

Arts Organization Support (AOS) Reviewers Fiscal Year 2026

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) is seeking reviewers to support the Arts Organization Support (AOS) grant, which provides stable and consistent funding to arts organizations across varied geographies and budget sizes. The program is open every odd calendar year, and applicants funded in this program will be funded for two fiscal years.

Reviewers play a significant role in application evaluation for public funding by reviewing, scoring, and providing comments on submitted applications. The IAC seeks a variety of experiences and backgrounds to foster greater dialogue, awareness, and understanding, while also including the many perspectives that make up the state of Indiana to review and evaluate grant applications.

What do AOS Reviewers do?

Selected reviewers can expect the following:

- March 12 or 13: attend a virtual reviewer training
- March through April: review and evaluate applications, with an estimated commitment of 20-25 hours over five weeks
- April or May: participate in a virtual public panel meeting to discuss application evaluations; meeting time is approximately three hours, with breaks
- Receive a stipend of \$500 for participating in the virtual panelist training, reviewing applications by scoring and providing written comments for each, and attending a virtual public panel meeting

Who are we looking for?

- Individuals with experience in public and non-profit administration in either arts or non-arts organizations
- Artists of all kinds
- Arts educators
- Individuals with experience in community and/or economic development, or tourism
- Individuals representing the geographic diversity of Indiana, especially those from more rural areas

What do I need to review applications?

• Reviewers need reliable internet and a computer to submit reviews in the IAC online grants management system

• All other materials including instructions to access the online grants system, program guidelines, criteria, scoring rubric, and additional reviewer guidance is provided by the IAC at the beginning of the review period

What is a public panel meeting?

- A public panel meeting occurs via Zoom webinar and offers an opportunity for reviewers to share feedback and discuss submitted applications with fellow reviewers
- Applicants are encouraged to attend and observe but will have no interaction with reviewers; the meeting will not be recorded

How do I indicate my interest in being a Reviewer?

<u>Complete the Indiana Arts Commission Application Reviewer Interest Form</u>