

CULTURAL FUNDING PROGRAM FY2027

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, 2026.

For more information, contact Carolyn Yanez, Cultural Development Coordinator

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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

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 | 4:00pm

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

Arts Activate Program



Supports project-based arts and cultural activities

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 | 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

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 | 5:00pm

Museums & Cultural Affairs Department offices, 400 W San Antonio, 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

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 | 12:00pm ○ Wednesday, April 29, 2026 | 4:00pm

Arts Activate Program



Supports project-based arts and cultural activities

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 | 1:00pm ○ Wednesday, April 29, 2026 | 5:00pm

Operating Support Program



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

Thursday, April 28, 2026 | 12:00pm ○ Tuesday, April 28, 2026 | 12:00pm

All virtual sessions will take place via Microsoft Teams. Links will be provided after registration.

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