



KFW Feminist Art for Social Change Career Development Mini-Grant

What is the KFW Feminist Artist Career Development Mini-Grant?

KFW recognizes the need for quick turn-around funds to support career advancement opportunities for Kentucky feminist artists that may come up outside of our regular grant programs. The KFW Artist Career Development Mini-Grant (ACD) provides **up to \$500** to support activities that further a KFW artist's career, broaden the audience or impact of their work, and strengthen artist networks.

Who can apply?

The Artist Career Development Mini-Grant is for current and previous KFW grantees whose primary residence is in Kentucky at the time of the application and during the grant activities.

- Applicants must have received funds through KFW's Artist Enrichment or Art Meets Activism grants to apply for this mini grant.
- Grantees may receive one ACD grant per calendar year.

Is a match required?

Yes. This mini-grant requires a 3:1 match. That means KFW will provide up to 3/4 (75%) the cost up to \$500. For example, if the total cost is \$500, KFW will provide \$375 and the other \$125 will need to come from other sources. Match can include cash, donations or in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions can include artist fees. (To receive the full \$500, applicants must have a match of at least \$167.) Applicants should round up their KFW request to the nearest whole number.

What is the deadline and timeframe?

- Applications open July 15, 2024, and are **accepted on a rolling basis**.
- Notification and release of funds will occur approximately **2-3 weeks** after the application is submitted.
- Applications must be submitted **at least 30 days prior to the activity**.
- Final Reports must be submitted no later than 30 days after the activity is completed. The final report must be completed to receive future KFW funding.

- KFW reserves the right not to consider incomplete or improperly submitted applications, the right not to notify applicants if their application is incomplete, and the right not to give feedback to the applicant about their application.

What can the KFW Feminist Artist Career Development Mini-Grant be used for?

Artist Career Development Mini-Grants can be used for:

- Artist residencies and retreats to build your body of work, focus on research or the creation of a new project, and “radical rest” for artists. (Radical Rest is a term used to describe a comprehensive approach to healing from oppressive systems. It centers self-care to rejuvenate an artist’s work to create social change.)
- Perform, present, or screen your artwork, films or other performance pieces at panels, conferences, festivals, and juried showcases.
- Solo or group exhibitions of your work at galleries, museums, or in a community context. This can include framing and shipping costs for visual artwork.
- Travel costs to attend a career development opportunity that centers your artmaking.
- Strengthening your artist network by attending a regional, national, or international gathering of artists, or by hosting a gathering of feminist artists working for social change in your community.
- Entry fees to submit your original art to writing contests, film festivals, art festivals, etc.

This is a **feminist art-focused grant**. ACD Mini-Grants **cannot** be used for:

- Anything that is not artistic in nature. The basis of this grant is career development for a feminist artist’s career in artmaking.
- Artist fees. (Apply to the AMA or AE grant programs for KFW to cover artist fees.)
- Event sponsorship. If you would like KFW to sponsor an event, please check out the Sponsorship link on our website. The same artist cannot apply for both the ACD Mini-Grant and KFW Sponsorship funds for the same event/activities.
- Artist groups or organizations. This mini-grant is for individual artists only.
- Past events or activities that are not at least 30 days after the application is submitted.
- Participation in a college or university class
- Formal apprenticeship or mentorship with an established artist.
- Anything that KFW cannot fund as a 501c3. See [eligibility guidelines here](#).

What are the Grantee Requirements/Expectations?

- Grantees must use the grant funds as stated in their application.
- Grantees must comply with all applicable city, state, and federal laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations.
- Grantees must use the KFW logo for any gatherings of artists, social media posts or other communications related to the funded ACD mini-grant activities.
- Grantees must complete a Final Report within 30 days after date of completion of grant activities.

With proposals of equal merit, priority will be given to women, trans, and gender nonconforming people who are:

- From rural areas.
- BIPOC, especially Black or African American women.
- LGBTQIA+.
- Low-income.
- Not graduates of high school or college.
- Disabled.

If you have questions about eligibility, the grant timeframe, or the purpose of the mini-grants, please contact avery@kfw.org.

What questions will be on the application?

What is the artist career development opportunity?

In a few sentences, tell us what the opportunity is, and what art or artforms are involved.

Why do you need to do this now?

In a few sentences, tell us some background on yourself as an artist, the type of art you create, and why this opportunity is needed now to advance your career.

How will KFW funds be used? What's the match?

In a few sentences, tell us how funds will be used. Include the KFW amount and the match. Include the source(s) of the match.

Eligibility questions:

Are you a resident of KY?

Are you a KFW grantee through the AE or AMA program?

Are you current on all Final Reports for grants you've received?

Are you submitting your application at least 30 days before the activity will take place?

Do the proposed activities center art or artmaking that will help advance your artistic career?