

ACCC Grant Rubric FY26

The Arts Council should ensure:

- all constituents have access to grant programs
- the grant application, adjudication, and award processes will reflect a commitment to equity and transparency
- grantmaking will serve all arts disciplines, diverse communities, and the entire county.

Permitted (Funds may be used for)	Not permitted (Funds may not be used for)
Artist Fees	Equipment and Instruments
Programs/Projects within Calvert County	Fixed Assets (Property, Buildings, Technology, Vehicles, etc.)
Arts Programming	General operating funds
Advertising	Activities that are not open to public
Music Sheets	Loan Principal Payments/Scholarships
Program Printing	Politics
Royalties	Contributions to endowments
Professional Accompanists	Deprecation and Deficits
Supplies not part of the normal classroom	Activities which are part of normal classroom
Transportation (MD and DC)	Out-of-state field trips (DC approved)

Decisions for all Arts Council grant awards will be based on the following criteria:

- **Artistic merit of proposed activities**
- **Organizational effectiveness**
- **Service to the art community**

Rubric Ratings:

Below Expectation

(1) Unsatisfactory - Achieves considerably less than expected. Unclear on many aspects of the project and how it serves the art community.

(2) Underdeveloped - Achieves somewhat less than expected. Defined project details are vague with less than expected outcome for the target art community.

Fulfills Expectations

(3) Satisfactory - Achieves what is expected. Demonstrates quality and proficiency in project plan with clear outcomes.

Above Average to Outstanding

(4) Above Average - Generally exceeds what is expected. Demonstrates high degree of project merit that should produce high quality outcome for the arts community.

(5) Outstanding - Achieves results that significantly surpass what is expected. Exceptionally high quality and creative merit of the project. Leaves little or nothing to be desired.

Application prompt	Rating (1-5)
<p>1. Project Description</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the proposed project.</p> <p>(Above Average to Outstanding - A clear, specific, and detailed written description aligns with grant program goals and communicates strong feasibility.)</p>	
Comments:	

<p>2. Project Schedule</p> <p>Please provide a timeline for the project process with performance/event date(s) if applicable.</p> <p>(Above Average to Outstanding - A clear, specific, and realistic schedule of dates and activities that align with Question 1 and communicates strong project feasibility.)</p>	
Comments:	

<p>3. Project Budget</p> <p>(Above Average to Outstanding - Clear, specific, and realistic project expenses and income that align with the Project Description and indicate strong project feasibility.)</p>	
<p>A. Use of Funds</p> <p>(Above Average to Outstanding – Clear, specific, and realistic use of funds for supplies costs, artists fees, other fees that align with the Project Description and indicate strong project feasibility.)</p>	
Comments:	

Total Score: _____