

Overview

Arts Access Miami aims to bring the transformational power of arts and music education to all youth. With the launch of this re-envisioned grant program, we will offer nimble capacity building and programmatic grants that help close arts education gaps as highlighted from **data** in artlook® Miami and help foster stronger **arts partnerships** within the Miami-Dade County Public Schools ecosystem.

Catalyst Grants are multi-year grants (up to \$20,000 distributed over two years) for arts education programs, initiatives, and organizations in Miami-Dade. Grant funds are intended to address opportunities for **strengthened arts partnerships between nonprofit organizations and Miami-Dade County Public Schools**. In addition to the grant funds, The Miami Foundation will work closely with each selected grant partner throughout the two-year period to provide capacity-building and opportunities for network-building, collaboration, and learning.

Funding Priorities

In addition to our eligibility requirements, we will prioritize funding organizations that:

- **Focus on access to arts education:** We will support projects that not only engage youth in the arts, but also demonstrate a clear strategy to increase their access to these opportunities.
- **Advance Equity:** We will prioritize organizations working with communities that face marginalization based on race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, mixed-abilities, or other lines of difference.
- **Collaborate:** We will prioritize organizations that can link their programmatic success to collaboration with a community, school, or partner organization.
- **Use data as a guide:** We will prioritize projects that are guided and informed by data directly from artlook Miami.
- **Are grassroots organizations:** We will prioritize organizations with budgets under \$750,000 annually and that may lack the resources to navigate the complexities of school partnerships effectively.

Focus Areas

We want to prioritize real-time needs in arts access that have been identified through our artlook Miami data. For this grant cycle, we will prioritize organizations focused on:

- **Artist residencies and professional development:** Our artlook data reveals that there is a need for more partnerships that provide artist residencies and arts education-centered professional development for teachers.
- **Dance & Theatre:** While there is more access to visual arts and music, there is less access to dance and theatre.
- **School Needs:** artlook® Miami works with schools to collect data about needs for arts education partnerships and programs. We will welcome applications that reference a discovery from the artlook Miami data that is not highlighted above that has informed their proposed programming. **Note:** While organizations may not have the time to analyze the artlook data, we encourage applicants to focus on how their project addresses a clear need within M-DCPS. If you would like guidance on how to align your proposal to identified needs in a meaningful way, please attend one of our upcoming webinars.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Catalyst Grant, you must:

1. **Be a IRS 501©(3) public charity** serving Miami-Dade County young people through the arts (**Note:** IRS 501(c)(3) public charity fiscal sponsors are also eligible to apply)
2. **Have a clear idea for how this grant will catalyze your work** further within M-DCPS
3. **Orient toward collaborations and partnerships:** While funds will be directed to individual organizations, our goal is to fund organizations that collaborate and partner with others.
4. **Have a 2024 operating budget of under \$750,000**
5. **Intend to use the funding for an arts education program in partnership with an M-DCPS school.**
6. **Have a record of consistent, ongoing participation opportunities for youth** through the arts
7. **Have a focus on equity**, with staff and board being representative of the communities served.

Note: While not required, we highly encourage organizations with existing or potential partnerships with an M-DCPS school to apply. If your organization is interested in applying, but does not have an existing partnership, we encourage you to schedule an office hours conversation with us.

Grant size, duration, requirements, and use:

- Grant Amounts: \$20,000 distributed over a two-year cycle
 - To ensure ongoing alignment and optimal use of funds, The Miami Foundation will review each grantees' progress and address any areas of potential improvement prior to confirming the continuation of funding for the second year.
- Grant Period:
 - Year 1: August 2024 – June 2025
 - Year 2: July 2025 – June 2026

Funding Note: We understand that creating, building, and launching an arts education program requires the appropriate resources. To that end, this grant is not intended to build a full-scale program, but rather as general operating support to seed a component of, scale an existing program, fund an initiative within, or to foster a new relationship with a school or partner. Our hope is that this funding will help our grant partners foster sustainable relationships that increase access to arts education.

Application Process

Applications open for submission on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 and are due by Friday, May 31, 2024 at 11:59 PM.

Applicants should apply through The Foundation's Submittable platform (<https://themiamicfoundation.submittable.com/submit>). Sign in with an existing Submittable account or create a free account by providing a name and email address. The full proposal stage will include an option for organizations to share video and mixed media to share their work and community impact. Each organization may submit **only one proposal**.

Connect with Us

Office Hours | Please sign up for an optional 20-minute office hours session [here](#). We can answer your questions about the program and help you optimize your application. If you do not have an existing relationship with an M-DCPS school, we can also provide guidance before you apply.

Informational Webinar | Register to attend one of two virtual information sessions by clicking the links below. All informational sessions will be recorded and uploaded to our website for later access.

- Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 from 3-4 PM – [register here](#)
- Thursday, May 16th, 2024 from 10-11 AM – [register here](#)

Timeline |

- **Application Opens:** Tuesday, April 30th, 2024
- **Office Hours:** May 9th- May 24th
- **Proposals Due:** Friday, May 31st, 2024 at 11:59 PM
- **Estimated Notification of Grant Awards:** By Friday, June 28th, 2024
- **Grants Period Start and funds disbursed:** Beginning of August 2024
- **30 minute Introductory Call** with The Miami Foundation and Miami-Dade County Public Schools: Scheduled within the weeks of September 9th-September 20th
- **Reporting:** End of year reports for Year 1 and Year 2 of funding

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About artlook Miami

The artlook® Miami map is an interactive, centralizing tool that empowers schools, nonprofit organizations, parents, and community members to explore and discover new arts opportunities, cultivate cross-sector partnerships, and unlock the arts assets within our community.

artlook® Miami's purpose is to identify and visualize where students in Miami-Dade have access to arts education programming and where there are opportunities for more coordinated investment.

In coordination with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, more than 80 nonprofit organizations, and a growing coalition of local and regional partners, we've created an ever-growing tool by which schools and providers can ensure every student is able to access Greater Miami's incredible arts education opportunities.

Our Strategy: We believe that data has the power to unlock truths and help shape the world we want to live in. The [artlook® Miami map](#) is the foundation to build a more equitable arts ecosystem in Greater Miami. With data from the map, we will -

- Connect schools and programs, allowing our community to work collaboratively and strategically to deliver high-quality arts education to every child in Greater Miami.
- Unify data from district operations, community agencies, and schools into a single platform that enables us to track growth and identify opportunities.
- Inform decision-making by giving school and community leaders insights to best allocate arts resources with equity.

Artlook® Miami is powered by catalytic funding and vision from philanthropist Daniel Lewis, as well as a generous group of supporters who believe in the transformative power of music, including The Kirk Foundation and The Frederick A DeLuca Foundation.

Application Overview

Applicants must submit a proposal online via Submittable – <https://themiamifoundation.submittable.com/submit>. Use this document to help you prepare your application.

Eligibility Questions:

- **Budget** | Is your annual budget under \$750,000?
- **artlook Miami Profile** | Does your organization have a completed profile on [artlook Miami](#)?
- **School Partnership** | Are you already in communication with an M-DCPS partner about an existing or potential program?

Organizational Information:

1. Organization Legal Name (name known to the IRS)
2. Address
3. Primary Contact Name
4. Primary Contact Title
5. Primary Contact Email
6. Primary Contact Phone Number
7. Website
8. Artlook Miami profile link
9. Mission – Briefly state the organization’s mission. (max 100 words)
10. Program Site Location(s)
11. Budget - 2024 operating budget
12. Type of organization: (*select one*)
 - a. IRS 501(c)(3)
 - i. EIN
 - b. Other (if applying as Other you must have an established relationship with a fiscal sponsor that is an IRS 501(c)(3))
13. Executive Director/CEO - Racial and Ethnic Identity
14. Executive Director/CEO - Gender Identity

Requested Information:

- **Organization and Programs Overview** | Tell us about your organization. What are some of your existing arts programs and services? (max 500 words)
- **Funding**
 - **Funding Request** | How much funding are you requesting? Up to \$20,000.
 - **Program Costs** | Tell us more about what it costs to run this program/ partnership? What is the total cost?
 - **Funding Sources** | What are other funding sources that are supporting this program (if applicable)?
- **What type of program are you requesting funding for?** (Checkbox response. E.g. artist residency, field trips, program supplies, etc.)
- **Data-informed** | How has the data from the provided data snapshots or other sourced data from artlook Miami, shaped your application?
- **What does your program fall under?** (Checkbox response. Dance, Music, etc.)

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- **Purpose** | Describe how the funds will be used and what the program will entail. How it will enable you to better serve youth and/or community through arts/ arts education. (max 500 words)
- **School Partner** | Tell us about your school partner.
 - Name of School
 - Contact Name and email address
 - Please provide details about your M-DCPS partner or the school(s) you are currently engaging with to establish a partnership. Include any steps you have taken towards formalizing this collaboration.
 - Reflect on your organization's staff and teaching artists' network. How does the composition of your team mirror or complement the demographic diversity of the student population you plan to serve?

Attachments:

- Upload – Your organizations hi-resolution logo
- Upload – Any other materials that will help us to better understand your organization and/or your request. i.e. – images, videos, design plans, program plans.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Can I submit more than one application for a Grant?** No. Organizations may only submit up to one application for consideration.
- 2. I am a national organization with a local chapter, can I apply?** Yes, if your organization has an existing local presence in Miami-Dade County, and includes consistent programming and a dedicated, staff member.
- 3. I've received a Music Access Fund mini grant in the past; can I apply again?** Yes! Organizations who received a mini grant in 2021, 2022, or 2023 are eligible to apply.
- 4. What are some examples of how funds can be used?** Awards in this category are intended to be flexible funds to help catalyze or strengthen partnerships between arts education nonprofits and M-DCPS Schools. Some examples of what this might look like are included below, however please note that applicants are not limited to these:
 - a. Increasing program frequency (e.g., from two days weekly to three days weekly)
 - b. Hiring more teaching artists/mentors
 - c. Purchasing needed equipment or software for your program or for your organizational success
 - d. Supplementing organization salaries
 - e. Scaling an existing in-school program
- 5. I'm a teaching artist who wants to partner with a school, can I apply?** Teaching and individual artists can apply if working with a 501c3 as a fiscal agent.
- 6. What will the reporting requirement be like?** Expectations consist of a written narrative report at the culmination of the first year of funding and at the end of the two-year grant period.
- 7. What are the program participation expectations with The Foundation and other grantees during the grant period?** The Miami Foundation is more than a funding source; we are partners in change. In addition to the granted funds, we will work closely with each selected grant recipient throughout the grant period to provide guidance, additional resources, and facilitate opportunities for meaningful collaboration and growth.
- 8. What does it mean to have an existing relationship with a M-DCPS school?** We characterize this relationship as active engagement and dialogue between a nonprofit arts education organization and a M-DCPS school. This can include: ongoing conversations about potential collaborations, and formal or informal agreements expressing a desire or mutual interest in establishing a partnership. **We encourage applicants that have not initiated contact with a school (but do share a mutual interest in developing a partnership or program) to connect with The Miami Foundation staff via office hours and attend one of the webinars.*
- 9. Can I use data found from another source outside of artlook® Miami?** While other sources of data are welcomed, all applications must also reference findings from artlook® Miami.