Operating Support I

Organizations with budgets less than $300,000 annually

Step 1. If your organization would like to apply for FY21 Operating Support, please use the checklist below to see if your organization is eligible.

Step 2. If you meet all the criteria below, please contact holly.whisman@artsandscience.org to access the application.

Step 3. You will be asked to upload IRS 990s for the three most recent years of operations. Once those forms have been submitted, you will be able to access the full application. Contact grants@artsandscience.org with any questions.

PRIOR RECIPIENT OF ASC FUNDING

Applicants for ASC operating support must have previously received ASC Cultural Vision Grant(s), Culture Blocks funding, or Technical Assistance/Professional Development Grant(s) at least twice in the past three fiscal years and be in compliance with all grant requirements.

MISSION AND PROGRAMS

A primary mission of arts, science, and history/heritage programming.

Offer programs year-round/periodic in Mecklenburg County.

Regular programming presented consistently in Mecklenburg County over each of the past three years.

Offer programs that are accessible to all Mecklenburg County citizens regardless of race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, disability or any characteristic protected by law.

Show advancement in program excellence in all creative endeavors.
GOVERNANCE

Current 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt status with a primary place of business in Mecklenburg County.

Bylaws approved by the Board of Directors of the organization.

Professional qualified paid staff/contractors to ensure high quality programs to constituents.

An active and financially (including in-kind) supportive Board of Directors representing our culturally diverse community and operating under a Board-approved rotation policy with specified terms.

A Board of Directors that operates without conflict of governance, to include a provision that states that no Board or staff member who receives remuneration for services rendered to the organization can serve as a voting member of the Board.

FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH

Evidenced by regular and timely submission of IRS form 990, both annual operating revenues and annual operating expenditures that averaged less than $300,000 in its three most recently completed fiscal years.

A demonstrated ability to match the ASC investment through generating sufficient earned income and securing other private support (including in-kind).

COMPLIANCE

Proof of compliance with all local, state, and federal laws or requirements (i.e. IRS form 990, state auditor forms, NC solicitation license, etc.).
**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

These financial documents will be required for an application for Operating Support:

- 990 IRS forms for 3 most recent years of operations
- Budget template
- Budget narrative
- 6-month budget-to-actuals for FY20