



Major Grant Changes

Effective January 2010

1. 5 categories instead of 7: We have eliminated two categories: Artists in Schools & Communities Residencies, and Conferences, Workshops, & Forums. Residency projects will now be reviewed in the Arts in Education category, and workshops or conferences will generally be reviewed in the Organizations category.
2. Re-named criteria: The priorities haven't changed, but we've renamed the criteria so they're more accurate to what's being reviewed:
What was Artistic Excellence is now Artistic Excellence of the Project
What was Service to Iowans is now Who Benefits
What was Planning & Implementation is now Planning, Management, & Evaluation
3. More focused review criteria: For each category, the criteria are much more specific and clear. Application instructions also include details about how each part of what you submit in the application will affect each criterion.
4. Revised narrative section: The narrative information you are asked to submit will be different depending on the category in which you are applying. You will need to carefully follow the instructions provided for your grant category.
5. Revised scoring system: The total possible score for each application is changed to 40 points, instead of 44 points, and each item in the review criteria is scored separately. Artistic Excellence of the Project will be worth 20 points. The other two primary criteria will be worth 10 points each. Even more specifically, in each of the five program categories, there will be anywhere from 2 to 10 possible points assigned to each program-specific criterion.
6. Redesigned Work Samples and Support Materials form: A simpler, fillable form, with instructions for types of work samples moved to a linked web page.

Upcoming Major Grant Deadlines

April 1, 2010: for projects occurring between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011

We do NOT anticipate having an October 1, 2010 Major Grant deadline, due to state budget cuts.