



FY26 Project Grant Final Report Guidelines

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UNUSED GRANT FUNDS

GCA expects grant recipients to use all of the grant funds awarded on the project proposed and approved through the application process. If a grantee is not going to spend the full grant amount, grantees must notify GCA early enough in the fiscal year for our agency to reallocate those funds to another arts project. If GCA is not notified about unused funds until late in the fiscal year (May-June), there is not time to reallocate the funds and they must be returned to the state's general fund. In the recent past, unused funds in one year have had a negative impact on GCA's budget in the following year.

GCA is allowing FY26 grantees to submit Change Forms, which will allow changes to the funded project, including: change of dates up to June 30, 2026; change of project; conversion to a virtual project; or cancellation of the grant and releasing the funds back to GCA. Contact the grant manager if you need to submit a Change Form.

Please help us protect and utilize all of the state's arts appropriation by submitting your Final Report on time and notifying GCA as soon as possible if you believe that you will not utilize all of your grant funds.

DEADLINE

Project Grant Final Reports are **due no later than 30 days after the project is completed**. For projects that are completed on June 30, 2026, final reports are due no later than **July 31, 2026**. Final Reports received after the deadline may result in cancellation of the contract balance. In addition, FY27 Grant Review Panels will be notified if any applicant submitted a late FY26 final report, which may have an impact on the organization's final scores.

FINAL REPORT SUBMISSION

FY26 Project Grant Final Reports will be submitted via GCA's online grant system:
<http://georgia.org/ArtsApply>

ABOUT THE FINAL REPORT

ONLINE FINAL REPORT COMPONENTS

The following will be completed online within GCA's online grant system:

- **General Information and GCA Data**
- **NEA Data**
- **Narrative**
- **Financial Information**
- **Authorized Signature**

The following attachments will be uploaded to the final report in GCA's online grant system:

- **Actual Income and Expense Final Report Form**
- **GCA Credit Verification**
- **Letters to the Governor and Legislators**
- **Photos**
- **Locations where project took place (if needed)**
- **Contractor's Request for Reimbursement Form (CRR)**

The following will be completed via these links:

- **Change of Information Form –**
<http://georgia.org/ArtsApply>

This is only required if the person signing the final report is not listed as an authorized official in the organization's original grant application. The Change of Information Form may be found by signing in to GCA's online grants system, clicking Apply at the top of the page, and choosing the Change of Information Form.

GCA ONLINE GRANT SYSTEM

All FY26 Final Reports must be submitted via GCA's online grant system: <http://georgia.org/ArtsApply>. This is the same system through which grantees submitted their FY26 grant application.

After you log in, go to your Applicant Dashboard. You will see your FY26 Project Grant Application. Under the application listing, you will see a section entitled Follow Up Forms. Under that section heading will be a form entitled FY26 Project Grant Final Report. To access the form, click the EDIT link to the right.

Once you have accessed the FY26 Project Grant Final Report:

- If you would like a PDF copy of the Final Report form, click the Question List button.
- Note that any fields with an asterisk are required fields.
- The system will auto-save every 100 characters typed or every time you click out of a field.
- Some fields have character limits. Responses that are longer than the set limit will be saved, ***but*** an error message will appear informing you that the limit has been exceeded. You will not be allowed to submit the form until the length of the response has been decreased.
- If you save and exit the system, you will access the draft of your report from your Dashboard the next time you log in. Pick up where you left off by clicking the pencil icon to the right of the request.

ONLINE FINAL REPORT FORM

The following Final Report components must be completed:

GENERAL INFORMATION AND GCA DATA

Fiscal Year Start Date – Enter the date that the organization's fiscal year begins

Fiscal Year End Date – Enter the date that the organization's fiscal year ends

Date of Project – Actual date the project started and actual date the project ended

Number of Adults Engaged – Total number of adults engaged in the funded program

Number of Youth Engaged – Total number of youth (age 18 and under) engaged in the funded program

Number of Artists Directly Involved – Total number of artists participating in the funded program

Please be sure that the number of adults engaged, the number of youth engaged, and the number of artists participating reflects the actual figures from your program and people engaged in person, not through online programming or broadcast media.

Full-Time Employees – Enter the total number of people employed full-time by the organization receiving the grant.

Part-Time Employees – Enter the total number of people employed part-time by the organization receiving the grant. This total should not include contractors.

Full-Time Jobs Supported By This Grant – Enter the total number of full-time jobs supported in full or in part by the grant funds received.

Part-Time Jobs Supported By This Grant – Enter the total number of part-time jobs supported in full or in part by the grant funds received. This total should not include contractors.

Counties Served – Select all counties in which grant-funded programming took place

Address Where the Funded Project Took Place - In the fields below, enter the address where the funded program took place. If the program took place in a location without a specific address, enter only the city, state, and zip code.

- *Venue Street Address*
- *Venue City*
- *Venue State*
- *Venue Zip Code*

If the program took place at more than one location, enter the additional addresses, including street number and street name, city, state, and zip code for each location.

If the program took place at more than 10 addresses, upload an Excel file with the addresses, including street number and street name, city, state, and zip code for each location.

Length of Project – Number of days the funded program took place

GCA Grant Impact - Survey Questions

The information in this section is used by Georgia Council for the Arts for statistical purposes. For each question, choose the best answer from among the choices provided in the online form.

Alignment with GCA Goals - Choose the GCA goal(s) that your program helped to support. Choose all that apply.

- Goal 1: Expanding economic development opportunities through the arts
- Goal 2: Grow GCA's services to new audiences and communities
- Goal 3: Utilize the arts to fortify education in the state
- Goal 4: Strengthen the arts sector in the state
- Goal 5: Build the capacity of the Georgia Council for the Arts

Answer the following yes or no questions regarding your FY26 GCA Project Grant:

- *Impact on Project* - Would you have had to cut back on the projected scope of the project if you had not received the GCA grant?
- *Impact on Fund Raising* – Were you able to leverage the GCA grant to help you raise additional money for your organization?
- *Impact on Funder Impressions* - Do you feel that other funders look more favorably on your organization if it is funded by GCA?
- *Impact on Jobs* - Would jobs have been affected had your organization not received this GCA grant? For instance, would you have had to cut the number of projected jobs, part-time hours, or number of artists, designers, contractors, etc., if your organization had not received the GCA grant?
- *Impact on Audiences* - Did this GCA grant allow your organization to reach new audiences?
- *Impact on Partnerships* - Did this GCA grant allow your organization to launch a new collaboration or partnership?

Benefits to the Community

Choose all statements that are true about your program.

- The program provided arts experiences that were new to local residents.
- The program strengthened community networks and engagement.
- The program supported economic development in the area.
- The program offered training to build sustainability for artists and arts organizations.
- The program was educational for students.

NEA DATA

The information in this section is used by the National Endowment for the Arts for statistical purposes.

For each question, choose the best answer from among the choices provided in the online form.

- Applicant Status
- Applicant Institution
- Applicant Discipline
- Project Discipline
- Type of Activity of Project
- Arts Education Description (% of project activities that are arts education)

For the next two questions, from among the options provided please select all categories that, by your best estimate, made up 25% or more of the population that directly benefited from the award during the period of support. These responses should refer to populations reached directly, rather than through broadcasts or online programming.

- Population Benefited by Age
- Population Benefited by Distinct Groups

NARRATIVE

These questions must be answered in the final report form within GCA's online grant system.

The character limit for each is 3,000 characters, unless otherwise indicated.

- Listed above is the project description provided in the application. Provide a short summary of how the program described in the application was implemented, including program activities, program dates, artists and educators, and the location or venue for the program. If any of these aspects of the program differed from what was described in the original application, please note those differences and the reasons why changes were made.
- Referencing the specific goals or outcomes listed above from the application for the funded program, for each goal that was listed in your original application and also in the grant contract, discuss the progress toward meeting the goal(s) and how your organization evaluated/measured the success toward achieving each goal. If your organization did not meet the identified goal(s), discuss why the goal(s) were not met.
- How did you actively make your project accessible to underserved audiences in your community? *(1,500 character limit)*
- What was the impact of your project both on your organization and the community that you serve, including underserved audiences? *(1,500 character limit)*
- Describe a specific story/anecdote which demonstrates the value of your project to a person/people in your community

- What impact did the GCA grant have on your project?

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Provide the following information for the funded program in the online final report form:

- Total Actual Expenses
- Total Actual Income
- Actual In-Kind Contributions

ATTACHMENTS

The following items will be uploaded to the Final Report.

ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENSE FINAL REPORT FORM

Click [here](#) to access the FY26 Project Grant Actual Income and Expense Final Report Form. Enter the actual income and expenses with breakdowns for the funded project, then upload the form to the final report.

Please note:

- Include **ALL** income and expenses for the project
- Total income and total expenses do not have to be even; however, the report form must show at least as much in total income as total expenses. Forms that show more in total expenses than total income will be returned to the grantee to be corrected.
- The report **MUST** show at least a 50% cash match for the grant award amount. For instance, if your organization received a \$5,000 grant, then the report must show that your organization raised at least \$2,500 in income from sources other than GCA. Expenses must be at least 1.5 times the grant award amount. For instance, if the grant award is \$5,000, then total expenses must be at least \$7,500.
- If either the total expenses or total income for the project decreased by more than 20% from the application budget, provide an explanation in the space indicated on the form (tab 2) for the overall decrease. Also explain whether or not the decrease had an impact on the overall quality of the project.

Breakdowns are required for the following lines:

EXPENSES

1. Personnel-Administrative
2. Personnel-Artistic
3. Outside Fees
5. Remaining Expenses

INCOME

18. Revenue-Other

- The breakdown should include a description and amount for all items that make up the total for that line.
- For lines 1 and 2 (personnel), list the positions included in the total for that line. You do

not have to list the individual salary for each position. Indicate whether each position is full-time (FT) or part-time (PT)

- Organizations with multiple employees in similar positions may group those positions together and list the number of positions included.

The following are **ineligible expenses**:

- Capital Expenditures/Equipment, which are permanent fixtures or equipment with a useful life of over one year that cost more than \$10,000 or the capital level cost established. This included:
 - Buildings or real estate/land purchases
 - Construction, renovations or improvements involving structural changes
 - Roads, driveways, parking lots or projects/repairs
 - Permanent or generally immobile equipment
- Fundraising event expenses, as well as general fundraising expenses
- Programming outside of Georgia
- Programs that are not arts-based
- Tuition for college/university study
- Scholarships, gifts, prizes, or awards. This includes cash prizes, gift certificates/gift cards, or any other cash equivalents with monetary value
- Endowment funds or cash reserves
- Debt and interest associated with capital expenditures
- Depreciation
- Bad debt, fines and penalties or deficit reduction
- Alcohol, concessions, food, or drinks
- Entertainment expenses, such as receptions, refreshments, staff or cast parties, staff awards, flowers, etc.
- Late registration fees for conferences
- Fees paid to lobbyists, lobbying activities
- Goods for resale, including concessions, promotional merchandise, clothing, or other items purchased for sale
- Improvements to arts facilities that also serve as private residences
- Severance pay, legal settlements
- Travel and accommodation expenses that are over the rate allowed by the state of Georgia (see <http://gsa.gov/portal/category/100120> for a breakdown of travel rates)
- Any air travel not on a U.S. flag air carrier or a foreign air carrier under an air transport agreement with the United States when these services are available
- Prohibited telecommunications and video surveillance services and equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities
- Audit costs that are not directly allocable to a federally required Single Audit
- Contributions or donations to other entities
- Rental costs for home office workspace owned by individuals or entities affiliated with your organization
- Vehicle purchase costs

- Visa costs paid to the US Government
- Any expenses labeled as miscellaneous, other, additional expenses, discretionary expenses, slush fund, etc.

GCA CREDIT VERIFICATION

Upload an image of publicity material from your project, which documents compliance with the GCA logo and crediting requirements. Examples include, but are not limited to, flyers, brochures, postcards, posters, web pages, press releases, tickets, ads, etc. **DO NOT SEND HARD COPIES OF ANY MATERIAL.** If you did not print material for your project, or if material was printed prior to the grant announcement, then upload a list of the ways in which GCA was credited, such as through an announcement before an event. GCA logos and logo requirements are available on the website at: <https://gaarts.org/grants/gca-logo-requirements/>.

PHOTOS

Submit at least two high resolution photos of your funded program that GCA can use on our website or in published material. In the box available online in this section, please enter any applicable information, such as the photo credit, name of the production, name of the artist whose work is pictured, etc.

LETTERS TO THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATORS

All FY26 grantees are required to write and send letters to the Governor and their two State Legislators describing the project and thanking them for their support. Copies of these letters should be combined into a single document and uploaded to the final report. Letters should include the following information:

- the number of people served by the organization
- the ways that the organization serves its community
- the ways that the GCA grant will better enable the organization to serve its community
- an invitation to the funded program(s) (if applicable)

Letters to the Governor should be addressed to:

Governor Brian P. Kemp
206 Washington Street
Suite 203, State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

If you need contact information for your state legislators, go here:

https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/. On this page, enter the physical address for the organization receiving the grant, including street address, city, state, and zip code, and then click Search by Address. The results will include your State Representative (lower chamber) and your State Senator (upper chamber). Click on the elected official's name to access their address and email.

CONTRACTOR'S REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT (CRR) FORM

Upload a completed copy of the final CRR with a physical signature or certified digital signature through the Adobe Sign & Certify tool. A typed name **will not** be accepted as a signature.

The CRR Form can be found here: <https://georgia.org/industries/arts/grants/project>.

Please note the following:

- The address on the CRR must match the address that is in GCA's online grant system and in the state accounting system.
- No CRR will be processed if requirements from the preceding fiscal year, the Contract Package, or the Final Report are outstanding.
- **Each CRR must be submitted with receipts totaling the reported total actual expenses. Please combine the completed CRR form with the receipts as a single PDF file and upload the file to this section of the final report form.**

Please note: Mailing or e-mailing the CRR Form rather than uploading it with your final report will delay processing of your report and your final payment.

LOCATIONS WHERE PROJECT TOOK PLACE (if needed)

If the funded project took place in more than one location, attach an Excel spreadsheet which lists the street address, city, state and zip code for each location as well as the number of days the project took place in each location.

ADDITIONAL FINAL REPORT INFORMATION

CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM

This form is only required if the person signing the final report is not listed as an authorized official on the original application.

Submit the Change of Information Form by logging in to your account in GCA's online grant system and completing the Change of Information Form. GCA's online grant system is available at <http://georgia.org/ArtsApply>. Click on the home icon to access your dashboard. Then scroll down to the Change of Information Form and click on edit to complete and submit the form.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions about the final report form or attachments, please do not hesitate to contact GCA staff.

- For questions about GCA Project Grants in general or final reports, contact:
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- For questions about grant contracts, grant payments, or the CRR form contact:
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