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# 2023-2024 Lifelong Arts Indiana Guidelines

## Creative Aging Program

### ARTIST APPLICANTS

#### About the Program

Lifelong Arts Indiana is a learning opportunity for Hoosier artists to develop their skills in providing creative experiences for older adults. Informed by field best-practices, Lifelong Arts Indiana empowers participants to develop their own approach to sharing creative experiences with older adults, ages sixty-five and older, in their community—and provides access to funds to help make it happen.

Lifelong Arts Indiana includes:

- **Creative Aging Learning Course:** Participants learn and explore best practices and strategies for developing an effective, sequential arts learning experience for older adults. This is a 3-day online learning course for artists.
- **Coaching Part 1 – Project Planning:** Following the learning course, sessions with field experts provide personalized guidance for building an effective creative experience for older adults.
- **Coaching Part 2 - Partnership Building:** This next step coaching will help participants build strong cross-sector partnerships for their creative aging projects.
- **Early Action Grants:** A funding opportunity to put the Creative Aging Learning Course lessons into action.  
*\*Examples from previous years are available on our [website here](#) under the 'Meet the Cohort' tab.*

#### Timeline:

Deadline to Apply for Artist Cohort	March 30, 2023, 4:30pm ET
Invitations to join Artist Cohort sent	Week of June 12, 2023
Lifelong Arts Indiana Artist Training course	July 10, 11, 12, 2023 OR Aug 7, 8, 9, 2023
Artist in-person meet up *optional*	August 20, 2023
Artist Early Action Grants Proposal due (new artists)	September 7, 2023, 4:30pm ET
Artist Early Action Grant implementation period	October 30, 2023 – April 30, 2024
Final Report deadline	June 7, 2024, 4:30pm ET

**NOTE \*Eligible Returning Lifelong Arts Indiana Artists** will have a different timeline. Those who are eligible under this category will be directly contacted by Program Manager Stephanie Haines with additional details.

**IAC welcomes people with disabilities to apply.** Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made when requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact the IAC's accessibility coordinator Stephanie Haines at [shaines@iac.in.gov](mailto:shaines@iac.in.gov) to make your request.

## Who is Lifelong Arts Indiana for?

**Artists:** Early to mid-career artists (at any age) with at least a small amount of experience in sharing their arts with a community through teaching will get the most out of this experience.

## Eligibility

### If applying as an individual artist:

- Must be 18 years or older
- Must be a US Citizen
- Must be an Indiana resident and remain a full time Indiana resident through the end of the fellowship period
- Artist's primary discipline must be one of the following:
  - Dance
  - Music
  - Opera/Music Theatre
  - Theatre
  - Visual Arts
  - Design Arts, including architecture, fashion, graphic, industrial, interior, landscape architecture, and urban/metropolitan
  - Crafts – including clay, fiber, glass, leather, metal, paper, plastic, wood and mixed media
  - Photography
  - Media Arts – including film, audio, video, and work created using technology or experimental digital media
  - Literature
  - Poetry and Spoken Word
  - Multidisciplinary – art forms that integrate more than one arts discipline listed above to form a single practice
  - Folklife/Traditional Arts – oral, customary, material and performance traditions informally learned and transmitted in contexts characteristic of ethnic, religious, linguistic, occupational, and/or religious groups. Does not include folk-inspired forms.

### Artist Cohort Selection Priorities

Applications will be reviewed and recommended by a conflict-free admissions committee of peers and professionals. The admissions committee will select up to 50 participants who are passionate about sharing their artistry with community and understanding of the role older adults play in our communities. Further, the committee will use these priorities to create a cohort that has:

- Variety of artistic career experience
- Statewide representation
- Variety of creative disciplines
- Diverse racial/ethnic representation
- Diverse age representation
- Representation of underserved populations

### What does Lifelong Arts Indiana cost?

There is no cost to participants.

### Lifelong Arts Indiana Early Action Grants

Eligible Lifelong Arts Indiana participants who receive a Certificate of Completion from the Creative Aging Learning Course are eligible and encouraged to apply for the Lifelong Arts Early Action Grants. Applicants may request funds for a project that provides a sequential arts-learning experience for a group of older adults in their community. The proposal must meet the review criteria and will be reviewed by a conflict-free panel of community

experts. Panelists will review submissions using the following selection criteria: Creative Aging & Learning Elements, Feasibility, and Community Engagement.

<b>Approximate Early Action Grants Amounts - Artists</b>	
Artists accepted into Lifelong Arts Indiana training in 2023	Up to \$1,500
Artists who completed training in 2021	Up to \$3,500
Expert Teaching Artists as determined by the application and panel process	Up to \$3,500

**Ready to apply?** Apply online by the deadline at [www.in.gov/arts/apply](http://www.in.gov/arts/apply).