

Ranking Criteria for RAP Cultural Grant Applicants

Every aspect of the three ranking categories must be considered carefully as they pertain to each application. The top ranking score of seven (7) should only be given to organizations that thoroughly meet or exceed all criteria in each category as demonstrated in the empirical data presented. The expanded rankings are intended to differentiate the truly exceptional applications while promoting more variation in the committee's analyses.

An application which demonstrates exceptional Artistic/Cultural Vibrancy:

- Engages qualified and diverse arts/cultural professionals
- Inspires and contributes to a vibrant/energetic cultural community in Summit County
- Provides unique, impressive, and noteworthy contributions to its field
- Supports work that has merit and connects with the audience

An application which demonstrates exceptional Public Benefit/Outreach:

- Clearly demonstrates the organization understands, works with, and serves the Summit County Community
- Connects with the target audience
- Makes an effort to also reach out to underserved populations
- Demonstrates meaningful relationships with other stakeholders
- Is open to the public and welcomes all

An application which demonstrates exceptional Organizational Capacity:

- Clearly demonstrates the organization is well managed and stable
- Has engaged, active, and qualified Board, Staff, and/or Volunteers
- Demonstrates strong partnerships with other art & cultural agencies
- Demonstrates diverse funding sources
- Sets goals and measures progress
- Sets a realistic and appropriate annual budget
- Clearly demonstrates the ability to implement project(s) and/or operations