



ARTSWESTCHESTER JUNETEENTH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Juneteenth, also known as **Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day** – is a holiday celebrating the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it is now celebrated annually on the 19th of June throughout the United States, with varying official recognition. It is commemorated on the anniversary date of the June 19, 1865 announcement by Union Army General Gordon Granger, proclaiming freedom from slavery in Texas.

Whereas, ArtsWestchester and the Westchester African American Advisory Board have gathered with various Juneteenth Committees in the lower Hudson Valley to present a Juneteenth kickoff program to celebrate the historic moment of Juneteenth's recognition as an official public holiday. In recognition of this collaboration, ArtsWestchester has allocated funding with the support of Westchester County and the Board of Legislators to support Juneteenth event organizing bodies to submit a proposal for funding to support Juneteenth 2024 activities in their respective local communities. This is a one-time opportunity, exclusive of any other funding opportunities offered by ArtsWestchester.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: By or before Wednesday, March 27, 2024

What is the period of support? All projects must take place during June 2024

Proposal: The proposal, to be submitted via the application form in Submittable, should include:

- a detailed description of planned 2024 Juneteenth activities (include communities served, featured artists and/or speakers)
- amount of request
- how awarded funds would be used

All proposals should be submitted as soon as possible, no later than **Wednesday, March 27, 2024**.

Proposals should be submitted on behalf of a local nonprofit organization. If your committee is not incorporated as a nonprofit, or if you have difficulty identifying a nonprofit to partner with, please contact ArtsWestchester staff for assistance. On an as-needed basis, funding (if awarded) may be paid directly to artists directly involved in the respective Juneteenth activities.

A final report, which will be available in Submittable, of how funds were used will be due by or before **Wednesday, July 31, 2024**.

Examples of expenses that are eligible for funding:

- Activities/projects and cultural events related to Juneteenth
- Fees for heritage & culture bearers / artists
- Marketing/publicity costs

FUNDING RESTRICTIONS:

The Juneteenth funding opportunity does not support the following:

- ☐ Startup funding for a new organization
- ☐ General operating support
- ☐ Staff salary
- ☐ Activities that are not open to the general public such as camps, clubs or college associations
- ☐ Events that take place in private homes
- ☐ Projects taking place outside of Westchester or Rockland County and/or not directed toward Westchester or Rockland audiences
- ☐ Projects that are recreational, therapeutic, rehabilitative, or worship-based in nature
- ☐ Entertainment costs including receptions, food or fundraising events
- ☐ Activities that are not arts-related including balloons, clowns, magic, "sip and paint"
- ☐ Purchase of permanent equipment

Can I apply for funding for a virtual program (ie. An online exhibition, Workshops via Zoom)?

Yes. Due to Covid-19 safety guidelines, online programming is eligible for consideration.

How will I know if I have received a Juneteenth award?

ArtsWestchester will respond to all proposals no later than late April 2024.

Grantee Responsibilities and Reporting

Applicants who have been awarded funding will receive further instructions on completing their funding agreement. Award payments are made in a single lump sum once the grant agreement has been fully executed.

Funding will be paid either to a nonprofit entity or directly to the artist(s) performing. All payees must be set up with ArtsWestchester's Accounts Payable in order to receive payment.

Program Credit: Acknowledgement of your ArtsWestchester funding is essential to building public awareness that local tax dollars are used to provide valued local arts programs and services.

You should acknowledge ArtsWestchester, and Westchester County government, on your website as well as in all printed materials.

Juneteenth Grants support community-based arts activities throughout Westchester and Rockland County. Activities in all arts disciplines are eligible for support, and may include but are not limited to: art-making workshop series, performances, festivals, screenings, and readings. All funded projects must be open to the general public.

The goals of the Juneteenth Grant program include:

- Making Juneteenth celebrations available at the local level
- Fostering the development of emerging arts organizations
- Supporting local artists and culture bearers
- Supporting the cultural expression of Westchester or Rockland’s ethnic groups
- Increasing access to the arts in communities that traditionally have been underrepresented. (Underrepresented communities are comprised of individuals who have limited access to art programs, services, or resources and may be marginalized due to geography, race, economic status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, or disability. The term “community” can refer to a group of people with a common heritage or characteristics, whether or not living in the same place. Age alone – i.e. youth, seniors – does not qualify a group as being underrepresented.)

Questions: please contact Aaron Paige, Director of Folk Arts, at apaige@artswestchester.org

Coalition Members (as of March 2024)

Ardsley Juneteenth rep. by Ardsley Multicultural, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Bedford Juneteenth rep. by Antioch Baptist Church

Greenburgh Juneteenth rep. by Town of Greenburgh

Haverstraw Juneteenth rep. by Haverstraw African American Connection

Lewisboro Juneteenth rep. by Equity for All Lewisboro

Mount Vernon Juneteenth rep. by Mount Vernon Dept. of Rec.

Mamaroneck Juneteenth rep. by OneMamaroneck

Mount Kisco Juneteenth rep. by Mount Kisco Juneteenth Committee

New Rochelle Juneteenth rep. by Lincoln Park Conservancy

Ossining Juneteenth rep. by Ossining Juneteenth Council

Peekskill Juneteenth rep. by the Peekskill Youth Bureau ,

Pelham Juneteenth rep. by Pelham Juneteenth Committee

Portchester Juneteenth rep. by Port Chester Historical Society

Rye Juneteenth rep. by Friends of the African American Cemetery

Tuckahoe Juneteenth rep. by Tuckahoe Juneteenth Committee

White Plains Juneteenth re. by White Plains Juneteenth Heritage Inc.,

Yonkers Juneteenth rep. by Yonkers African American Heritage Committee