The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation

Education In School | Grant Guidelines
For projects taking place September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021
Application Deadline: July 27 at 12 p.m. (noon).

Please direct any questions about this grant to:
grants@jazzandheritage.org

New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation’s Mission Statement:
The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation, Inc. promotes, preserves, perpetuates and encourages the music, culture and heritage of communities in Louisiana through festivals, programs and other cultural, educational, civic and economic activities.

Racial Equity Statement:
The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation is committed to an anti-racist work practice that centers the creativity and leadership of Black, Indigenous and People of Color - those most impacted by structural racism - to move toward systems that benefit us all. We also acknowledge that we are on land belonging indigenous tribes of Louisiana. We seek new solutions that use arts as a strategy to drive not only our office, but Louisiana as a whole toward racial equity and social justice. We will continue to break barriers and build arts-integrated tools that challenge the status quo, and push us toward the inclusive society we envision. Building a race equity culture requires intention and action.

Important Dates
• Application due: July 27th at 11:00 p.m. (CST)
• Panel Review: August 2020
• Recipient Notification: September 2020

At A Glance:
• What does the grant cover? Music and art education programs of Louisiana K-12 schools that take place on the applying school’s premises during the school day, after school or during the summer.
• NEW: Funding will also support programs that have been modified to take place on-line, amid COVID-19 concerns.
• **Who may apply?** Louisiana K-12 public and private schools. NOTE: Only one application per school will be considered. Applications must be accompanied by a letter (on the school’s letterhead) signed by the school’s principal, chief administrative officer or board chair, approving this grant application. Music and art teachers should check with their colleagues and principals before submitting an application to make sure that no one else in the school is submitting one. If multiple applications are received from a school, duplicate applications from that school will be disqualified.

• **Where must the funded activity take place?** In Louisiana.

• **How much are the grants?** Up to $5,000.

• **Matching funds:** For every dollar of grant funds requested, the applicant must be able to match it with money (not in-kind donations) from other sources. The teacher’s salary can be counted as matching funds.

• **Activity period:** Instructional programs funded by this grant must occur between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021.

• **Deadline:** Application deadline is July 27, 2020.

• **To apply:** Through our online application portal, linked at [www.communitypartnershipgrants.org](http://www.communitypartnershipgrants.org).

**Purpose: Supporting Music and Arts in the Schools**

The purpose of this grant category is to support Louisiana K-12 schools that offer music and art education programs on school premises during regular school hours, after-school during the summer.

- Music
- Dance
- Theater
- Visual Arts
- Literature
- Culinary Arts
- Cultural Traditions
- Folk life
- Media Arts

Only Louisiana K-12 schools may apply. Nonprofit organizations other than Louisiana K-12 schools are not eligible; instead, they should see the guidelines for our grant category “Jazz & Heritage After-School and Summer Education Programs in Music, Arts and Cultural Traditions.”

The grant is to pay for instruments, instrument repair, supplies (such as sheet music, visual art supplies or other materials) and other items necessary for music and arts instruction. The grant may be used to pay for the fees of visiting teaching artists or clinicians for programs on school premises. Grant funds may be used to pay for bus transportation for students to participate in the applying school’s arts programs. Grant funds may not be used to pay salaries of music or art teachers on the school’s staff. The grant may not be used to pay for administrative or support personnel, technical services, rentals,
facilities or other services not specifically approved in these grant guidelines. The grant may be used to pay for after-school or summer instruction for programs that take place on the school’s premises.

Notification of grant awards will be sent by letter and e-mail by Sep. 30, 2020.

The proposed activity funded by this grant must occur between Sept. 1, 2020, and August 31, 2021.

**General Information and Questions**

Please read these Guidelines carefully before starting the application. Staff members of the Jazz & Heritage Foundation will be happy to answer questions or explain the process before the deadline. Questions should be directed to Programs, Marketing & Communications, via e-mail at grants@jazzandheritage.org or by telephone at (504) 558-6100.

Only applications submitted through our online application portal will be considered. The link to the application form can be found at www.communitypartnershipgrants.org.

**Eligibility Requirements - Instruction During the School Day or After School**

Only applications from Louisiana K-12 schools that support music or art instruction during the regular school day or in the after school hours or during the summer at the applying school’s premises will be considered. Nonprofits other than Louisiana K-12 schools, individuals and commercial organizations are not eligible.

All applying schools will have to explain their music and/or art instruction programs, and provide the total amount the school spends on music or art instruction per year.

For the purposes of this grant, after-school or summer band or other arts instruction programs may be considered to be “in-school” music instruction, provided the instruction takes place on the applying school’s premises. For the budget section of your application, school funds spent on after-school or summer programs should be included in the amount the school spends on in-school arts instruction.

Programs put on by nonprofit organizations (other than Louisiana K-12 schools) do not qualify in this category. Applicants interested in funding for arts instruction programs put on by nonprofits should refer to the guidelines for our grant category “Jazz & Heritage After-School and Summer Education Programs in Music, Arts and Cultural Traditions.”

Programs that include education but are mainly performances (such as festivals, concerts or other cultural events) do not qualify for this category. Applicants interested in funding for events or other public performances should see the Community Partnership Grant guidelines for the category “Jazz & Heritage Presenting: Festivals and Concerts in Music and the Performing Arts.”
Tuition, Tuition Waivers; Free or Reduced-Cost Lunch
We allow private schools to apply for grants in this category. Private schools will have to provide
the cost of tuition per year, and the percentage of students that receives scholarships or tuition
waivers (full or partial).

All applying schools (public and private) must provide the percentage of their schools’ population
that qualifies for free or reduced-cost lunch programs.

Only One Application Per School
Schools may submit only one application. Applications must be accompanied by a letter (on the
school’s letterhead) signed by the school’s principal, chief administrative officer or board chair,
approving the application. Music and art teachers should check with their colleagues and
principals before submitting an application to make sure that no one else in the school is
submitting one. If multiple applications are received from a school, duplicate applications from
that school will be disqualified.

Outstanding Final Reports: Due No Later Than Sept. 1*
Those applicants who received grants in the 2019-2020 grant cycle but have not yet submitted final
reports may submit an application for the 2020-2021 grant cycle. Any outstanding final reports from
2019-2020 or previous grant cycles must be submitted no later than Sept. 30, 2020* (Extension given
due to COVID-19). Otherwise, applicants risk forfeiting new grants that may be awarded. The New
Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation reserves the right to cancel 2019-2020 grants – even those that are
approved for funding – if final reports from previous grant cycles are not submitted by Sept. 1, 2019.
No new grants will be distributed until all outstanding final reports are received and approved by the
Jazz & Heritage Foundation.

Activity Period and Location
The proposed activity must occur between September 1, 2020 and August 31, 2021.
All activities funded by this grant must occur in Louisiana.

All activities funded by this grant must occur in Louisiana K-12 schools, during regular school hours
or after school on the school’s premises.

Funding Amounts and Match Requirements
The maximum amount of a grant request is $5,000. Grant awards may be – and frequently are –
for less than the amount requested.

The Jazz & Heritage Foundation requires applicants to secure funding from other sources for the
proposed project.

All applicants must match Jazz & Heritage Foundation grant funding with other funds by a ratio of
at least one to one. That is, for every dollar requested from the Jazz & Heritage Foundation, the
applicant must provide at least one dollar – in cash, not in-kind donations of goods or services –
from another source in the budget (such as the salary of the school’s music or art teachers).
Applications that do not indicate the amounts and sources of matching funds will not be considered.

Only money spent specifically on music or art education programs during the school day or in the after school hours on the school’s premises may be considered as matching funds. Money spent on music or art teachers’ salaries may be considered to be matching funds.

Grant awardees will be required to account for all funds expended from this grant as part of the final report.

**Information Requirements**

- Letter of determination for IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit status or Articles of Incorporation as a Louisiana not-for-profit corporation
- Federal Tax ID/Employer Identification (EIN) number of the applying school or school board – Social Security numbers will not be accepted
- Applications must be accompanied by a letter (on the school’s letterhead) signed by the school’s principal, chief administrative officer or board chair, approving this grant application

**Disbursement of Grant Funds**

Notification of grant awards will be sent by letter and e-mail by Sep. 30, 2020.

Grant awardees will be required to complete an award contract with the Jazz & Heritage Foundation detailing the terms and conditions of the grant. Upon receipt of the contract and a completed W9 Form, the Jazz & Heritage Foundation will disburse the grant funding at a public event, the time and date of which will be specified in the grant contract.

**Conflict of Interest Policy**

Applications will not be accepted from employees of the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation, or members of its Board of Directors, Advisory Council, Past Presidents’ Senate or Honors Council. Applications will not be accepted from employees of Festival Productions, Inc. – New Orleans.

Applications that involve such persons must disclose as much in the application narrative.

**Application Information Requirements**

- Letter of determination for IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit status or Articles of Incorporation as a Louisiana not-for-profit corporation
- Federal Tax ID/Employer Identification (EIN) number of the applying organization, school or school board (no Social Security numbers will be accepted)
- List of the organization’s or school’s or (school board’s) Board of Directors, indicating officers
- Letter on applying organization or school’s letterhead, signed by the principal, chief executive or board chair, approving the grant application
Credits and Media Availability
Grant awardees will be required to recognize the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation as a sponsor of or contributor to the project by including the Foundation’s name or logo in all advertisements, programs, web sites and other promotional information.

Grant awardees will be asked to attend ceremonies or to provide media interviews or other testimonials regarding their participation in the Community Partnership Grants program.

Final Report
Upon completion of the funded activity, grantees must submit a final report with the required supplemental materials that prove the project was completed within the terms and conditions of the grant contract.

We encourage all awardees to submit the final report as soon as possible after the completion of the event. Final reports will be accepted no later than September 1, 2021.

Grant awardees who do not submit final reports by that date will not be eligible to apply for Community Partnership Grants in the future.

Final reports must be completed on the form supplied by the Jazz & Heritage Foundation, and must also include:

- A narrative report
- A completed budget showing actual revenues and expenses
- Copies of receipts or contracts with all instructors paid with funds from this grant
- Copies of cancelled checks (front and back) for all fees paid to instructors paid with funds from this grant
- Photographs or video of the program, showing students and instructors
- Copies of materials crediting the Jazz & Heritage Foundation as a sponsor or contributor

Complete final reports must be submitted to the Jazz & Heritage Foundation by September 1, 2021, in order to be considered for final approval. Awardees who do not submit a final report by the deadline will not be eligible to apply for Community Partnership Grants in the future.

Evaluation Criteria
All applications are reviewed and evaluated by a panel of Jazz & Heritage Foundation board members, not Foundation staff. The Foundation adheres to a strict Conflict of Interest policy. Panelists will recuse themselves from reviewing proposals for projects with which they or a relative are associated as board members, paid staff, volunteers or participants.

Panelists review applications solely based upon the merits of the application and eligibility requirements including:

- Adherence to the Jazz & Heritage Foundation’s mission
- Academic or artistic merit
- Community need and impact
- Feasibility (sufficient budget and personnel)
- Applicant’s prior success as a presenter of educational programming
Application and Supplemental Materials
Applications must be accompanied by uploads of the following documents:

- Letter of determination for IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit status or Articles of Incorporation as a Louisiana not-for-profit corporation
- List of the school’s or school board’s Board of Directors, indicating officer
- Applications must be accompanied by a letter (on the school’s letterhead) signed by the school’s principal, chief administrative officer or board chair, approving this grant application

In the past, we have requested additional support materials, including photos, videos, press clippings and other items. **THESE ITEMS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED.** Please submit only the application form and required materials. **PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT ADDITIONAL MATERIALS.**

**In this category the Jazz & Heritage Foundation will not fund:**

- Performances such as festivals, concerts or cultural events
  - Individuals
  - Commercial Organizations
  - Activities that occur before September 1, 2020, or after August 31, 2021
  - Expenses incurred prior to September 1, 2020, or after August 31, 2021
  - Fees or expenditures other than approved equipment or service purchases or visiting instructor fees
  - Activities that take place outside the school’s premises
  - Activities outside the state of Louisiana
  - Grants by the applicant to other organizations for programming activities (“re-granting”)
  - Activities intended primarily for fundraising purposes
  - Accumulated deficits or debt retirement
  - Contingency funds
  - Projects used for academic degrees
  - Tuition for academic study
  - Payment of administrative staff other than instructors
  - Operational costs
  - Food or beverages for hospitality or entertainment functions
  - Fines, penalties, interest on loans or costs of litigation
  - Lobbying expenses
  - Fundraising events