# Grit Fund Project Grants 2022: Plain Text Application

This document is a plain text version of our 2022 application. It can be used as a reference document to help prepare project proposals. For more information about the Grit Fund, please visit: [www.gritfund.org](http://www.gritfund.org)

## Guidelines:

Grit Fund supports projects that add to the vibrancy and development of Baltimore’s arts and culture. Grit Fund awards money to collaborative, artist-led projects—up to $10,000. We accept proposals that use the visual arts to create collaborative public-facing projects.

Artists and cultural organizers create vital connections within our communities. But it can be difficult to find funding to create, collaborate, and make an impact. Grit Fund makes arts funding accessible for everyone. We focus on projects that bring artists and community members together to explore a sense of place and shared space.

### Grit Fund eligibility requirements

* Only Baltimore City and County-based artists and organizers are eligible.
* You must be independent (or unincorporated). In other words, you can’t be registered as a business or organization.
* Your project must take place in Baltimore City or County and be accessible to the general public.

We support all kinds of visual-arts-based projects at any stage of development. Innovative ideas are welcome. These are the types of projects we’ve supported in the past:

* Exhibitions
* Publications
* Public events
* Public art installations
* Film screenings
* Festivals
* Founding a new arts venue or collective
* The ongoing work of an existing arts venue or collective

## Timeline:

* Application Open: November 30th, 2021 – March 1st, 2022
* Application Review & Deliberation: March 2nd, 2022 – April 4th, 2022
* Grantee & Juror Announcement: April 5th, 2022
* Grant Cycle Ends: April 5th, 2023

## Before Submitting Your Proposal Please:

* Read the mission and core values of the Grit Fund <https://www.gritfund.org/about/>
* Review past projects to see examples of what’s been funded <https://www.gritfund.org/grantees/>
* Consider attending one of our three information sessions or viewing the recording of one. Visit our website for more information. <https://www.gritfund.org/grit-fund-project-grants/>

## How to Apply

1. Make a profile on our website. Only the "lead" applicant needs to make a profile. https://www.gritfund.org/profile/
2. Go to our Apply Page to fill out the Project Narrative. Fill out only one application per project. https://www.gritfund.org/apply/
3. Submit the rest of your application by uploading the documents to Dropbox: https://www.dropbox.com/request/1hoEgvRTb4ebvwLnkral
   * Project Timeline
   * Project Budget-You need to use our budget template provided online at <https://www.gritfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/GF_2022_BudgetTemplate.xlsx>
   * Supporting Media
   * Supporting Media Inventory

## Questions, Accommodations, or Comments?

Please reach out! Our email is [gritfund@thepealecenter.org](mailto:gritfund@thepealecenter.org)

## Profile Information for Lead Applicant

* Name:
* Email:
* Age:
* Street Address:
* Racial identity (i.e. Black, Latino, Asian Pacific Islander, Indigenous, white etc.):
* Gender identity (i.e. woman, man, gender queer, Two Spirit etc.):
* Sexuality (i.e. bisexual, lesbian, gay, queer, Two Spirit, straight, same gender loving etc.):
* Do you identify as disabled?

## Project Narrative:

Title: Enter a title for your project proposal

Lead Applicant: Please enter the name & preferred pronouns of the lead applicant. This person will be the main point of contact for the project. Ex. Patrice Williams, she/her/they/them.

Collaborator(s): Word limit- 300 words

Please list the names and preferred pronouns of your key collaborator(s). These are thought partners, and are part of the planning and/or execution of your project/event/initiative, etc. Ex. Angel Gutierrez, he/him/they/them.

Lead Applicant & Collaborator Bio(s): Word limit- 250 words max per bio

If you are applying as a collective you may choose to submit one bio for the group, or several individual bios.

Project Narrative: Word limit- 1000 words

Please note: These questions are meant to guide your writing.

* Describe your project/event/initiative…
  + Where is it taking place? (You do not have to have a location secured).
  + Describe your relationship with your collaborators.
  + Currently, what is the intended outcome for your project? (We acknowledge that collaborative arts projects are always evolving.)
* How will this project engage the community you are trying to reach?
  + Describe your audience…
  + Please share details about the public facing component of your project.
* Why is this an important moment for your project to receive support from the Grit Fund?

The following documents must be uploaded to Dropbox using this link <https://www.dropbox.com/request/DSxm6moub4YqXVrIi6jR>

## Project Timeline:

* You can find a sample timeline in our application tool kit, online at <https://www.gritfund.org/grit-fund-project-grants/#toolkit>
* The sample timeline is meant to be a guide, you do not need to use this exact format.
* Upload your project timeline file to our Dropbox. <https://www.dropbox.com/request/DSxm6moub4YqXVrIi6jR>

## Project Budget:

* You need to use the budget template provided online at <https://www.gritfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/GF_2022_BudgetTemplate.xlsx>
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## Supporting Media:

Please upload any media relevant to your project proposal. Supporting media should be used to provide context for your work, as it can help our jurors understand more about your process. You may submit documentation of past (present, and future) projects that demonstrate your ability to actualize your proposal. You may submit a combination of images and/or up to 5 minutes of audio/video.

Maximum file upload: 7

Social Media or Website Links:

Supporting Media Inventory:

This is a one-page document that briefly describes the media you have submitted in support of your project.

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