

Creative Catalyst Grant

Eligibility

- Individual artists
 - 18 years or older
 - Groups, collectives and students are not eligible for this program
 - Emphasis on emerging artists with low income (80% or less of median income for Columbia County) or lack of financial resources
- Proof of Residency in Columbia County
 - Lease, mortgage statement, utility bills that show your full time residence is in Columbia County
- Proof of Artistic Activity
 - CREATE welcomes any documentation that indicates public or private performances, readings, showings, or other presentations of creative work for an audience (ex. event flyers, online promotional materials, live event recordings, photographs of an exhibition or your portfolio, music scores, video excerpts).
- Reference from a Community Partner that shows local commitment and connection
 - CREATE defines Community Partner as any business or organization established in Columbia County that also carries out some activity within the arts community (ex. venue, gallery, community organization with an arts component, bookstore)
 - Community Partner can write a letter or we can schedule a call with them.
- Public presentation of new work or completion of a project
 - CREATE's definition is flexible and depends on your medium. It can be anything from a studio tour, publishing a newsletter, creating a website experience, public performances or readings, gallery exhibition that is open to the public, live physical or virtual demonstrations of your work, or many other ways to make creative work available for community members to view or experience. We are open to hear your ideas!
- A complete simple application form and grantees are required to submit a final report of public presentation
- Proof of income
 - At or below 80% of the median income for the county

FY 2023 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income	FY 2023 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Columbia County, NY	\$103,000	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$)	32,900	37,600	42,300	46,950	50,750	54,500	58,250	62,000
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)*	19,750	22,550	25,350	30,000	35,140	40,280	45,420	50,560
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$)	52,600	60,100	67,600	75,100	81,150	87,150	93,150	99,150

Amount

9 grants each \$1000 to 9 individuals selected by lottery

Process

- Complete an application
- Applicants are awarded by lottery
- Notifications of results will be sent by Dec 1

Timeline

- Applications open 10/15 - 11/15
- Announce awards on Dec 1
- Grant ceremony Wed, Dec 6
- Grant payments will be issued in December