



## CULTURAL FUNDING PROGRAM FY2026

**ALL PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND A MANDATORY ORIENTATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING. PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME TO AVOID HAVING TO ATTEND AN ADDITIONAL SESSION.**

### IN-PERSON ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

#### **Artist Incubator Program**



*Funds new work by local artists in all disciplines*

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 | 4:00pm

Mexican American Cultural Center, 201 W Franklin, El Paso, TX, 79901

#### **Arts Activate Program**



*Supports project-based arts and cultural activities*

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 | 5:00pm

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#### **Operating Support Program**



*For 501c3 organizations with budgets over \$100,000 and a 3-year history of MCAD funding*

Saturday, April 19, 2025 | 11:00am

Mexican American Cultural Center, 201 W Franklin, El Paso, TX, 79901

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL ORIENTATIONS.  
EMAIL CAROLYN AT [YANEZC@ELPASOTEXAS.GOV](mailto:yanezc@elpasotexas.gov) TO REGISTER.**

### VIRTUAL ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

#### **Artist Incubator Program**



*Funds new work by local artists in all disciplines*

Thursday, April 10, 2025 | 12:00pm

#### **Arts Activate Program**



*Supports project-based arts and cultural activities*

Thursday, April 10, 2025 | 5:30pm

#### **Operating Support Program**



*For 501c3 organizations with budgets over \$100,000 and a 3-year history of MCAD funding*

Thursday, April 17, 2025 | 5:30pm

**For more information, contact Carolyn Yanez, Cultural Development Coordinator**

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



#### **DO I HAVE TO ATTEND AN ORIENTATION SESSION IF I HAVE ATTENDED ONE IN PREVIOUS YEARS?**

*Yes, all applicants, regardless of previous participation in the CFP, must attend an orientation session in order to apply for funding. No exceptions will be made.*



#### **CAN STUDENTS APPLY FOR FUNDING?**

*No, students are ineligible to apply for funding.*



#### **CAN PROFESSORS OR INSTRUCTORS AT LOCAL COLLEGE INSTITUTIONS APPLY FOR PROJECT FUNDING FOR THEIR RESEARCH PROJECTS OR CLASSES?**

*No, MCAD does not fund school-related projects.*



#### **CAN I START MY APPLICATION ON SUBMITTABLE.COM AND RETURN TO IT LATER?**

*Yes, applicants can set up an account on Submittable.com and save their application progress.*



#### **THE DEADLINE TO APPLY PASSED BEFORE I COULD SUBMIT MY APPLICATION AND THE ONLINE APPLICATION TIMED OUT. CAN I CONTACT MCAD TO ALLOW ME TO SUBMIT?**

*No, once the deadline has passed, MCAD will not accept late applications.*



#### **I SUBMITTED MY APPLICATION BUT NOTICED IT HAS A FAULTY ATTACHMENT. CAN I EDIT MY APPLICATION AFTER SUBMITTING IT?**

*Applicants can request to edit their application submissions before the application deadline. No requests to edit can be made after the deadline passes.*



#### **I HAVE A LOCAL BUSINESS. CAN I APPLY FOR AAP FUNDING AT MY SITE?**

*No, business entities are not eligible for AAP funding.*



#### **I CANNOT DECIDE WHICH PROGRAM TO APPLY TO. CAN I APPLY TO MULTIPLE FUNDING PROGRAMS?**

*No, due to budget restrictions, only one application submission will be reviewed. Contact the Cultural Development Coordinator for assistance.*



#### **WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF MY APPLICATION WAS FUNDED?**

*Award Notifications are sent out to applicants beginning September 1, 2025.*

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