

2024 Multi-Year General Operating Support 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 your organization's primary focus area.

Choices

Arts

Arts Education

PreK-12 Education

Organization Overview*

Please tell us about your organization, including information about the following (though not necessarily in this order):

- How does your organization's mission/purpose connect with the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation's grantmaking goals? (goals are listed below)
- Please provide information about the audience(s) engaged through your organization's programs and initiatives. Include a breakdown of demographic information.
- Indicate the need or opportunity your organization provides in the arts and/or PreK-12 education ecosystem. What distinguishes your organization's approach? How does this approach address a specific need within the arts and/or PreK-12 education ecosystem?

The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation's grantmaking goals include:

PreK-12 Education

- Support PreK-12 organizations that work to close the academic opportunity gap, prepare students for careers and college, and/or foster social and emotional learning for students' growth and success.
- Support arts education organizations that provide opportunities for under-resourced students to engage directly in high-quality arts instruction and meaningful art-making experiences.

The Arts

- Support and strengthen cultural organizations that demonstrate artistic excellence and elevate the profile of the Triangle's art scenes, both locally and nationally.

- Support new, emerging, or grassroots cultural organizations.
- Support arts-focused organizations that work directly with artists to deepen and expand talent, develop professional and business skills, and/or create new works.

Character Limit: 3500

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
Wake
Triangle

Strategic Goals / Pivotal Moment

For MDBF's new grantmaking approach, we are offering multi-year general operating support grants to organizations that are experiencing a significant moment of growth, innovation, and/or change. We offer grants to organizations across the non-profit lifecycle with a focus on:

Developing organizations

These organizations have identified a clear need or opportunity, have strategic goals, and have already begun offering programming. Our desire with supporting developing organizations is to help them solidify their programs and operate as they build a strong and sustainable foundation for long-term success.

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" to focus more on governance and less on day-to-day operations, with staffing in place beyond the Executive Director and volunteers.

Funding sources are likely not diversified at this stage of development, but the organization may be starting to formalize management, volunteer management, program evaluation, fundraising, board development, marketing, and strategic planning as they grow.

Established organizations that are experiencing pivotal moments

These organizations have more maturity and stability; 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. 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

Pivotal Moment / Strategic Goals*

Based upon your organization's lifecycle stage, please provide information about the following:

Developing Organizations

- Outline 2-3 strategic goals that aim to support your organization's continued growth, stability, and impact over the next 3 years.

Established Organizations

- Define your organization's pivotal moment. Include 2-3 strategies on how your organization will address this defined moment of change and/or growth over the next 3 years.

Character Limit: 5000

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 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; include expenses and revenues.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Grant Amount Requested

Program Name*

Please use the space below to provide a brief description of the type of grant funding you are applying for.

Character Limit: 100

Grant Amount Requested*

Please list the total amount requested over a 3-year period. Multi-year grant amounts range between \$15,000 - \$50,000 (for a maximum total amount of \$150,000 over a 3-year period).

Character Limit: 20

MDBF has a finite budget and may not be able to fund the full amount requested. If your application moves forward, MDBF staff will work with your organization to determine the actual requested amount. Please know that there is no penalty for requesting the maximum amount at the LOI stage. We are not using the requested amount information to make decisions about which applications will move forward.

Additional Information

Board Information*

Upload a list of your organization's board members.

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Administrator Comments

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