

Criteria for Thrive Project Funding Eligibility

Metro Nashville Arts Commission or “Metro Arts” is the office of Arts & Culture for the city of Nashville and Davidson County. Metro Arts is a branch of Metro Government that strives to ensure that all Nashvillians have access to a creative life through community investments, artist and organizational training, public art and creative placemaking coordination, and direct programs. We believe that arts drive a more vibrant and equitable community. Metro Nashville Arts Commission was established in 1978 by [Metro Charter](#).

In addition, Metro Arts is guided by a [cultural equity statement](#). Metro Arts programs seek to make opportunities and resources available to all Nashvillians in an equitable way.

Metro Arts' Thrive program connects artists and/or organizations with the community to create investments, cultural connections, and transformations. Thrive empowers artists and organizations to strengthen and cultivate communities in Davidson County.

Successful projects will align with Metro Arts' Mission and Thrive goals and objectives by:

- + impacting neighborhoods or communities
- + actively engaging residents through community input in project planning, decision-making and artmaking
- + exhibiting and promoting cultural equity in project design, process, and content

To receive a Thrive grant from Metro Arts, the applicant must be:

- + An Individual artist (Artists are defined as practitioners in the unique creation of visual arts, craft, performance art, media arts, literary arts, or non-listed fields.)
 - o Artists must be 18 years of age or older.
 - o Artists must live or primarily work in Davidson County.
- + Artist Collectives (Artist Collectives are art organizations that do not hold nonprofit 501c3 status, or neighborhood groups.)
 - o Art Collectives must be located in Davidson County.
 - o Art Collectives must have an artist identified to lead the project.

There are certain types of individuals that **cannot** receive a Thrive Grant from Metro Arts. They are:

- + Employees of Metro Nashville Davidson County or Metro Nashville Public Schools.
- + Members of the Metro Arts Board of Commissioners or Public Art Committee, or a submission with immediate family or household members who are serving in these roles.
- + Elected officials of Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.
- + Art Organizations that hold nonprofit 501c3 status.

***Metro Arts will review additional grant criteria eligibility issues not listed here on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Metro Arts staff with any questions regarding eligibility.**