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Good morning Ms. Walter,

CNY Arts is announcing the opportunity to apply for the Onondaga County Public Arts Project 2023-24 Grant. This is only available to municipalities within Onondaga County. I am the primary point of contact for administration of this grant, and you can reach me via email at [sgutierrez@cnyarts.org](mailto:sgutierrez@cnyarts.org) or by phone at 315-435-2126.

CNY Arts is seeking qualified proposals from municipalities in Onondaga County for innovative public art projects. The program goals are to broaden the range of art experiences throughout the County by supporting the creation of public art varying in scope and scale, thereby showcasing local talent, strengthening civic pride, and celebrating the diverse cultural experiences of the County.

The Onondaga County Public Arts Project represents a new opportunity for the funding of public arts projects. The application process is open immediately.

**Eligible Applicants: Municipalities within Onondaga County**

**Priority Deadline:** Friday, December 1, 2023\*

**Project Award:** Request should be proportional to project scale

\*Proposals are accepted on a rolling deadline based on available funds.

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Please find our Grant Guidelines document attached and the Grant Application form linked [here](#).

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# Onondaga County Public Art Grants

## Grant Application Guidelines 2023 - 2024

### PROJECT OVERVIEW:

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Installations can take any form and may be site specific. Projects may include community engagement elements and/or interactive components. Installations of the work may be temporary, long-term or permanent, large or small, presented indoors or outdoors.

The total amount of available funds is \$500,000, to be shared across all proposals. Please keep in mind that this grant program is designed to provide project-specific support for the creation or installation of public artworks. As such, all expenses must be related to supporting the project proposed within the application.

All projects have to be installed in Onondaga County and employ local resident artists to be considered for funding. CNY Arts can help to connect municipalities and artists if needed, and proposals may be submitted without an artist selection.

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**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** All applications must include the following documents:

- **Project Description** with details including location, local artist(s), medium, and visual support.
- **Budget Overview** with projected costs (may identify other funding sources if applicable).
- **Optional:** Description of production timeline, implementation details, installation date.
- **Optional:** Letter of community support.

**SELECTION PROCESS & CRITERIA:**

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Assistance with completing this funding request is available by contacting:

Project Lead:

Sofia Gutierrez, Arts Leadership Fellow, CNY Arts

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Hannah Frieser, Director of Grants and Programs, CNY Arts

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