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ERIE COUNTY

# CULTURAL CAPITAL

*Grant Program*

**ROUND 2**

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Virtual Information Session | June 1, 2023 | 6:00PM



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### Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Background and Program Intent
- Application Process and Required Documents
- Legal compliance
- Additional Considerations
- Next Steps
- Q&A



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### Background

- County Executive created \$25M fund from 2021 surplus funds for capital improvements for arts & cultural organizations
- Approximately \$8.6M was allocated in Round 1. Round 2 will allocate approximately \$8M - \$9M. Program is intended to continue for one more year
- Projects are selected by the Erie County Capital Projects Committee

### Program Intent

- Small to mid-size cultural organizations
- Labor, materials, major equipment purchases, architecture/engineering services for the designated project. Funds cannot be used for property acquisition or operating expenses (rent, payroll, etc.)



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# Definition of a Cultural Organization:

To be considered a Cultural Organization, the organization must at least have ONE of the following descriptions of a Cultural Organization as a primary mission of the organization\*:

- An organization that operates on a countywide or recognizable community level, which by the nature of its cultural activities and/or collections, is unique, distinctive and of significant quality
- An organization that provides visitors with access to programs and displays of the performing, visual, literary and media arts, and/or to exhibits and collections, which preserve and interpret our cultural, natural and scientific heritage
- An organization that particularly serves the cultural needs of significant segments of the County population, thereby contributing to the quality of life in Buffalo and Erie County

*\*Organizations such as social and/or multi-service, educational, athletic, after-school, or religious organizations for which cultural activity is not a primary purpose are not eligible.*



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## Application Process

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### 2024 Cultural Capital Grant Application

To submit a proposal for review, please complete the form below and press the "Submit" button NO LATER THAN Monday, June 16th, 2023. Please be prepared to provide additional information upon request. Please note that this is a competitive application process and submitting an application does not guarantee an award. Questions concerning this form should be directed to Timothy German, Planner, at [timothy.german@erie.gov](mailto:timothy.german@erie.gov)

Organization LEGAL NAME \*

DBA if applicable

Primary Contact Name \*

Email Address \*

Daytime Phone Number \*



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# Legal Compliance

- Apprentice labor requirement applies to County awards over \$250,000 - at least 10% of project labor must be from an apprentice of a certified New York State Certified Worker Training Program.
- Minority/Woman owned business enterprise goals
- Environmental review (a.k.a. SEQR) – most projects will not require in-depth review
- Must demonstrate competitive bidding process for County funds



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# Additional Considerations

- Ownership or leasehold interest in project site
- Funds to be disbursed on a reimbursement basis
- Insurance requirements – both grantee and their contractor
  - Liability, worker's comp, disability
  - County of Erie must be named as additionally insured



## Next Steps

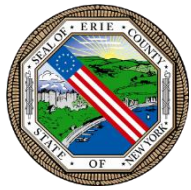






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Q&A



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**APPLICATIONS DUE:  
FRIDAY, JULY 7TH**



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