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Dear Potential Grassroots Grant Applicant:

The Alliance for Greater Eastern North Carolina (AGENC) is now accepting applications for North Carolina Arts Council Grassroots Arts Program subgrants through November 4, 2026.

Since 1977, the North Carolina Arts Council's Grassroots Arts Program has provided North Carolina citizens access to quality arts experiences. Using a per capita based formula, the program provides funding for the arts in all 100 counties of the State through partnerships with local arts councils.

AGENC serves as the North Carolina Arts Council's partner in awarding subgrants to local organizations for arts programs in Washington County. AGENC will be awarding not more than \$7,000.00 in grants.

Subgrant applications are available for non-profit organizations whose purpose is to promote and develop performing and visual arts programming in Washington county. Funding priority is given to qualified arts organizations (theaters, galleries, choral societies, festivals, etc.), arts in education programs conducted by qualified artists, and other community organizations that provide arts programs in Washington County. Subgrants may not be awarded to arts organizations that already receive operating support directly from the N.C. Arts Council. Projects must occur between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027. Finally, there is a matching requirement for subgrants in Washington County. The matching requirement is a 1:1 match for each dollar received by a subgrantee.

Application forms and grant guidelines are available immediately below. AGENC can mail applications and guidelines upon request. Applications must be received no later than November 4, 2026, at 11:59 p. m. Applications may be submitted by email to Joyce Holloway at jdsh0927@aol.com or James Holloway at jehs0626@aol.com, or US Mail at AGENC, 209 Fairlane Road, Greenville, NC 27834.

AGENC is also hosting a Grassroots Arts Program subgrant workshop to assist interested applicants in preparing the competitive subgrant application. This workshop will be conducted at Washington County African American Museum and Cultural Center on Friday, October 2, 2026, from 11:00 to 1:00 p. m. New applicants are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop and meet with us for office hours.

AGENC will also hold office hours at the Washington County African American Museum and Cultural Center on Friday, October 9, 2026, from 11:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. Applicants may use office hours for assistance in completing the subgrant application or requesting additional information.

The Grassroots Arts Partners Subgrant Guidelines and Application for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 can be downloaded from the NC Arts Council Website as follows:

[Grassroots Arts Partners Subgrant Guidelines FY 2026-2027](https://www.ncarts.org/grassroots-arts-program-gap-subgranting-guidelines/download?attachment)
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[Grassroots Arts Partners Subgrant Application FY 2026-2027](https://www.ncarts.org/gap-subgrant-application-form-word/download?attachment)
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As stated above, you may email your application to AGENC at jdsh0927@aol.com or jehs0626@aol.com or mail it to 209 Fairlane Road, Greenville, NC 27834. All applications must be received by November 4, 2026, not later than 11:59 p.m.

Grant applications are evaluated by panel of community members with awards being announced on November 23, 2026. Arts projects must be completed on or before June 30, 2027.

If you have any questions, you may contact James E. Holloway at jehs0626@aol.com or (252) 412-7480.

We thank Washington County residents for their support of the arts and AGENC.

Best Regards,

Joyce S. Holloway
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