



## Overview

The Indiana Arts Commission’s (IAC) Arts Project Support (APS) grant program provides funding to support public-facing short-term arts projects or a series of arts activities. Examples include performances, exhibits, arts festivals, arts and cultural planning, arts learning for specific populations such as older adults or youth, public art, or some other arts-based or arts-serving activity. The goal of the program is to provide Indiana’s people and communities access to arts experiences.

The IAC’s vision is arts activity in all of Indiana’s 92 counties, and this year has launched new programs and modified existing programs to achieve that outcome.

One resulting change to the Arts Project Support program is to eligibility for college and university applicants as outlined below.

## APS Eligibility

Applicants representing private and public colleges and universities are eligible to apply with projects that provide either:

- **Community arts learning experiences for grades Pre-K through 12** on their home campus or elsewhere;
- or*
- Arts experiences in **high-priority geographic service counties** designated by the IAC based on factors such as a lack of existing arts access or a history of underinvestment.

For the FY26 APS program cycle, those counties are as follows:

Benton	Blackford	Clay
Crawford	Daviess	Dekalb
Fayette	Franklin	Gibson
Hancock	Lake	Lawrence
Martin	Montgomery	Morgan
Newton	Noble	Owen
Parke	Perry	Pike
Pulaski	Randolph	Rush
Scott	Shelby	Spencer
Starke	Steuben	Sullivan
Sullivan	Tipton	Union
Vermillion	Warren	Washington
Wells	White	

No other projects from College and University applicants will be eligible in the FY26 APS program cycle.

### **APS Eligibility Tool**

All new and returning APS applicants are required to answer some simple questions to find out if they can apply for the APS program before beginning an application. These questions are solely intended to help applicants determine whether they may be eligible to apply for APS.

Colleges and universities are required to request access to the APS application following completion of the eligibility tool. Instructions on how to request access to the application are provided upon completion of the eligibility tool.

Access to the application does not guarantee final eligibility for the program. The IAC reserves the authority to deem an applicant ineligible at any point in the application process.

### **For questions on College and University Eligibility for the FY26 Arts Project Support Program, contact:**

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