

2026 One-Year Grant

The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation

Organization Information & Programming

Organization Type*

Please select the category that best fits your organization. While we recognize that some organizations could be more than one, please select the primary focus area.

Choices

Arts

PreK-12 Arts Education

PreK-12 Student Academic Success

Geographic Area Served*

Select the county or counties where your organization's primary programming takes place. If your organization serves all 4 counties listed in the region, please select "Triangle".

Choices

Chatham

Durham

Orange

Triangle

Wake

Year Established*

Character Limit: 250

Fiscal agent information

If your organization is applying with a fiscal agent, please list the name of the fiscal agent organization.

Character Limit: 250

Organization Overview: Programs & Services*

Please tell us about your organization's programs and services:

- Share information about your organization's approach to providing arts, arts education, or student academic success programs and services.
- How does your organization's mission/purpose connect with The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation's grantmaking goals? (goals are listed below).
- Provide evidence of impact or results.

The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation's grantmaking goals include:

The Arts

- Arts organizations that demonstrate artistic excellence and elevate the profile of the Triangle's art scenes, both locally and nationally.
- Arts-focused organizations that work directly with artists to deepen and expand talent, create new works, promote visibility and sales for artists, and/or develop artists' professional and business skills.

Arts Education

- MDBF supports organizations that offer high-quality arts instruction to PreK-12 students who lack access to such programming because of economic conditions, race or ethnic background, geography or different abilities.
- All arts disciplines- music, dance, theater, visual, and digital/photography/filmmaking - are eligible. Programming may take within a school setting or outside of school.

Student Academic Success

- Early Learning Programs: MDBF supports PreK organizations whose primary purpose is kindergarten readiness. Evidence-based programs are a plus.
- Academic Achievement: MDBF supports organizations whose primary purpose is to support K-12 students' academic achievement. These include organizations that build academic skills through structured academic learning opportunities and/or structured tutoring and professional training for teachers and tutors that align with the standard NC curriculum. Evidence-based programs are a plus.

Character Limit: 3500

Organization Overview: Role in the Arts, Arts Education, or Student Academic Success Ecosystem*

What is the need or opportunity your organization provides in the arts, arts education, or student academic success ecosystem in your county and/or counties.

Character Limit: 2500

Organization Overview: Audience Engagement*

Share with us information about the audiences engaged through your organization's programs and services:

- Provide information about the audience(s) engaged through your organization's programs and initiatives.
- How does your organization build community?

Character Limit: 2500

Organization Overview: Audience Demographics*

- Number of people and/or students engaged through your organization's programs and initiatives.
- Provide a breakdown of audience demographic information.

Character Limit: 2500

Board Information*

Upload a list of your organization's board members.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Executive Director Information*

Upload executive director's bio.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Grant Amount Requested

Amount Requested*

The one-year grant amount is \$10,000.

Character Limit: 20

Organization Financial Information

Fiscal Year*

Please provide the end date of your organization's fiscal year (month/date); for example 6/30 or 12/31

Character Limit: 10

Current FY Budgeted Revenues*

Character Limit: 20

Current FY Budgeted Expenses*

Character Limit: 20

Previous FY Actual Revenues*

Character Limit: 20

Previous FY Actual Expenses*

Character Limit: 20

Current fiscal year operating budget*

Upload your organization's current fiscal year budget, including projected expenses and revenues.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Previous fiscal year operating budget*

Upload your organization's previous fiscal year budget; include expenses and revenues.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Commentary on Budget/Finances

Please tell us anything we should know about your organization's financial position. For example, if your previous year's revenue is lower than your actual expenses, how are you addressing this?

Character Limit: 2000

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility

Organization's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility*

Describe your organization's approach to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

- Please include a description of the diversity that exists among your organization's board and staff.
- How does the staff and/or artists reflect the audiences engaged by your organization?
- Provide any specific inclusion goals for the board and/or staff.
- Include information about volunteers if applicable.

Character Limit: 2500

Organization Life Cycle

We offer grants to organizations across the non-profit lifecycle with a focus on:

Developing Organizations: Typically have existed for fewer than 10 years, address a clear unmet need or opportunity within the community, have strategic goals, and have begun offering programming.

Organizations at this stage may have limited or no board of directors with staff who are primarily volunteers. Or, their boards may have expanded beyond "friends and family" and are beginning to focus more on governance and less on day-to-day operations. Paid staffing is minimal, typically only an Executive Director and perhaps one or two program staff.

Funding sources are likely not diversified at this stage of development, but the organization

may be starting to formalize financial management, volunteer management, program evaluation, fundraising, board development, marketing, and strategic planning as they grow.

Established Organizations: Are more mature and stable; programs/services are solid and well-recognized with strong and effective leadership. Paid program and administrative staff are in place and the board's focus is primarily policy and oversight.

Organizational processes are developed. Revenue sources are more diversified. These organizations may have a well-demonstrated model and data that shows outcomes or is currently executing a plan for evaluation, continuous learning, and improvement.

Organization Lifecycle*

Please select the category that best fits your organization's lifecycle. If you aren't sure, please select one; we will review and let you know if we have any questions.

Choices

Developing Organization

Established Organization

Organization Strategic Goals

One-year operating support grants allow us to get to know organizations that are new to us. Our grantmaking goal is to help nonprofits build their organizational capacity and effectiveness in ways that lead to long-term sustainability.

Strategic Goal: Summary*

As a developing or established organization, please describe one of your organization's key strategic goals and/or priorities for building organizational capacity or stability. Why is this goal important?

Character Limit: 1000

Strategic Goal: Strategies*

- What are 1-2 strategies for addressing your organization's strategic goal?
- What is the anticipated timeline for implementing this strategy/strategies over the one-year grant period?
- How will you implement these strategies? For example, if your goal is to raise more money, how will you do this?

Character Limit: 3500

Strategic Goal: Anticipated Impact*

What impact or outcome do you anticipate by implementing this strategic goal? Share how this work will support your organization's long-term sustainability.

Character Limit: 2500