**NEWTOWN CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

**2023 Project Grant up to $1,250**

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission will distribute up to $1,250 in one or more project grants to an individual artist residing in Newtown and up to $1,250 in one or more project grants to a Newtown based group, club, or arts organization that enriches the cultural life of the community, for a total of $2,500 in grants.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The grant recipient(s) must be at least 18 years of age and a Newtown resident or Newtown organization, group or club. Note: Family members of Newtown Cultural Arts Commissioners and/or NCAC Project Grant Selection Committee members are NOT eligible to apply.

**DEADLINES:** Complete application and supporting documentation (incomplete or late submissions will not be considered) must be postmarked, or received, at the First Selectman’s Office, Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470 by **May 15, 2023.**

**AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT:** The NCAC will announce the grant awardees by email, on our website and via press release on or before **May 29, 2023**

**DISTRIBUTION OF AWARD:**  Awards will be distributed in accordance with project schedules as outlined by the organization or individual artist. It is the intention of the commission that the project will be completed within one year.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

* Complete the NCAC Grant Application Form.
* Submit two letters of support/recommendation or articles published about your organization, group or club.
* If your application includes a study opportunity or workshop, please include a bio of the instructor.
* Agree to be interviewed, if requested.

2023 Arts Grant Application

For Newtown Residents, Organizations, Groups and Clubs

**Directions for Applicant:** Submit and sign original. Keep a copy for your records.

1. **Applicant Information**

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| Legal Name: |  | |  |
| Address: |  | | | | | | |
| City: |  |  | | | Zip: |  |  |
| Day Phone: |  |  | | | Other Phone: | | |
| Email: |  |  | | |
| Website or Facebook Page: |  |  | | |

How long has your organization, group or club been in Newtown? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many members are in your organization, group or club? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a 501(c)(3) organization? (This will not influence your eligibility for a grant.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **What is your art discipline?**

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| **3. Project Start Date:** |  | **Project End Date:** |  |

**4. Describe the Project:** *(Attach a separate page if necessary.)*

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**5. Budget for Project:** *(Please itemize to give us a clear understanding of your needs. Attach a separate page if necessary.)*

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| **6. *How will this project help your organization, group or club to reach its goals?*** |

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| **7. Explain *how your project/plan will impact/benefit the community:*** |

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| **8. Explain *whether this project/plan would be possible with reduced or no grant funds and what changes, if any, would occur:*** |

**IMPORTANT:**

**Complete the Certification Pages, including the Project Requirements, Application Checklist, and Signature, certifying that all information contained in this application and its attachments is true and correct.**

**Mail or deliver the application and all required support material by May 15, 2023 to Newtown Cultural Arts Commission, Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470.**

**Project Requirements**

All grants under this program share the following project requirements. Please certify all requirements with a check mark in each box.

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|  | 1. Grant application forms must be legible and complete. |
|  | 1. Projects should be completed within one year of the date the grant is awarded. |
|  | 1. The project must enhance the arts in the Newtown community. |
|  | 1. Applicants must be 16 years or older and individual or organization must reside in Newtown, CT. Applicants under 18 must have a parent or guardian co-sign. |
|  | 1. Applicant agrees to acknowledge NCAC’s financial assistance on all publicity and promotional material in a legible font. |
|  | 1. Access to participation in the project will not be limited on the basis of national origin, race, religion, age, or gender. |
|  | 1. No grant funds can be used for payment of debts incurred before the start date or after termination of the project. |
|  | 1. Projects must not include publishing that is initiated solely by the applicant (i.e., vanity press). |
|  | 1. Funds may not be used to pay for credits or materials necessary in order to fulfill degree requirements for students. |
|  | 1. Activities must not be for religious purposes. |
|  | 1. Grant funds cannot be used to support strictly commercial activities, projects intended for mass-market distribution or those that have profit as the direct primary motive. |
|  | 1. Newtown Cultural Arts Commissioners and NCAC Project Grant Selection Committee members and their families are not eligible to apply for this program during their tenure on the Commission or Committee or within 6 months of their resignation from the NCAC or NCAC Project Grant Selection Committee. |

**Application Checklist**

The application must be received by **May 15, 2023**. (See page 1 of the guidelines for deadlines.) Please read the grant guidelines and application forms carefully. Submit the signed original with necessary support materials, including the checklist below. Keep a copy for your records.

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| **Enclosed** | **The original or copy of the following:** |
|  | The completed, hand-printed or typed, and signed application. |
|  | Application, pages 1 through 3. |
|  | Art-related resume. |
|  | Two letters of support by qualified professionals knowledgeable in the art discipline of your application. |
|  | If your application includes a study opportunity or workshop, you must include information about the opportunity and the teacher’s qualifications. |
| **RETURN OF WORK SAMPLES (check one):**  I want my work samples returned. I am enclosing the required stamped self-addressed envelope.  I will make arrangements to pick up my work samples by emailing newtownarts@gmail.com.  I do not wish to have my work samples returned.  *NOTE: Unclaimed work samples and work samples sent without return postage will be discarded on*  *July 31, 2023.* | |

**Certifying Signatures:** The signature below certifies that I or Organization/Group/Club meet all of the eligibility requirements of this grant program, that all information contained in this application and its attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that I/Arts Organization agree to and will meet all project requirements, and that I/Arts Organization have submitted a complete application fulfilling all items on the application checklist.

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Applicant's Signature Date Applicant name hand-printed or typed

**Mail or deliver application to:**

For office use only

Application # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Postmarked: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Board Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

Newtown Municipal Center

3 Primrose Street

Newtown CT, 06470

info@newtownartscommmission.org

**Deadline:** **May 15, 2023**

Additional copies of this grant application are available at the Newtown Cultural Arts Commission website: <http://www.newtownartscommission.org>