



## 1889 FOUNDATION CREATIVE HEALTH IMPACT GRANT

The 1889 Foundation Creative Health Impact Grant Awards are focused on fostering connections between the arts and the health and wellness of residents in Cambria and Somerset Counties.

The 1889 Foundation was founded on the principle of supporting innovative programs and initiatives to improve and transform the overall health and wellness of our region. The 1889 Foundation Creative Health Impact Grant (CHIG) has been created and funded to lead foundation efforts in Cambria and Somerset Counties.

The grant application process is managed by the Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance (PRAA).

### GRANT GUIDELINES

- Funding will be used to support local non-profit organizations which have arts and health and wellness initiatives that have demonstrated results and have had an impact on improving the needs within the community
- The 1889 Foundation has priority goals that determine project funding. Please review those funding goals at this link: <https://www.1889foundation.org/funding-priorities/>
- Understanding these priorities will help in the development of grant projects for this Creative Health Impact Grant.
- Collaborative approaches with quality partners (individuals or other non-profit organizations) that have the same principles and beliefs are encouraged
- Arts partner and health care partner should be clearly defined
- Funded activities could include but are not limited to: exhibitions, performances, festivals, and continuing programs that relate to health and wellness

### BEFORE YOU APPLY:

- Any **new applicant** wishing to apply for this grant funding **must schedule a meeting** (in person or by phone) with PRAA's Executive Director to discuss the scope of the program or project. **This meeting must be held no less than 3 weeks before the grant deadline of June 26, 2026.**
- Applicants that have previously applied are not required to have a pre-application meeting. They **should** notify PRAA's Executive Director of their intent to apply for the current year.
- During the pre-application meeting the applicant will be asked to describe the planned project or program. This discussion will ensure that the project scope meets the guidelines and requirements of this grant.
- **An application received from an organization that did not schedule a pre-application meeting or notify of their intent to apply will not be accepted.**
- Contact PRAA Executive Director by email at [director@praa.net](mailto:director@praa.net) or by phone at 724-840-5688 to set up a meeting

**Project Year September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027**  
**Grant Deadline June 26, 2026**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Any entity organized under section 501(c)3 or similar section of the tax code is eligible to apply
- Fully accredited post-secondary educational institutions may apply
- Projects supported by this grant must take place in Cambria and/or Somerset Counties
- Multiple applications from one organization will be accepted if each application is distinctly different from the other - for example: a movement/dance project for senior citizens in a retirement community, and a visual arts project involving a visually handicapped population
- Both new programs and projects and well-established programs and projects are eligible

**THIS GRANT PROCESS WILL NOT FUND:**

- Capital expenditures, including equipment costing \$500 or more per item
- Activities that have already been completed
- Activities that have a religious purpose
- Performances and exhibitions not open to the general public
- Performances and exhibitions outside Pennsylvania
- Cash prizes and awards
- Fundraising events
- Hospitality expenses, e.g. receptions, parties, gallery openings
- Lobbyists' payments
- Competitions

**GRANT AWARDS:**

- Grant request amounts up to \$6,000 will be considered
- Grant award amounts will be no less than \$1,000.
- Grant size will be based on quality and quantity of applications; final award amount may be less than amount requested based on application assessment
- All grants are awarded based on a review by the 1889 Foundation Creative Health Impact Grants Committee

**GRANT SCHEDULE:**

- **A pre-application meeting or notification of intent to apply is required prior to starting the application process – See “Before You Apply” section above**
- Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday June 26, 2026
- Applicants will be notified of funding decisions in September 2026
- Completion of a Grant Award Agreement is required before grant checks are issued
- Grants will be awarded starting in September 2026 following receipt of grant award agreement
- Funded activities must take place between September 1, 2026 and August 31, 2027
- An Interim Report is required midway through the project year – more information about this report will be included with the grant award check. The Interim Report will be available on the PRAA website: [praa.net](http://praa.net)
- A Final Report is required no later than 30 days after the conclusion of the project year. This report should document the impact on the community and include an explanation of how the funds were used. The Final Report form will be available on the PRAA website: [praa.net](http://praa.net)

#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Access the grant application at the PRAA website: [praa.net](http://praa.net) or request by email at [director@praa.net](mailto:director@praa.net)
- The application is a writable pdf document that can be completed on line
- Text boxes for narrative have a maximum limit of 3000 characters
- After completion the application should be printed (**single sided**) and signed with original signatures
- Save the application with original signatures as a pdf document
- The completed and signed application must be mailed to: Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance, Attn: Rebecca Catelinet, PO Box 1410, Indiana, PA 15701
- **Application packet must be postmarked no later than Friday June 26, 2026**
- **All application materials – the application document, required and optional support materials (see below for details) should be emailed to Rebecca Catelinet at [director@praa.net](mailto:director@praa.net)**
- **A check sheet is included at the end of the grant application – please be sure that all materials are submitted**
- **ZOOM MEETING: An additional component this year is a brief presentation to the grant panel via a Zoom meeting. Each presentation should take no more than 15 minutes, and will be followed up by the panelists' opportunity to ask questions. For the presentation you should give a brief summary of your project and be prepared to answer questions from the panel. You will be contacted to set up the date and time of the Zoom meeting which will take place in late July.**

#### REQUIRED SUPPORT MATERIALS

- Résumé or biography (no more than one page each) of key creative and administrative personnel involved in the project
- A copy of letter certifying 501 (c) (3) status or similar status
- Organization's list of Board of Directors
- Primary applicant's financial information – most recent yearly audited or reviewed financial statement- this is in addition to the budget pages in the grant application

#### OPTIONAL SUPPORT MATERIALS

- You may submit:
  - Press clippings and/or other materials - in pdf format
  - Up to 10 PowerPoint slides or digital images in jpg format
  - No more than two 4-minute videos in .mov, .mp4, or .mpg format
  - No more than 2 audio clips – maximum size 10 MB in mp3 format
  - Published work
- Please include a list of with information about each of the submitted optional materials

All optional support materials should be submitted electronically via email to [director@praa.net](mailto:director@praa.net).

**APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS:**

- PRAA uses an advisory panel review process to assess applications based on the review criteria. Membership on advisory panels rotates, so applicants should not assume that the panelists have any prior knowledge of their organizations
- The information provided in the application is the principal source of information for the advisory panel review
- Applications should be clear and complete. The responsibility for making a case for 1889 Foundation CHIG support rests entirely with the applicants. You should not assume that the grant panel will know your organization
- Following the grant panel meeting the Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance Board of Directors will review the advisory panel’s recommendations to make final award decisions
- All funding decisions are final

**REVIEW CRITERIA: Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:**

Health, Wellness, and the Arts..... 35 points

- Strength of the project goals and potential of the project to contribute to the health and wellness of the community
- Strength of the artistic component of the project
- Strength of the health and wellness component of the project
- Quality of the work represented by the work sample, support materials, and/or venue of activities (if applicable)

Impact ..... 35 points

- Demonstrated knowledge of target audience
- Effective plan to publicize and promote your project to reach the target audience
- Plan to include other members of the public beyond your intended audience (Parents, neighborhood groups, community members, local businesses, etc.)
- Plan to assess and evaluate your project at its conclusion

Management..... 30 points

- Appropriate budget
- Collaboration with other organizations
- Evidence of developing other support, such as business support, in-kind support, and shared services (if applicable)
- Ability of staff, volunteers and/or board to manage effectively and implement programming

**FUNDING PROCESS:**

- The Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance board will review the advisory panel’s recommendations following the panel meeting.
- The Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance will notify all applicants by mail after funding decisions are made.
- Applicants receiving an award will be sent an award agreement (contract) setting forth any conditions, restrictions, and changes imposed by the Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance.

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- Applicants must complete and return the grant award agreement in order for the award process to begin and the grant check to be issued. Upon signing the award agreement, recipients certify that they will accept the terms and conditions referred to in the award agreement.

**CREDITING REQUIREMENTS:**

The 1889 Foundation and the Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance require that all CHIG Award recipients give prominent acknowledgement of awarded grant funds.

- **This statement must be included: “Funding is provided by the Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance from the 1889 Foundation Creative Health Impact Grant.” This statement should be used at the beginning of a press release or news story.**
- Include the PRAA logo in programs, promotional materials, education materials, posters and other materials relating to the CHIG funded activities and disseminated by the Grantee. The PRAA logo is available upon request and for download at the PRAA website.
- When the final report is completed and submitted, please send examples of how you credited the project as described above. These examples may be sent electronically.