



## KFW Feminist Art for Social Change Career Development Mini-Grant

The mission of the Kentucky Foundation for Women is to promote positive social change by supporting varied feminist expression in the arts.

KFW Provides Three Types of Artist Career Development Mini-Grants (up to \$500) for:

- [Opportunities](#) (match required)
- [Emergency Relief](#) to continue making art
- [Gatherings of KFW Artists](#) in your region

The purpose of these mini-grants is to allow the KFW artist to continue creating feminist art for social change in Kentucky.

### Why is KFW offering three types of mini grants?

KFW strives to cultivate a community of care. With feedback from surveys and interviews in our strategic planning process, we learned that KY feminist artists need not only project support but also assistance for other areas of their lives. Expanding the mini grants to include emergency funding and support for gatherings of KFW artists helps artists as individuals while strengthening the network of feminist social change artists in Kentucky.

### Who can apply?

- The ACD mini grant is **for current and previous KFW grantees** only. Applicants must have received funds through KFW's Artist Enrichment or Art Meets Activism programs (or KFW grants prior to 2000) to apply for this mini grant.
- Applicant's primary residence must be in Kentucky at the time of the application and during the activities.
- Grantees may receive one ACD grant per calendar year, of each type.

## Why is the ACD mini-grant limited to previous KFW grantees?

KFW uses many processes to ensure equity and fairness in the AE and AMA grant making, including peer panel review. With the limited funds available, KFW is prioritizing mini-grants for peer reviewed AE and AMA artists so that they can continue their feminist social change work.

*Note - the AMA, AE and Loretto Residency programs are all open to new artists. If you have not yet received a grant from KFW, please look into one of these programs first.*

## Is a match required?

For the opportunity type, yes. **A match is not required for emergency relief or for regional gatherings of KFW artists.** For an opportunity, 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 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** (for opportunities and gatherings only... not emergency relief)
- 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.

## How do I apply?

Apply at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=kfw>

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 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 [leah@kfw.org](mailto:leah@kfw.org).

## Opportunities Mini Grant

### What is the KFW Feminist Artist Career Development Opportunities 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.

## What can the ACD mini grant (opportunities type) 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.
- Artists in areas experiencing regional trauma (ie, flooding or tornados) in need of recovery funds.
- Entry fees to submit your original art to writing contests, film festivals, art festivals, etc.

## ACD Mini Grant (opportunities type) funds CANNOT be used for:

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 or 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](#).

# Emergency Grants for KFW Artists ACD Mini Grant

The Emergency Assistance Program provides one-time funds to KFW artists facing dire circumstances due to unforeseen, catastrophic events.

## Eligible items:

- One-time emergency funds are for KFW artists\* who are facing:
- Unforeseen dire circumstances due to current government cuts in grants and assistance programs (food, housing, or medical insecurity)
- Regional trauma (ie, climate-related flooding, tornados or other)
- Unexpected acute medical needs (surgery, recovery from an accident)

## Ineligible: One-time emergency funds are NOT for:

- For Profit business
- Artist not in residence in KY
- Family members are not eligible. KFW Funds are available for the KFW artist only.
- Expenses that were paid prior to submitting the application
- Fees for participation or living expenses while in a residency program, educational program, or other artistic opportunities.
- Loss or lack of employment/General Indebtedness
- Low sales or poor marketplace/festival/fair turnout
- Equipment failure
- Routine/ordinary dental work such as cleaning and extractions
- Routine/ordinary medical problems
- Routine/ordinary car maintenance or repairs
- Remodeling/capital improvements
- Art making projects or related expenses of any kind
- Immigration and visa fees

## Gatherings of KFW Artists in your region

Gatherings of KFW artists in local areas strengthens networks, builds resilience, and helps further artists careers. A KFW artist can apply to organize and host a gathering in their region. KFW funds to support a gathering are intended to connect KFW artists with each other, discuss what artists need now, and build community to further everyone's work forwards deep engagement in artmaking, and furthering a feminist future for Kentucky through the arts.

KFW can announce regional gatherings in our email newsletter, The Hot Flash.

## How much can I request for a regional gathering of KFW artists?

The KFW ACD mini grant is up to \$500. For the regional gatherings, we recommend estimating how many people you anticipate attending, and request about \$25-\$35 per person to support the gathering.

## How can KFW funds be used for regional gatherings?

For regional gatherings, KFW funds can be used to support artist fees for the organizers time, refreshments at the gathering, location costs, marketing, etc.

## What are things KFW funds can't support for a gathering?

KFW funds cannot be used for alcohol, to pay rent/utilities at a studio or living space, or anything that is ineligible in our [eligibility guidelines](#).

## Questions?

After reading this document, if you have any questions about Artist Career Development mini grants, eligibility, or the application, reach out to [grants@kfw.org](mailto:grants@kfw.org) or call 502-562-0045.