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Arizona Art Tank: An Innovative Program Supporting Innovative Ventures

Arizona Art Tank is an innovative new funding initiative designed by the Arizona Commission on the Arts to make strategic investments in Arizona's most promising and daring arts ventures. At public events to be held statewide, top applicants will be given six minutes each to pitch an arts-based venture to an expert panel and a live audience. At the end of the evening, the panel will award the four top-scoring applicants with seed-funding of between \$4,000 and \$10,000.

"Arts funding is not as easy to come by as it used to be," says Arts Commission Executive Director Robert Booker. "As arts funding models have shifted and new modes of production, distribution and sale have emerged, artists and arts organizations have increasingly adopted the methods of the entrepreneur. We felt it was a good time to reflect that shift and try something a little different."

In a traditional grants process, applicants are represented only by their written applications and relevant work samples. Though review panel meetings are often open to the public, they are generally formal, daytime affairs that attract little audience. Arizona Art Tank allows artists and arts organizations a rare opportunity to pitch their proposals directly to the review panel and invites the public to witness and actively participate in the process. At each event, the audience will award, by popular vote, a separate \$500 grant to their favorite venture.

Arizona Art Tank events will be happening throughout the state over the next seven days. Visit our [Arizona Art Tank page](#) for dates, times, and locations.

Fiscal Year 2015 Grant Guidelines and Information Sessions

Guidelines for the Fiscal Year 2015 Grant Cycle are now available for review. Get a headstart on your Fiscal Year 2015 Community Investment Grants (CIG), Festival Grants or Arts Learning Grants applications by clicking [here](#).

Organizations in CIG Levels I, II and III that received a Community Investment Grant in the last funding cycle will submit an **alternate year application** for Fiscal Year 2015. A guide to the Alternate Year application requirements can be found [here](#).

[More arts opportunities](#)

Job Opportunities

[Development and Marketing Assistant, Phoenix Boys Choir](#)

[Manager Technology, Cultural Data Project](#)

[Individual Giving Director, Ballet Arizona](#)

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Arts Learning Newsletter

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Important Dates

Arizona Art Tank South
February 3, 6:30-9:00pm
Tucson

Arizona Arts Congress

Online information sessions will be held on February 13, February 18 and March 6. You can register to join a session by clicking [here](#).

Applications will be accepted via the GO!EGOR online submission system beginning in early February.

Featured News and Opportunities

[2013 End of the Year Message from the Arts Commission](#)

[National Endowment for the Arts Announces Guidelines Available for Fiscal Year 2015 Funding Programs](#)

[Announcing the Cycle B Recipients of Arts Learning Grants](#)

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Arts Commission Invests \$111,000 in Grants to Arts Organizations in Small & Rural Arizona Communities

In January 2014, the Governor-appointed board of the Arizona Commission on the Arts awarded \$111,000 in Community Catalyst Grants to 13 arts organizations based in small and rural communities throughout the state. This highly-competitive grant program awards funding of up to \$10,000 to support community-focused partnerships between arts and non-arts organizations in Arizona towns and cities with populations under 100,000.

Made possible by a one-time state budget allocation for Fiscal Year 2014, the Community Catalyst Grant program was designed to make significant investment in Arizona's small and rural communities through local arts organization-led partnerships.

"Partnerships between arts and non-arts organizations can be effective drivers of economic development, cultural tourism, civic pride, neighborhood revitalization and youth engagement," says Arts Commission Executive Director Robert Booker. "An investment in such partnerships is really an investment in the whole community."

The 2014 Community Catalyst Grant recipients are:

Arts for Border Children (Douglas); The Bisbee Radio Project (Bisbee); Canyon Movement Company (Flagstaff); Casa Grande Arts and Humanities Commission (Casa Grande); Del E. Webb Center for the Performing Arts (Wickenburg); Dry Creek Arts Fellowship (Flagstaff); Flagstaff Cultural Partners (Flagstaff); Grand Canyon Music Festival (Grand Canyon); Old Town Center for the Arts (Cottonwood); Safos Dance Theatre (Tucson); Santa Cruz Advocates for the Arts (Nogales); Topock Art Guild (Topock); Williams Alliance for the Arts (Williams)

February 5
Arizona State Capitol
Lawn

**Grants Online
Information Sessions**
February 13,
February 18 and
March 6

**Office Closed for
President's Day**
February 17

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