



Frequently Asked Questions

2025 Fall Grant Program

Theme: Finding Freedom
in the Wilderness

What are the eligibility requirements to apply for a grant?

Interested individual artists, artist collaboratives, church leaders, scholars/theologians, arts-affiliated organizations, faith-based nonprofit organizations, or institutions who reside or operate in the United States are eligible to apply. Projects or programs proposed must take place in the United States. Applicants should demonstrate a strong alignment with the aspirational aim and core values of the Creative Arts Collective for Christian Life and Faith (CAC).

What types of projects or programs are eligible for funding?

The CAC supports projects or programs meeting **one or more** of the following **objectives**:

- **Create** – Creating and curating works of art
 - **Outcome:** An increased visibility of the arts and appreciation of diverse forms of artistic expression that inspire people to encounter God
 - **Examples:** architecture, dance, filmmaking, music and compositions, visual art, and writing
- **Educate** – Educating and nurturing Christian imagination
 - **Outcome:** A re-enchanting Christian imagination, character, and spiritual formation in people fostered by experiencing the awe and wonder of God through the arts
 - **Examples:** workshops, courses, webinars, expert engagement, and speaker series
- **Network** – Cultivating and sustaining a thriving network in Christianity and the arts
 - **Outcome:** A vibrant nationwide movement that inspires people to discover and live the beauty and wisdom of the Christian story and encounter God through the arts
 - **Examples:** showcases, art exhibits, live performances, speaker series, festivals and celebrations, convenings, and conferences

What is the range of funding available?

Applicants may submit proposals ranging from **\$50,000 to \$250,000** that may be used **over a one-year period**.

Does the CAC award multi-year grants?

No, multi-year grants are not available through the 2025 Fall Grant Program.

What expenses can be covered by grant funds?

Grant funding may cover expenses directly related to the project or program such as artist fees, design fees, materials, production costs, venue rentals, technical support (e.g., audio-visual expertise), honorariums, and travel expenses. Funding requests can include an overhead/indirect cost component that is no more than ten percent (10%) of the total direct expenses. The overhead/indirect cost should be included in the total amount requested. **General operating expenses and capital expenses are not eligible for funding.**

Can an applicant submit more than one LOI for multiple projects or programs within the same grant program?

There is currently no limit to the number of projects or programs for which an applicant can submit an LOI. However, it is unlikely that more than one project or program from the same applicant would be invited to submit a full grant proposal for the competitive process.

Is it required that a project or program reflects the theme of Finding Freedom in the Wilderness?

The CAC seeks applicants inspired to fulfill the aspirational aim of our mission through proposals that embrace innovation, especially through the use of new media, platforms, and audiences to reach. The theme of Finding Freedom in the Wilderness is encouraged but is not a requirement to achieve this goal.

How does the application process work?

The application process has two main steps:

- 1) **Letter of Inquiry (LOI):** All interested applicants must first complete and submit the online LOI form **by June 2, 2025**, through the CAC's website, to be considered to submit a full grant proposal in our competitive process. Precedence will be given to the first 200 LOI submissions received.
- 2) **Full Grant Proposal:** The CAC will offer the opportunity to submit a full grant proposal for our competitive 2025 Fall Grant Program to **approximately 20** of the strongest applicants who submitted an LOI. The selected applicants must submit full grant proposals online **by September 15, 2025**, through the CAC's grant portal.

What is the approval process for a grant proposal?

The CAC intends to award grants to applicants who submit the most compelling proposals and demonstrate they have the capacity to design, implement, and sustain a quality innovative project or program that advances the CAC's aspirational aim. All proposals will first be screened by CAC staff for minimum criteria, and then by a Review Board for consideration and review. Applicants must:

- Provide all required materials and documents by stated deadlines
- Offer work that exemplifies or adheres to the core values of the CAC
- Clearly communicate the connection of the proposed project to the Christian story and faith
- Commit to producing art not only in singular form, but also to become involved in the CAC network
- Demonstrate the ability to manage funds and maintain requirements associated with the grant

When will grant awards be announced?

The CAC anticipates announcing grant awards in **November 2025**.

Are there reporting requirements if awarded a grant?

Yes, the CAC requires grantees to provide two reports within the one-year grant cycle, an interim report and final report, that include both a narrative and financial report on the project or program.

What makes the CAC's grantmaking program different from others?

The CAC will ask those who are awarded grants to **engage** in the following ways:

- **Articulating** how the granted project or program reflects the Christian story
- **Collaborating** with network constituents and other commissioned artists
- **Coordinating** with the CAC storytelling team
- **Participating** in the Creative Summit & Art Festival

Is feedback available for a declined LOI submission?

Unfortunately, given the large number of LOI submissions received, the CAC is generally unable to provide feedback to applicants on their submission.

Who do I contact if I have trouble with my LOI submission?

Please [click here](#) to contact the CAC team.