
City of Gainesville

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department



Guide to Outside Agency Grant

General Program Support

2026: OUTSIDE AGENCY GRANT APPLICATION SCHEDULE

OUTSIDE AGENCY GRANT APPLICATION SCHEDULE *	
Friday, February 28, 2025	Grant applications available for pick-up and online at: https://bit.ly/CulturalAffairsGrants
March and April	Cultural Affairs Grants Program Coordinator available for questions by appointment
Thursday, May 1, 2025 5:00 PM	Grant applications due to Cultural Affairs (no late submissions are accepted)
May 2025	Technical Review: applications are checked for technical requirements; agencies will be notified of any technical defects in application.
Saturday, May 17, 2025 10:00 AM	Grant review/scoring session at The Thomas Center (It is strongly suggested the applicants attend this meeting).
Wednesday, May 21, 2025	Budget and Grant Subcommittee meets to review scores and iterations. Prepare funding recommendation to go to full board.
Wednesday, May 21, 2025	Cultural Affairs Board reviews Budget & Grants recommendation, prepares final funding recommendation to be presented to Gainesville City Commission.
July 2025	Cultural Affairs Board Chair presents funding recommendations to Gainesville City Commission
September 2025	City Commission will approve final budget and allocations of funding.
September 2025	Required Grant Amendment Request forms due to Cultural Affairs before funds are disbursed.
November 2025	Funds are available for Outside Agencies.

***Schedule is subject to change**

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Purpose

The purpose of the Outside Agency (OA) grant is to provide general operational support to cultural non-profit organizations inside the city limits.

Application Instructions

Who Should Apply?

Established non-profit cultural organizations, 501 (c) (3), which contribute to the cultural vitality of the City of Gainesville, produce quality arts and/or cultural activities, are eligible to apply for the OA Grant. Cultural organizations part of education, government or taxing authorities are not eligible.

Evaluation Criteria

The Gainesville-Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board (CAB) reviews and evaluates the OA grant applications using the following criteria based on a 100-point scale:

- Community Engagement and Economic Growth (maximum points = 40)
- Project Management (maximum points = 35)
- Program Merit (maximum points = 25)

An average point score of 75 out of a possible 100 points must be achieved for the application to be considered for funding. The total points will be used to establish a priority list for funding consideration. A funding formula that translates total scores into dollars will then be used to determine actual funding recommendations. For more details, see evaluation form on page 10. The applicant's history of grant management will be supplied to reviewers to assist in the evaluating process.

Application Deadline and Funding

- 1) OA Grant Applications are accepted every year and synchronized with the City's budget review and approval process.
- 2) **Current Application Deadline: May 1, 2025, 5:00 PM**
- 3) Application deadlines are strictly adhered to in order to maintain pace with the budget process.
- 4) Funding Period: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

The funding pool is divided into three tiers of art/cultural organizations, with three corresponding levels of funding available. Organizations are eligible for a category based on their last completed fiscal year cash expense budget and signed copy of IRS Form 990, if one was filed. A request cap is set for each level of funding, see table below.

Organization Category	Request Cap	Expense Budget
Large	\$12,000	\$65,000 and higher
Medium	\$8,000	\$30,000 - \$64,999
Small	\$4,000	Up to \$29,999

Applications are first reviewed by Cultural Affairs staff (CAS) and then as required by the Budget and Grants Committee (BGC). The applicant will revise the application according to suggestions made by the BGC. The CAB will vote at the grant review/scoring session (applicants are encouraged to attend the review meeting to provide updates or to answer CAB questions).

Programs/projects/events must take place and funds expended during the grant period. The City of Gainesville must be recognized for sponsorship in all related publicity in printed and on-line matters. Violation of these terms and conditions may jeopardize future funding.

Grant Monitoring

Funds awarded under the Outside Agency program will require on-site evaluation by CAB members and City staff. In order to facilitate this evaluation, agencies awarded funding will be required to provide complimentary tickets (for CAB member(s)) for the sole purpose of allowing the evaluation of the event for grant purposes. This ticket may not be used by any other individuals. These tickets are not considered a "gift" (lobbying) and would not need to be reported on the agency's financial disclosure forms

Application Guidelines

The grant application can be downloaded from the Cultural Affairs website. The application is in PDF with editable forms. <http://www.gvlculturalaffairs.org>.

The following guidelines help ensure accuracy, legibility and uniformity of applications:

- Be sure to provide every required part of the application. **VERIFY that all items are included in the package before** checking the boxes on the application cover page.
- Your original application **MUST** be signed in blue ink.
- Be sure your original AND copy pages are numbered and assembled in numerical order.
- Applications are to be no more than ½" thick. (Overly large applications become physically difficult for reviewers to handle and transport.)
- Color images are limited to four one-sided pages.
- Letters of support should be limited to no more than two (2) of any particular type of letter. Example: If an agency is submitting copies of letters by school children expressing appreciation for your agency's programs/services, two letters are sufficient as examples of their appreciation.
- **Applications are to be binder clipped in the upper left corner, do not fasten with paper clips.**
- **No document covers, no GBC/strip binding, no plastic sheath inserts, no index tabs.**
- No attachments larger than the application page size format (you may reduce the image to 8½ x 11 page size).
- CD's, DVD's or flash drives may not accompany the application.
- **Typeface must be no smaller than 11-point, Arial or Times New Roman preferred**

Allowable Grant Expenditures

- Production costs
- Expendable materials
- Equipment rentals
- Marketing
- Organizational Salary support
- Artistic, administrative, technical, consultant fees

Non-Allowable Grant Expenditures

- Expenses incurred or obligated before or after the grant period cannot be paid with grant money;
- Lobbying or attempting to influence federal, state or local legislators, or judiciary;
- Building, renovation or remodeling of facilities;
- Bad debts, legal or filing fees, contingencies, fines and penalties, interest and other financial costs;
- Private entertainment, food, beverages, plaques, awards or scholarships;
- Program/events which are restricted to private or exclusive participation, which shall include restricting access to programs on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age or marital status;
- **Re-granting – is defined as using grant moneys to underwrite grants, programs or individual grants within one's own organization or another organization. Re-granting of city funds is prohibited.**
- Capital expenditures (includes acquisitions, building projects, renovations, tangible items, permanent equipment, etc.);

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- Contributions and donations;
 - Endowment funds

Amendment Request

Outside Agency applicants receiving funds from the City of Gainesville in an amount which differs from that specifically requested in the original application shall submit to the Cultural Affairs Staff (CAS) an amended budget within 30 days of notification of the grant award. The amended budget shall clearly reflect the impact of the approved amount awarded the organization when compared to the initial amount requested in the original application. Also, identify the changes in both dollars and services to be provided by the applicant for the grant program/event. Use the template starting on *page 20* for all amendment requests to the grant.

Withdrawal/Cancellation of Grants

An agency failing to comply with any of the requirements stipulated in these guidelines will be required to correct the defect within a reasonable period of time once notified of the failure. Failure to comply will result in the issuance of one notice to the Grantee. Repeated failure of a similar nature (i.e., failure to provide credit to the City of Gainesville, etc.) or failure to correct the defect within the specified time period may result in cancellation of City support and grant(s) paid by the City to the agency. Agencies filing for bankruptcy, closing or otherwise transferring to or combining assets and liabilities with other entities are required to return any unexpended grant funds.

Debts to the City

Any agency with debt(s) outstanding to the City of Gainesville is not eligible to apply for and is prohibited from accepting City funds unless and until said debt(s) are paid to the satisfaction of the City of Gainesville.

Grant Fund Expenditure Records

The City has the right to review all records supporting expenditure of grant funds. If a grant is awarded, the recipient is expected to maintain complete and accurate accounting and program

records. These records must be readily available for inspection by City or independent audit personnel, and must be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

If any applicant is in non-compliance with grant reporting requirements at the time new or additional funding is approved, the award will not be issued. A letter will be sent advising the applicant that the overdue report(s) must be received within 30 days of the date of the letter, or the new award will be rescinded.

Annual Reporting

All Grantees are required to submit an annual report at the conclusion of each year by October 30.

The reports shall document activities during the applicable year of funding (i.e. programs/events, marketing/advertising, attendance, education, attachments, financial report, etc.). Use the template starting on *page 11* for your annual reporting. In addition, *next year funding is contingent upon receipt of the annual report.*

Failure to submit these reports will result in the following:

1. Issuance of a one-time letter to the Grantee.
2. Grantee deemed delinquent, if no response after the notification letter
3. Any new grant applications submitted by Grantee will be ineligible at the time of the application deadline, without further notice from this office.
4. Grant review panels may also be provided with a reporting history on each applicant, to assist in the rating of the organization's administrative ability for future funding consideration. Delinquent reports can negatively impact future requests for funding by resulting in a lower score.

Credit to the City of Gainesville

When the City provides a grant award to an agency, it becomes a corporate sponsor of that agency. The City support provided to the agency is to be given the same corporate sponsorship acknowledgements normally accorded for that amount of corporate support.

In addition, all promotional materials related to the funded program, including television and radio ads, press releases, newspaper advertisements, printed materials, and agency/event web sites **must give credit to the City of Gainesville**. Camera-ready logos for print media are available online at <http://www.gvlculturalaffairs.org>. The City's credit statement should read as follows:

This program/event [agency determines which is appropriate] funded in part by the City of Gainesville, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department.

It is the grant recipient's responsibility to ensure that proper credit related to the funded program is provided; failure to do so may impact any future grant applications.

EVALUATION FORM: OUTSIDE AGENCY GRANT APPLICATION

		Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board Use Only	
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME		TOTAL POINTS:	
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH – 10 POINTS EACH		APPLICATION FORM REFERENCE: SEE SECTION	MAXIMUM 40 POINTS
1.	Encouragement of economic development, innovation, and entrepreneurship in the arts.	Organization Information	
2.	Programming supports arts education for the community.	Organization Information	
3.	Maximized access to the arts and cultural resources, by evidence of reduced barriers in form of price, logistics, transportation, handicapped access and age.	Organization Information, Support materials	
4.	Aligns with City's principle of "Meaningful Experiences for Everyone"	Organization Information, Support Materials	
CATEGORY TOTAL			
PROJECT MANAGEMENT – 5 POINTS EACH			MAXIMUM 35 POINTS
1.	Program design adheres to and furthers mission of organization.	Organization Information	
2.	Organization has necessary staff, board, and volunteer structure to successfully manage the proposal.	Organization Information, Support Materials	
3.	Accuracy and feasibility of grant proposal budget.	Organization Budget Summary	
4.	Proven record or demonstration of capacity to develop and effectively manage resources, including fiscal stability/responsibility.	Organization Operating Budget Summaries and Organization History	
5.	Completeness of the application; inclusion of requested support materials; prior administration of grants	Application Form, Support Materials	
6.	Plans to use funds for allowable and impactful expenditures.	Organization Information, Organization Budget Summary	
7.	Demonstration of appropriate credit to the City if a previous grant recipient.	Support Materials, Letters, In-kind Support, Service Requirement	
CATEGORY TOTAL			
PROGRAM MERIT – 5 POINTS EACH: THE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AS DEMONSTRATED BY:			MAXIMUM 25 POINTS
1.	Demonstration of impact- strong, measureable impact on the community.	Organization Information, Support Materials	
2.	Provides appropriate reviews, letters of support, and other support materials	Support Materials	
3.	Prior programming experience and strong organizational history.	Organization Operating Budget History, Organization information, Support Materials	
4.	Compelling explanation of why the grant proposal should be funded	Organization Information	
5.	Demonstration of community support and collaboration.	Organization Information, Letters of Support	
CATEGORY TOTAL			
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED			

Need an average point score of 75 out of a possible 100 points to qualify for funding

COMMENTS (continue on backside/additional pages if necessary):

Signature: _____

Date: _____

<p>CITY OF GAINESVILLE PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT</p> <p>OUTSIDE AGENCY GRANT ANNUAL REPORT</p>	<p>Annual Report Due October 30 (each year)</p>
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Reporting Period: October 1, _____ to September 30, _____

Organization Name: _____

Address (Mailing): _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ FAX: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Grant Amount: _____ Grant Period: _____ to _____

Program/Event Title: _____

Program/Event as Described in Application: _____

Forward the completed report to one of the following addresses:

Mailing Address	Hand Deliver Address	Email Address
<p>City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs P. O. Box 490, Mail Station 30 Gainesville , FL 32627</p> <p>ATTN: Ashley Reichenbach</p>	<p>City of Gainesville The Historic Thomas Center Building A, Room 209 302 N. E. 6th Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601</p> <p>ATTN: Ashley Reichenbach</p>	<p>prcagrants@cityofgainesville.org</p>

FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENSES

Please round to the nearest dollar amount (do not show cents). Note: The *Total Proposed Expenses** must match the amount submitted in your original application under the "Organization Budget Summary", See Page 5 or if you submitted a Grant Amendment Request, See Page 3.

ACTUAL EXPENSES		
DESCRIPTION	ORGANIZATION EXPENSES (Include Outside Agency Grant Expenses)	OUTSIDE AGENCY GRANT EXPENSES
Personnel – Administrative		
Personnel – Artistic		
Personnel – Technical/Production		
Outside Artistic Fees and Services		
Outside Other Fees and Services		
Space Rental		
Equipment Rental		
Travel		
Marketing/Advertising/Publicity		
Material & Supplies		
Printing		
Postage		
Remaining Operating Expenses		
TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES		
TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES* <small>(See Original Application under "Organization Budget Summary" or "Grant Amendment Request")</small>		
BALANCE (+/-)		

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Please round to the nearest dollar amount (do not show cents). Note: The *Total Proposed Revenues** must match the amount submitted in your original application under the "Organization Budget Summary", See page 6 or if you submitted a Grant Amendment Request, See Page 4.

ACTUAL REVENUES RECEIVED		
DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL REVENUE	REVENUE SOURCE
Admissions		
Contracted Services Revenue		
Other Revenue		
Corporate Support		
Foundation Support		
Private/Individual Support		
Government Support – Federal		
Government Support - State		
Government Support – County		
Government Support – Local		
Government Support – Local		
Government Support – Local (Support Services)		
Outside Agency Grant		
Applicant Cash		
TOTAL ACTUAL REVENUES		
TOTAL PROPOSED REVENUES * <small>(See Original Application under "Organization Budget Summary" or "Grant Amendment Request")</small>		
BALANCE (+/-)		

FINANCIAL REPORT

OTHER RESOURCES	Complete ONLY the white spaces, if applicable		
DESCRIPTION	VOLUNTEER HOURS	IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS (NON-CITY)	CASH AND IN-KIND (Not Part of this Grant Request)
Personnel – Administrative			
Personnel – Artistic			
Personnel – Technical/Production			
Outside Artistic Fees and Services			
Outside Other Fees and Services			
Space Rental			
Equipment Rental			
Travel			
Marketing/Advertising/Publicity			
Material & Supplies			
Printing			
Postage			
Remaining Operating Expenses			
City Building Rental (Thomas Center, Wilhelmina Johnson Resource Center, Recreation Centers, etc.)			
Cash From Other City Department Budgets (i.e. GPD, Recycling, GRU, CDBG, etc.)			
Other (Give Explanation)			
TOTAL OTHER RESOURCES			
PROPOSED OTHER RESOURCES* (See Original Application under "Organization Budget Summary")			
BALANCE (+/-)			

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Please answer the following questions as they relate to your program/project. You may refer to the Glossary and Definitions section of this application for clarification of terms used. If a question does not apply, please indicate "N/A". If data is not available, state why.

1. List the date, events, number of occurrences and attendance of the primary activities supported by this grant.

	Date	Activity Title-Group Performance/Events Runs Together	Attendance
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			
12.			
13.			

2. Other Activities:

	Date	Activity Title-Group Performance/Events Runs Together	Attendance
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			
12.			
13.			

GRANT IMPACT

Description	Total	Comments
How many actual events were part of this grant?		
How many opportunities for public participation were part of this grant?		

How many individuals attended/benefited from your event(s)?		
Type	Attendance	Comments
General Admissions		
Adult Tickets		
Children/Youth Tickets		
Senior Tickets		
Discounted/Group Tickets		
Complimentary Tickets		
Free/Non-Ticketed Events:		
Seniors		
Children/Youth		
All Other		
Other (Please specify in comment section)		
Total Attendance/Individuals Benefited		

Participants/Volunteers		
Type	Number	Comments
How many artists participated?		
How many staff was involved?		
How many volunteers participated?		
Total number of volunteer hours		

EVALUATION

1. How was the City recognized/acknowledged as a contributor and sponsor? Attach any supporting documentation (i.e. brochures, newsletters, articles, letters of appreciation, etc.).

2. Did your organization encourage economic development, innovation, and entrepreneurship in the arts? Explain.

3. Describe how your organization's programming aligned with the City's principle of "Meaningful Experiences for Everyone."

4. Did your programming support arts education for the community? Please explain

5. Did your program/event provide support for/to statewide, nationally or internationally recognized activities, artists or organizations? Please give explanation.

6. Photographs

Please provide photographs of your events/performances in a Zip File or large file transfer site, (i.e. *Hightail, Drop Box, etc.*) and email to the address indicated on the cover page. In doing so, you authorize your photos to be used in Visit Gainesville, City of Gainesville and Alachua County promotional materials. Space is provided below if you would like to comments on your photos.

7. REPORT CERTIFICATION:

I affirm that this report represents an accurate description of grant activity within the report dates specified above, in accordance with conditions as set forth in the Outside Agency Grant Award Agreement.

Signature of Authorized Official Date

Signature Date

Print Name and Title of Authorized Official

Name of Person Completing Report (if different from above)

Signature of City Representative Date Received

OUTSIDE AGENCY

GRANT AMENDMENT REQUEST

Outside Agency applicants receiving funds from the City of Gainesville in an amount which differs from that specifically requested in the original application shall submit to the Cultural Affairs Staff (CAS) an amended budget within 30 days of notification of the grant award. The amended budget shall clearly reflect the impact of the approved amount awarded the organization when compared to the initial amount requested in the original application. Also, identify the changes in both dollars and services to be provided by the applicant for the grant program/event.

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Organization: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Forward the amendment to one of the following addresses:

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Permission is requested to make the following change (s) in the above referenced grant:

SECTION A: PROGRAM CHANGE(S) RELATED TO GRANT AWARD

Change From: (Use specific wording as stated in original application description or a previously approved amendment request)

Change To:

Effect On Program Goals:

Reason For Change (s):

SECTION B: BUDGET CHANGE

Complete the applicable items in the *Change From* column, using the initial figures from your *original* grant application under "Organization Budget Summary", See Pages 5 & 6. In addition, the applicant should use this form to describe other fiscal adjustments that has occurred since the original application was submitted, such as changes in donations, sponsorships, admission fees, etc. **NOTE: Total expenses and revenues must equal!**

REVISED EXPENSES	CHANGE FROM	CHANGE TO	
DESCRIPTION	See Original Proposed Organization Budget	REVISED TOTAL ORGANIZATION BUDGET (Includes Outside Agency)	REVISED OUTSIDE AGENCY EXPENSES (Detail Budget)
Personnel - Administrative			
Personnel – Artistic			
Personnel – Technical/Production			
Outside Artistic Fees and Services			
Outside Other Fees and Services			
Space Rental			
Equipment Rental			
Travel			
Marketing/Advertising/Publicity			
Material & Supplies			
Printing			
Postage			
Remaining Operating Expenses			
TOTAL REVISED EXPENSES*			

*Should equal the 'Total Revised Revenues', See Page 4.

REVISED REVENUES

NOTE: Total expenses and revenues must equal!

DESCRIPTION	CHANGE FROM	CHANGE TO	REVENUE SOURCE
Admissions			
Contracted Services Revenue			
Other Revenue			
Corporate Support			
Foundation Support			
Private/Individual Support			
Government Support – Federal			
Government Support - State			
Government Support – County			
Government Support – Local			
Government Support – Local (Arts Tag)			
Government Support – Local (Support Services)			
Outside Agency Grant Request/Award			
Applicant Cash			
TOTAL REVISED REVENUES*			

*Should equal 'Total Revised Expenses' See Page 3.

SECTION C: OTHER CHANGES NOT RELATED TO GRANT AWARD (i.e. program dates, etc.)

Change From: (Use specific wording as stated in original application description or a previously approved amendment request)

Change To:

Reason For Change (s):

Signature of Authorized Official Date

Signature Date

Print Name and Title of Authorized Official

Name of Person Completing
Amendment (If different from
Authorized Official)

Signature of City Representative Date