



Understanding Grant Amounts & How They Are Calculated

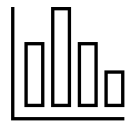
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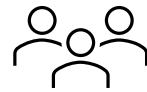
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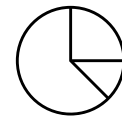
What factors affect my grant amount?



Your organization's adjusted operating budget for the three most recently completed fiscal years.



Your organization's average operating budget compared to the combined budgets of all other organizations in the GOS pool.



The total amount of funding CAC has allocated for GOS grants this cycle.



General Operating Support

What is the grant formula?

$$\frac{\text{your organization's percent of total revenue}^{factor}}{\sum(\text{each organizations' percent of total revenue}^{factor})} \times \text{allocation}$$



General Operating Support

How is the formula determined?

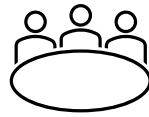
- The CAC General Operating Support grant is determined using a **formula based on all organizations' revenues**. The formula was created by The Ohio State University for Ohio Arts Council's grant calculations. CAC has used the same GOS formula since its inception in 2007.
- All GOS grantees submit an Earned Revenue and Support (ERS) Form each year, including financial details from their Audit or Review from their most recent fiscal year. The ERS form backs out some categories of revenue, such as CAC grants, in-kind, unrealized investment gains, and capital funds. **CAC takes the average of the past 3 years' ERS numbers to use in this calculation.**
- The factor is an exponential power used to distribute the allocation such that the grant amounts are meaningful for small, medium, and large institutions. For 2024 the factor is .70702. **For 2025, grant amounts are equivalent to 2024, the second year of a two-year grant cycle.**
- Your grant is equal to your organization's percentage of the total ERS revenue, multiplied by itself .70702 times, divided by the sum of all grantee organization's percentages, each multiplied by themselves .70702 times, then multiplied by the total grant program's budgeted allocation.

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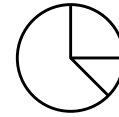
What factors affect my grant amount?



Your requested grant amount, which must be no more than half of project expenses.



Your panel score, which is the average of all scores by panelists who reviewed your application.



The total amount of funding CAC has allocated for PS grants this cycle.



Project Support

What is the grant formula?

(your requested grant amount × panel score) × allocation adjustment

$$\text{allocation adjustment} = \frac{\text{total PS grant request amounts}}{\text{total PS allocation}}$$



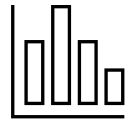
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How is my grant calculated?

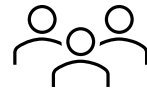
- The Project Support grant amounts are calculated as a **percentage of an applicant's requested grant amount**, based on panel scores and available funds. For 2025 grants, the allocation adjustment is 94%. For applicants requesting \$5,000 or less, applicants with more “Yes” panel scores receive a larger portion of their request amount.
- An applicant's maximum grant request is **determined at Eligibility Check**. First time grantees and organizations completing a 990-N are eligible for up to \$5,000. Maximum grants for other organizations are based on their 990s for organizations with a primary mission of arts and culture, or their previous CAC grant reporting for organizations without a primary mission of arts and culture.
- Grant amounts for organizations who choose to **bypass** the full application and panel review are **determined by their previous year's grant**. In 2025, bypass organizations may see a slight increase in funding due to an increased allocation for 2025 Project Support grants. These were determined by the original **2024 grant request amount and adjusted** according to your panel score and the total amount allocated for 2025 Project Support grants.
- For grantees completing the full application and panel process, your grant is equal to your organization's requested grant amount, multiplied by your panel score, then multiplied by 94%.

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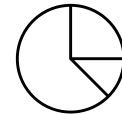
What factors affect my grant amount?



Your organization's average revenue over the two most recently completed fiscal years.



Your organization's average revenue compared to the revenues of all other organizations in the CH pool.



The total amount of funding CAC has allocated for CH grants this cycle.



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What is the grant formula?

$$\left(\frac{\text{your FY1 990 revenue} + \text{your FY2 990 revenue}}{2} \right) \times \text{allocation adjustment}$$



Cultural Heritage

How is my grant calculated?

- The CAC Cultural Heritage grant is determined using a **formula based on average revenues** and adjusted based on the amount of funding allocated to CH grants in that cycle.
- The allocation adjustment is determined **based on the number of applicants in the pool**. The allocation adjustment for 2024 and 2025 grants is 14.7%.
- The maximum award amount for Cultural Heritage is \$30,000 and the minimum is \$5,000.
- Your grant is equal to your organization's average revenue as recorded on the 990s of your two most recently completed fiscal years multiplied by the allocation adjustment. Grants are adjusted as necessary to be within the range of \$5,000-\$30,000.