Indiana Arts Commission
Creative Convergence
Evaluation Criteria for Fiscal Year 2026 (Fall)

About Creative Convergence

Program Overview:
Indiana Arts Commission partners with the Indiana Communities Institute at Ball State to offer Creative Convergence, a team-based workshop and funding opportunity aimed at building out the arts in selected communities. Teams consist of 3-4 participants who learn how to work together to advance arts and creativity in the community through training and a funded project.

Program Goal:

Build Community Capacity Through Arts and Collaboration
Creative Convergence equips community leaders, organizational representatives, and artists/creatives to:

- Embed arts and creativity into community and economic development strategies
- Collaborate effectively across sectors
- Engage residents in meaningful, inclusive ways

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

Team Cohesion and Continuity (50%) – The extent to which there is evidence of existing collaboration among team members, shared goals, and a clear plan for maintaining team functionality and managing team member turnover (e.g., succession planning, organizational support, or backup participants).

Community Engagement and Benefit (50%) – The extent to which there is a demonstrated track record of inclusive, arts-based community engagement or a compelling plan to initiate such efforts to benefit the community and articulated community benefit and impact goals.