

v. Thinking about Applying for an Art Meets Activism Grant

Questions to ask yourself if you're thinking of applying for an AMA grant:

What individuals or groups do I want to work with in my community?

How will I engage these individuals/this group/community through art?

How will engaging with others also benefit me as an artist?

What support do I already have for my ideas? Have I fully accessed this support?

What are the artistic activities that I want to do with others? What materials do I need?

What are the results that I want to achieve by engaging with others? How long will it really take me to achieve these results?

What social change do I want to make and what are the indicators I will use to know that I am making a difference?

Is this the right grant for me? Do I fit the mission? Is my idea a better match for the Artist Enrichment grant?

AMA Questions Frequently Asked of KFW Staff:

May I apply for a grant to work with an out-of-state artist?

You may, but be sure to explain clearly how that artist's involvement will benefit women and/or girls in Kentucky. Also, keep in mind that your activities should be artist-driven. KFW rarely supports the full cost of an out-of-state artist, and your application and budget should reflect how bringing in an artist from out of state will further your Art Meets Activism goals.

How do I partner with an artist to do social justice work?

Art can provide a wonderful way to communicate the social justice issues you are passionate about. Making art is also a great way to connect and inspire people in social justice work. Keep in mind that KFW funded grant activities must be artist-driven. It is best when the artist and organization can work together to develop the activities that will be used to engage a community of people.

I want to use my art to help women. How do I get started?

It is best to partner with an organization who is already working with the kind of

women you're interested in reaching. You may want to consider seeking training if the women you want to work with have any kind of special circumstances. Also, keep in mind that all relationships are reciprocal. If you want to help people through art, it is important to recognize what you are receiving through this relationship. How will these activities change you?

General Questions Frequently Asked of KFW Staff:

I received an Artist Enrichment (AE) grant last time. Can I apply for an Art Meets Activism (AMA) grant again this year?

Yes, you may apply for each grant in turn. Keep in mind that the purposes of the grants are different, and therefore your application materials will be strongest with these differences in mind.

May I submit more than one application?

Each individual or organization may submit only one application for each grant cycle. Collaborative partners should apply together. Individual artists and organizations submitting more than one application for the same project will be considered together, as one application. *See Notes for Partner Applicants and Notes for Organizations.*

How many applications do you fund each year?

The actual number varies each year, but KFW usually receives an average of 60 - 75 applications per grant cycle. Because of the large number of strong applications received and the amount of available resources, KFW can usually fund about 1/3 of the applications received.

Do you fund male artists?

KFW staff and reviewers recognize that men can be feminist social change artists, so they are not excluded from applying to KFW. As with women applicants, it is very important that men clearly define how they see their art as feminist and how it will affect social change for women and girls. In the past, men who have been funded by KFW are often collaborating with a female partner or addressing an important feminist issue with their work.

Because there are so few funding sources available for women in Kentucky, KFW is primarily focused on meeting the needs of women artists and activists. Historically, fewer than 3% of those who have applied for a KFW grant are male. Since 2001, KFW has awarded 302 Art Meets Activism grants and 428 Artist Enrichment grants. In that time, two men have received grants, one under AMA and one under AE. These totals do not include men who have written KFW grants on behalf of an organization to which they belong.