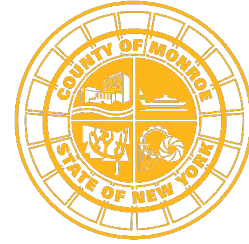




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COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO ANNOUNCES GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MID-SIZED ARTS SUPPORT

\$500,000 available for mid-sized arts organizations, an increase of 10-fold from previous years

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced the launch of an online grant application for mid-sized arts organizations seeking funding for 2022 operating expenditures. Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, August 1, 2022 and are available at www.monroecounty.gov/artsgrant.

“This is our bicentennial year, and we are finding ways to Celebrate More. Today we Celebrate More arts,” **said County Executive Adam Bello**. “We are a community founded on creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship, and that legacy continues today, evidenced by our vibrant arts and cultural sector. Our past experience showed us that investing in this ecosystem provided a benefit to our community, and we will inform our future with continued investments in our creative economy.”

Qualifying organizations may receive up to \$20,000 to offset operating expenses. A total of \$500,000 is available – a 10-fold increase over historic county funding levels for mid-sized arts groups. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- The organization must have a significant presence in Monroe County – conducting at least 50% of its operations in Monroe County and maintaining a physical location in the county
- The organization must have been legally recognized for at least one year as a 501(c)3 organization or LLC
- The organization’s primary mission must be directly related to arts and culture
- The organization’s annual operating budget (operating expenses) must be between \$100,000 and \$1,500,000

Applications from arts and cultural festivals that meet these criteria will also be considered.

In his upcoming 2023 budget, County Executive Bello intends to increase available funding and grant opportunities for arts and cultural groups.

For details about the grant program visit: www.monroecounty.gov/artsgrant.

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