



VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS

Certification of Assurances and Grant Conditions

2023-2024 Virginia Touring Grant

Virginia Commission for the Arts (Commission) grantees are required to be nonprofit Virginia organizations and exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a), which includes the 501(c)(3) designation of the Internal Revenue code, or are units of local or tribal government, educational institutions, or local chapters of tax-exempt national organizations. Virginia Touring Grants are awarded to the presenter (sponsor) of the performance. Any activity underwritten with Commission touring assistance funds must be open to the public and the presenter must provide community-wide publicity. Elementary and secondary public schools, senior living facilities, correctional facilities, and hospitals are exempt from this requirement. Virginia Touring Grants may not be used for fundraising events.

SAM.gov Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

In April 2022, the federal government transitioned from the use of Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers to a new Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) through the SAM.gov system as the primary identifier. As a recipient of federal funding through the National Endowment for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts also requires UEI numbers on all grant applications from nonprofit organizations and units of government. Applicants who have not already done so must register with SAM.gov to be issued a 12-character, Unique Entity ID (UEI). There is no fee for registering for a UEI.

Virginia Touring Grants:

- limited to performances taking place in the state of Virginia between July 1, 2023 and June 15, 2024. Applicants wishing to present artists from June 16 – June 30, 2024, must apply in the next fiscal year.
- Cover up to 50% of the performance contract fee of the artist/ensemble listed in the VCA Touring Artist Roster. Travel expenses may not be included in the total request.
- Commission grants to any established arts organization in one year will total no more than 30% of that organization's income from the previous year.
- No part of any Commission grant shall be used for any activity intended or designed to influence a member of Congress or the General Assembly to favor or oppose any legislation.

Each Commission grantee will:

- read and review the [2023-2024 Guidelines for Funding](#) before applying.
- provide accurate, current and complete financial records of each grant.
- maintain accounting records that adequately identify the source and application of funds for grant-supported activities.
- maintain effective control over and accountability for all funds, property, and other assets ensuring that assets are used solely for authorized purposes.
- maintain procedures ensuring timely disbursement of funds.
- provide the Commission, or its authorized representatives, access to the grant-related financial records.
- expend any and all grant funds only for purposes described in the application form and attachments.
- request permission in writing to make substantial changes in budget, schedule, program, and personnel. Requested changes must be approved in advance by the Commission.

NOTE: If any project receiving grant support from the Commission has actual income in excess of expenses, the grantee must use these funds for other arts activities, and the Commission must approve the organization's use of excess funds up to the amount of the grant.

Each Commission grantee will ensure that:

No part of any project or production which is financed in whole or in part under the grant will be performed or engaged in under working conditions which are unsanitary or hazardous or dangerous to the health and safety of the employees engaged in such project or production. Compliance with the safety and sanitary laws of the state in which the performance or part thereof is to take place shall be primary evidence of compliance.

Each Commission grantee will comply with these federal statutes and regulations:

- **Title VI, Section 601, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**, which provides that no person, on the ground of race, color or national origin, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
- **Title IX, Section 1681, of the Education Amendments of 1972**, which provides that, with certain exceptions, no person, on the basis of sex or age, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
- **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990** which states that no otherwise qualified person shall, solely by reason of his or her handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in federally assisted programs. Compliance with this Act includes the following: notifying employees and beneficiaries of the organization that it does not discriminate on the basis of handicap and operation of programs and activities which, when viewed in their entirety, are accessible to persons with disabilities. Compliance also includes maintenance of an evaluation plan developed with the assistance of persons with disabilities or organizations representing disabled persons which contains: policies and practices for making programs and activities accessible; plans for making any structural modifications to facilities necessary for accessibility; a list of the persons with disabilities and/or organizations consulted; and the name and signature of the person responsible for the organization's compliance efforts ("ADA Coordinator").

Reporting Requirements

Each grantee will submit a Final Report to the Commission within thirty (30) days following the performance and no later than June 1, 2024. For performances taking place from June 1- 15, Final Reports are due by June 17, 2024. FY24 Virginia Touring Grant final report forms can be found on the applicant's Foundant Dashboard under "Follow-ups. Final Reports are identified as "Follow Up" Forms within the online grant portal. Go to the "Applicant Dashboard". Open the "Recent Requests" tab and identify the Virginia Touring Grant. Click on the blue "edit" for the follow up form to complete the necessary information. Submit the forms once all of the require fields are complete. Failure to submit this report will prohibit future grant funding and may result in the organization being required to repay grant funds.

Funding Acknowledgement

All print and digital material regarding the particular activity supported must acknowledge that the activity is partially supported by a grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA) and the National Endowment for the Arts. The purpose of crediting the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts is to provide citizens with an accurate picture of the broad range of arts activities supported by their tax dollars. Additionally, this acknowledgement serves as an endorsement for the organization and its activity and often leverages additional support.

The logos of the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as funding credit, are available for download from the Commission's website www.vca.virginia.gov. This acknowledgment is to be included in programs, print and online newsletters, educational materials, brochures, posters, news releases, web sites, catalogues, videos, and recognized in curtain speeches and other special events as appropriate. As neither agency funds expenses related to fundraisers, logos/recognition should not be included in such related materials.

NOTE: As of September 2022, the Virginia Commission for the Arts uses a new logo, and all funding acknowledgments must reflect the new logo.

Authorizing Official

This form must be submitted with every Commission grant application and signed by an individual duly authorized by the governing body of the organization to act on its behalf (such as the Executive Director, Artistic Director, Board President/Chair/Treasurer, School Principal or Vice Principal, PTA/PTO President). The signature of the individual indicates the organization's compliance with the grant conditions listed above. **Only documents with original signatures will be accepted.** A duly authorized individual must also sign the final report form.

The undersigned certifies to the best of his/her knowledge that:

- the information in this application and its attachments is true and correct;
- the filing of this application has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant organization;
- the applicant organization agrees to comply with all grant conditions cited above; the undersigned further certifies that he or she has the legal authority to obligate the applicant organization;
- the applicant organization is fully operational and anticipates remaining in business for the duration of the award period; and
- the organization is not currently under suspension or debarment by the federal government. If you are uncertain of your status, visit SAM.gov

[Instructions: Print this form, sign the final page, scan all three pages, save and upload into the grant application.](#)

The undersigned further certifies that he or she has the legal authority to obligate the applicant organization.

Applicant Organization Name:

Typed Name of Authorizing Official:

Title:

Original Signature of Authorizing Official: _____ **Date:**

Email of the Authorizing Official: