



ArtPrize 2026 Venue Exhibition Grants

Applications Open: March 2, 2026

Applications Close: April 2, 2026

Venues Notified: Week of April 13, 2026

Grant Overview

ArtPrize is excited to offer registered venues grant opportunities to support their dream ArtPrize exhibitions for 2026! These grants are \$1,500 each and are designed to help offset some of the costs associated with curating a dynamic venue and exhibiting exceptional artists.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Venue Exhibition Grant, you must be registered as an ArtPrize 2026 Venue and host more than one Artist during the event. Applications from those not registered as an ArtPrize 2026 Venue will not be considered.

Funding Use

The funds awarded through Venue Exhibition Grants can be utilized for various purposes, including but not limited to:

- Artist Registration Fees – Assisting with the cost of registering artists for ArtPrize 2026.
- Installation Equipment Rentals – Covering the cost of necessary tools such as trucks, lifts, and cranes.
- Display Enhancements – Supporting improvements like gallery walls, track lighting, and audio/visual equipment needed to properly exhibit participating Artists' entries.
- Art Handling – Ensuring the proper care, transportation, and presentation of exhibited works.
- Shipping & Transportation – Offsetting the logistical costs of bringing artwork to and from the venue.



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- Special Permitting Fees – Covering any necessary permits required for exhibition installation.
 - Other Unique Needs – Addressing specific requirements unique to the Art, Artist, or Exhibition.
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Application Process

All applications must be submitted through the [ArtPrize 2026 Venue Exhibition Grant Application Form](#) no later than 11:59 PM on April 2, 2026. Late submissions or applications submitted through alternative channels will not be considered.

Applications must include:

- A detailed exhibition concept outlining the curatorial vision and the type of artwork the venue aims to showcase.
 - A proposed budget detailing how the grant funds will be allocated.
 - A venue layout or site map indicating how artworks will be displayed.
 - A timeline including installation, maintenance, and deinstallation plans.
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Selection & Scoring Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by the ArtPrize Exhibitions Council and staff. Selection will be based on merit, feasibility, and alignment with ArtPrize’s mission to create engaging public art experiences.

Venue Exhibition Grant Rubric

Category	4: Excellent	3: Good	2: Needs Improvement	1: Not Demonstrated
Exhibition Concept	Clearly articulated curatorial vision with a strong idea of the type of art to be showcased.	Well-defined vision with some clarity on art style, but minor gaps.	Concept lacks detail and direction; unclear what type of art will be featured.	No clear vision or structure for the exhibition.
Feasibility & Planning	Comprehensive and detailed timeline with realistic goals and steps.	Clear timeline with reasonable goals, but some logistical concerns.	Timeline lacks detail or feasibility, making execution unclear.	No clear planning or scheduling was provided.
Budget & Use of Funds	Thoroughly itemized budget, aligning with proposal and funding needs.	The budget is clear but lacks some detail on fund allocation.	The budget is vague or missing key expenses, affecting feasibility.	No budget or inadequate financial planning provided.
Venue Layout & Design	Well-thought-out layout that enhances the experience of displayed works.	Clear layout that suits the exhibition but needs minor refinements.	The layout is generic or does not effectively support artworks.	No layout or unsuitable exhibition design provided.



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Public Engagement & Impact	Strong plan for audience engagement and accessibility.	Good engagement strategy, but needs further development.	Minimal efforts for audience interaction or unclear strategy.	No engagement strategy presented.
Past Experience & Capability	The venue has a strong track record of successful exhibitions.	Some experience with exhibitions, demonstrating competency.	Limited exhibition experience raises feasibility concerns.	No prior experience or evidence of capability.

Notification & Grant Disbursement

Applicants will be notified of selections by the week of April 13, 2026. Selected venues will receive a detailed grant payment schedule upon selection.

For any questions or additional information, please contact Exhibitions@ArtPrize.org.

