

Frequently Asked Questions about the Budget:

How do I determine my artist fees?

This is a difficult question, and each artist does it differently. There are two general ways to approach your artist fee: 1) think about how much you actually need to complete the activities; or 2) look at what other artists in your field earn. In the first way, you would want to consider your living expenses and your current salary and figure out exactly how much you'll need to sustain yourself during the time you're working on the proposed activities. (Keep in mind that grant funds are taxable, as KFW must report all grants to the IRS). In the second scenario, find out how much artists in your field make in Kentucky, then consider your own level of experience and training. **The most important thing is to note in your budget how you arrived at the amount of artist fees.**

Should I request the maximum \$7,500?

Request only what you think you realistically will need to accomplish your proposed activities. Please bear in mind that very few applicants are awarded this maximum amount. Also bear in mind that very few applicants are awarded the full amount that they requested. The more realistic and specific your budget, the stronger your application, and the more likely you are to receive your requested amount.

What else should I include in my budget?

Art supplies and materials should be clearly shown as a line item in your budget, as should other arts-related costs, such as space rental. Also, since reaching the community is an important part of social change art, you should include money for announcements, flyers, press releases, or other forms of outreach for your work, if appropriate. Also be sure to include income from other individuals, grants, or community members and specifically how KFW funds will be spent.

How do I calculate mileage for travel?

This is up to you. Many grantees use the Kentucky state government rate, which changes quarterly and is currently \$0.45 per mile, as of January 2012.