

Overview

The Utah Division of Arts & Museums provides operational support funding to designated Local Arts Agencies to ensure the cultural, civic, educational, and economic benefits of the arts are accessible to communities throughout the state. The title “agency” may refer to a council, board, committee, or other organization.

Local Arts Agency Definition

A Local Arts Agency (LAA) is the primary organization in a defined geographical area that seeks to meet the artistic and cultural needs of a community. LAAs provide diverse creative experiences that might otherwise be unavailable, and make those experiences accessible to every community member. A Local Arts Agency is differentiated from other community arts organizations by its responsibility for fostering the arts throughout their community. They are also distinguished by offering multiple types of arts services and/or activities that are often multidisciplinary in nature.

Qualifications

To be recognized as an official local arts agency, the organization must be designated by the city/county government for the defined community they serve. The organization, whether a 501(c)(3) or under the umbrella of the governing body for the community, must also offer their community **at least three** of the following services: (please check all that apply)

Access to diverse art forms that facilitate public participation

Programs that address or respond to the cultural diversity and traditional arts of the community

Grants to cultural organizations in the community and efforts to fundraise for the arts groups in the defined area the organization serves

Cultural and community assessment and planning that encourages input from community members

Stewardship of a community’s art collection(s)

Produce or present arts programs such as festivals, public art projects, community theatre, concerts, workshops, etc.

Economic development efforts that support the creative economy through arts industries

Provide or manage facilities or venues for the creation and presentation of the arts

Programs that promote arts advocacy efforts in the community

Services that encourage and support innovation in technology for local artists and arts organizations

Agreement

Local Arts Agency Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

I verify our organization meets the Utah Division of Arts & Museums qualifications to be considered the official Local Arts Agency for our community.

Local Arts Agency Representative Name

Signature

I verify the organization listed above is the official Designated Local Arts Agency for the city/county of:

City/County

City/County Representative Name

Title

City/County Representative Signature

Date

****This Designation Agreement expires two (2) years from the date it is signed.***

Return completed form to Hilary Amnah via email (hamnah@utah.gov), mail (Utah Arts & Museums, 617 East South Temple, SLC, UT 84102) or fax (801-236-7556).