

2024 Radical, Timely and Urgent Grant

A two-year grant opportunity for experienced KFW grantees

Applications due Monday, February 26, 2024, at 5 pm ET/4 pm CT

Grant Description

The 2024 Radical, Timely, and Urgent Grant is a two-year grant. Applicants must have received at least two KFW grants. They may request up to \$10,000 in grant funds for the first year. Selected grantees will receive full funding. Second-year funding is dependent on the availability of KFW funds and the applicant's completion of grant reporting.

This grant asks artists and organizers to consider what feminist issues feel radical, timely, and urgent in their communities. What do we mean by radical? Think of art that

- involves risk-taking.
- incorporates or encourages a shift in power dynamics.
- challenges expectations.
- influences new directions.
- elicits a response or call to action.

We want to see compelling art projects that speak to the times we live in, challenge the status quo, highlight a pressing need, and connect to a broader community dialogue, especially in light of recent anti-affirmative action, anti-trans/LGBTQIA+ legislation, challenges to democracy, bodily autonomy and other pressing issues.

Interested applicants who have not received two previous KFW grants still can apply for a radical timely and urgent art project through KFW's Art Meets Activism Grant.

Aesthetic Perspectives

KFW uses Animating Democracy's Aesthetic Perspectives to help applicants "guide planning, reflection, and assessment of artistic work with social justice intentions." Grant projects must address the following attributes:

- Creative Disruption – challenging who has access to self-expression; dominant stories; and power structures.
- Stickiness – achieving sustained resonance, impact, or value.
- Communal Meaning – facilitating collective meaning that transcends individual perspective and experience.

Grant Timeline

- Application available: Monday, February 5, 2024
- Application due: Monday, February 26, 2024, at 5 pm ET/4 pm CT
- Grant decisions: by Early June
- Grant period: July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025 for first year funding

Criteria

Grant decisions will be made by a panel of three peer reviewers who will follow KFW's established Equity and Access plan using the following criteria:

General Criteria

- The application and art sample
 - Show high artistic quality and a clear ability to lead others in participatory art making.
 - Offer a concrete plan aligned with KFW's mission to promote positive social change by supporting varied feminist expression in the arts.
- The proposed activities
 - Directly benefit women, girls, trans, and gender nonconforming people in Kentucky.
 - Are clearly outlined and can be completed during the grant year.
 - Demonstrate a way to measure and evaluate impact.
- The submitted budget shows the applicant's ability to manage grant funds.

Grant-Specific Criteria

- The proposed activities focus on an issue that is both timely and urgent.
- The proposed activities and/or art making
 - challenge who has access to self-expression; dominant stories; and power structures.
 - show the potential for achieving sustained resonance, impact, or value.
 - facilitate collective meaning that transcends individual perspective and experience.

Eligibility

- Individual artists and nonprofit organizations must be residents of KY and meet KFW's eligibility requirements.
- "Experienced KFW Grantees" is defined as having received at least two KFW grants. Applicants must be current on all grant reporting.
- One-time events are not eligible for grant funding. For one-time events, see our sponsorship guidelines found at www.kfw.org/sponsorships.
- Applicants may apply to both this Radical, Timely, and Urgent Grant and the AMA grant. See the application for more details.
- KFW is committed to making grants accessible to all, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical ability, educational level, economic condition or geographic origin.

Questions and Technical Support

For direct questions contact Avery Guess, Grant Program Manager at avery@kfw.org or 502-562-0045. Avery is also available for technical support up to three days prior to the application deadline.