



July 2023 Newsletter

Here is what we have included for you in this month's newsletter:

- Second Cycle of Shovel Ready Grants Available - apply from July 1st
- 2023 State Arts Awards Nominations - apply by July 16th
- Nebraska Biennial - apply by July 23rd
- 2023-24 NebraskARTS Award Applications open



Second Cycle of Shovel-Ready Grants Available

for Nebraska Nonprofits

The **Nebraska Department of Economic Development** (DED) is accepting applications for a new funding cycle for the Non-Profit Shovel-Ready Grant Program beginning July 1, 2023.

The Nebraska Legislature recently passed LB 818 which commits \$70 million to assist 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations with capital projects that were delayed due to COVID-19 or that will provide a positive economic impact in the State of Nebraska. Nonprofits that are related to the arts, culture, or the humanities are eligible to apply.

DED announced awards for the first round of the Shovel-Ready grant program in June 2022. The initial round of the program was funded, in large part, with federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars. The new round of Shovel-Ready grants will utilize funding from the state's general fund.

Organizations that previously received funding from the Shovel-Ready program are ineligible to apply for a second grant award for the same project.

Applications may be submitted electronically through DED's Grant Management System, AmpliFund, beginning July 1, 2023.

Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received, and grant funds will be distributed among each of Nebraska's three congressional districts. Applications will not be accepted beyond July 1, 2024.

The 2023 Shovel-Ready application and program requirements are available [here](#).



2023 State Arts Awards and Nominations - deadline July 16th

The Nebraska Arts Council will be hosting the Governor's Arts Awards later this year with a new title: The State Arts Awards!

The biennial awards program recognizes individuals and organizations that shape our state's artistic landscape. The impact of the arts, and these honorees,

is felt in the classroom, the economy, and the community.

This year's awards ceremony and reception will be held at the Embassy Suites in downtown Lincoln on October 19th, 2023.

Click [here](#) to learn more about each award and to submit a nomination. The deadline for nominations has been extended to July 16th, 2023, so there is still time!



Nebraska Biennial - application open

Gallery 1516 is a non-profit art organization in Omaha. Every two years, they host the Nebraska Biennial juried exhibition. The goal of this exhibition is to bring together artists from various styles, mediums, and backgrounds and showcase their work to the public.

The Nebraska Biennial is open to submissions from all artists associated with Nebraska, including current and former residents, students, and those who currently or previously worked in the state.

Artwork is accepted from 9 categories: painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, ceramics/pottery, sculpture, digital art, multimedia/other, and student work.

A total of \$10,000 in awards are available, including \$1,000 prizes for the winning entry in each of nine categories and \$1,000 for the work voted as Viewers' Choice. Gallery 1516 also does not charge commission fees for artwork sales - artists receive 100% of the sale price.

Applications are due by July 23rd. The application form and more information about artwork requirements can be found [here](#).



Apply for the 2023-24 NebraskARTS Award!

Each year, Nebraskans for the Arts honors two Nebraska school or school districts that have supported and encouraged achievement in the media arts, visual arts, dance, music, or theatre

The application form for 2023-24 is now available!

The winners receive a Legislative Resolution, a special trophy, and a celebration at their location.

Applications are due on Friday, October 13, 2023 by 11:59pm and the two winners for 2023-24 will be notified by Monday, December 11, 2023.

For more information and to apply, [go here](#).



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If you are not yet a member of Nebraskans for the Arts, now is a great time to

change that! Individual memberships start at \$25/year. Memberships support NFTA advocacy and activities.

To become a member, visit our website [here](#).



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