

UNITED ARTS

CENTRAL FLORIDA

FY27 Individual Artist Award Guidelines

Application Window: March 11, 2026 – April 19, 2026 @ 11:59 pm

Grant Activity Period: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Evaluation Criteria

The applications will be scored based on the following criteria:

	Excellence & Merit	Creativity & Innovation	Use of Funds	Impact
Operating Support Grant	X		X	X
Individual Artist Award	X	X	X	X
Community Impact Grant	X		X	X

Evaluation Criteria Definitions

Excellence & Merit

- Excellence in the process and product of the project/events.
- The quality of the applicant’s work and/or services involved in the application.
- The value and appropriateness of the project/professional development to the individual’s mission, field, audience, and/or community.

Creativity & Innovation

- Project-based funding:
 - In what ways does the applicant’s project demonstrate originality, creativity, or innovation?
 - How does their technique approach, process, or application of techniques distinguish their work within their field or push conventional boundaries?
- Professional development funding:
 - In what ways would the addition of new supplies/professional development amplify the originality, creativity, or innovation of the applicant’s work

Use of Funds

- Preparedness and sustainability the applicant shows with their proposed budget/use of funds.
- The applicant follows the allowable expenses for this grant program.

Impact

- Clearly defined goals and/or outcomes and an appropriate plan to determine if those goals and/or outcomes are met.
- Engagement with individuals whose opportunities to experience and participate in arts, culture, history, or science are limited by geography, ethnicity, economic status, and disabilities.
- Advancement of individual’s career, future work opportunities, portfolio, exposure to new and emerging audiences.
- Expand professional network to include others in the individual’s field, communities, audiences, and potential patrons.
- Opportunity to build a renowned and professional reputation in both the public and private sectors.

Scoring Criteria

Evaluation Category	Scored on a Scale of	Weight Factor	Total Possible Points
Excellence & Merit	1 to 5	6	30 points
Creativity & Innovation	1 to 5	4	20 points
Use of Funds	1 to 5	4	20 points
Impact	1 to 5	6	30 points

		Total Possible Points	100 points
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Scoring Scale

- 1 – Not Competitive (Consistently does not meet the goals of the program as outlined in the application materials)
- 2 – Improvement Needed (Meets some requirements but occasionally fails to achieve fundamental requirements as outlined in application materials)
- 3 – Meets Expectations (Consistently meets the requirements as outlined in the application materials)
- 4 – Exceeds Expectations (Frequently exceeds the requirements as outlined in the application materials)
- 5 – Outstanding (Consistently exceeds the requirements as outlined in the application materials)