here conflicts with the Grant Application or Project Submission Agreement, these Terms and Conditions control.

No Entitlement to Funding

Submitting an application does not create any right to receive a grant. The Foundation reviews applications at its sole discretion, may decline any application without stating a reason, and may award less than the amount requested. Meeting the stated eligibility criteria does not guarantee funding.

Eligibility and Accuracy of Information

Applicants certify that all information in the application and in any supporting materials is accurate, current, and complete. The Foundation may verify any statement in an application, including 501(c)(3) / non-profit status, enrollment status, or organizational standing. Providing false or misleading information is grounds for immediate disqualification, revocation of an award, and repayment of funds already disbursed.

Governing Law

These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of the State of Colorado, without regard to conflict of law principles. Any dispute arising under these terms will be resolved in the state or federal courts located in Colorado.

Use of Grant Funds

- Grant funds must be used solely for the project described in the approved application.
- A recipient who wants to change the project's scope, budget, or timeline must request written approval from the Foundation before making the change.
- Unused funds, or funds not spent on the approved project, must be returned to the Foundation on request.
- The Foundation may require receipts, invoices, or other documentation showing how funds were spent.

Repayment and Clawback

The Foundation may demand repayment of part or all of a grant if it determines that:

- funds were used for a purpose other than the approved project;
- the application contained false or materially misleading information;
- the recipient failed to comply with reporting requirements or these Terms and Conditions; or
- the recipient's 501(c)(3) or organizational status was revoked, suspended, or found invalid during the grant period.

Right to Modify, Suspend, or Discontinue the Program

The Foundation may amend these Terms and Conditions, change the grant amount, adjust submission deadlines, or discontinue the Encore Grant program at any time and without prior notice. Changes apply to applications not yet approved. An approved, executed award is governed by the terms in effect on the date of approval.

Publicity and Use of Recipient Information

By accepting a grant, the recipient grants the Foundation, VENU Holding Corporation, and their affiliates a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide license to use the recipient's name, likeness, organization name, project description, and any photos, video, or quotes provided to the Foundation in connection with the project, for promotional, marketing, and reporting purposes, including on the Foundation's and VENU's websites, social media, press materials, and investor communications.

Ownership of Submitted Materials

The applicant retains ownership of materials submitted with the application. By submitting an application, the applicant grants the Foundation a non-exclusive, perpetual license to retain, reference, and use the submitted materials for program administration, compliance, and the promotional purposes described in the Publicity and Use of Recipient Information Section.

Confidentiality of Applications

The Foundation will handle application materials, including personal and financial information, as confidential program records and will not share them outside the Foundation and its affiliates except as required by law, requested by the applicant, or described in Section 7.

Tax Responsibility

A grant may constitute taxable income to the recipient depending on individual circumstances. The Foundation does not provide tax advice. Recipients are solely responsible for determining and meeting any tax obligations related to a grant and are encouraged to consult a qualified tax professional.

Force Majeure

The Foundation is not liable for any delay or failure to perform caused by circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including natural disaster, fire, government action, or other event of force majeure.

No Employment, Partnership, or Agency Relationship

A grant award does not create an employment, partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship between the recipient and the Foundation or VENU Holding Corporation. Recipients act as independent parties responsible for their own projects.

Non-Discrimination

The Foundation reviews applications without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other status protected by applicable law.

Conflicts of Interest

Applicants must disclose any relationship between the applicant and any Foundation board member, officer, employee, or affiliated VENU executive. The Foundation may decline an application or condition an award on additional review where a conflict of interest exists.

Release and Limitation of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the recipient releases the Foundation, VENU Holding Corporation, and their respective officers, directors, employees, and affiliates from any claim, loss, or liability arising from the project, the use of grant funds, or participation in the Encore Grant program. The Foundation's total liability in connection with any grant is limited to the amount of the grant awarded. The Foundation is not responsible for any indirect, incidental, or consequential damages arising from a recipient's project.

Indemnification

The recipient agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Foundation and VENU Holding Corporation from any third-party claim arising out of the recipient's project, the use of grant funds, or the recipient's breach of these Terms and Conditions.

Compliance with Law

Recipients must use grant funds and carry out their project in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including any laws governing the recipient's tax-exempt status, licensing, or professional certification.

Entire Agreement; Severability

These Terms and Conditions, together with the Grant Application and Project Submission Agreement, constitute the entire agreement between the applicant and the Foundation regarding the Encore Grant. If any provision is found unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in full effect. The Foundation's failure to enforce any provision is not a waiver of its right to do so later.

Reporting Requirements

Recipients must submit a final report on the project's outcomes in the form and by the deadline the Foundation specifies. The Foundation may also request a progress update at any point before the project concludes. Failure to report as required may make the recipient ineligible for future Encore Grants and may require repayment of the award.

Acknowledgment

By signing the Project Submission Agreement, the applicant confirms they have read, understand, and agree to these Terms and Conditions in full.

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Please submit this document as an attachment with your application submission.

Name of Organization/Individual Applicant: _____

Submission Season and Year you are Applying for: _____

Contact Person:

- **Name:** _____
- **Title (if applicable):** _____
- **Phone:** _____
- **Email:** _____
- **Address:** _____

Website URL (if applicable): _____

Social Media Handles (if applicable)

- **Facebook:** _____
- **Instagram:** _____
- **X:** _____
- **TikTok:** _____
- **Other:** _____

Project Submission Agreement

By submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is accurate and truthful. If selected, I agree to use the grant solely for the purposes outlined in this application and provide a final report on the project's outcomes to the VENU Arts and Culture Foundation.

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Date: _____
