Indiana Arts Commission Every County Funded Evaluation Criteria for Fiscal Year 2026

About Every County Funded

Program Overview:

The Every County Funded (ECF) community-based arts program is designed to increase access to arts funding for all Hoosiers by providing invitation-only grant funding that directly serves counties where there is little to no state arts funding.

Program Goals:

- Identify allies, partners, and stakeholders in counties interested in bringing the arts to life in their community
- Provide communities with funding and technical support for creative initiatives
- Provide a simple process from which all can easily succeed and grow
- Connect communities through an informal cohort model

Program Outcomes:

- In every Indiana county, people and communities have access to arts experiences.§
- Indiana's arts providers have expanded opportunities to enhance the quality of life in their communities.§
- There is broad recognition of arts and creativity's value for Indiana.§
 § IAC 2024 2028 Long-Term Strategic Framework Impact

Review Criteria

Project Quality (50%)

- Completeness: The extent to which the application is fully completed, addresses all required questions, and provides clear, concise responses.
- Feasibility: The extent to which the proposed activities, timeline, and budget are realistic and achievable within the grant period.
- Evidence of Sound Project Planning: The extent to which the proposal demonstrates thoughtful preparation, clear goals, and a plan for evaluating success.

Community Impact (50%)

• Community Engagement: The extent to which the project involves and benefits the public, with specific strategies for inclusion and participation.