

## Town of Castle Rock Art and Culture Grant Program

Funded through the Public Art Fund, the Town of Castle Rock's annual Art and Culture Grant Program supports vibrant art and culture initiatives that enrich the community and foster creativity. The program offers funding to a range of entities, including nonprofit organizations, businesses, government agencies, artists, educators and libraries, to enhance Castle Rock's cultural landscape through innovative programming, projects and educational opportunities.

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### Art and Culture Program Grants

These grants aim to foster a thriving arts and culture scene by supporting a diverse range of programming initiatives. Eligible programs may include workshops and classes, community events, performances and productions, educational programming, public engagement, or other creative endeavors that align with the community's cultural goals, including historical, theatrical, literary and musical opportunities.

- **Eligibility:** nonprofit 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) organizations providing art and culture programs in Castle Rock
- **Funding:** up to five grants of up to \$10,000 each

### Art and Culture Project Grants

These grants are intended to enrich Castle Rock's cultural landscape by supporting creative initiatives that deliver a strong visual, experiential or cultural impact. These grants are well-suited for projects that introduce artistic innovation, celebrate cultural identity or foster community engagement in public or shared spaces. Eligible projects may include mural installations, sculpture displays, light art, artistic enhancements to infrastructure, historical monuments, placemaking signage and cultural and historical exhibitions.

- **Eligibility:** Nonprofit 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) organizations, local businesses and units of government, public libraries, artists
- **Funding:** up to five grants of up to \$5,000 each

### Art and Culture Educator Grants

These grants are designed to integrate art and cultural experiences into classrooms and educational settings. The goal is to inspire creativity, promote cultural and historical understanding and enrich student learning. Funding may be used to support a variety of initiatives, including the purchase of art supplies and materials, the purchase of specialized tools for advanced or media-specific projects, classroom-based or schoolwide art and culture initiatives or events, collaborative art pieces for display in shared spaces, interdisciplinary programs combining art with subjects like science, literature, or music, student-created public art projects, school exhibitions highlighting artistic or cultural expression and hands-on workshops or interactive learning.

- **Eligibility:** Schools in Castle Rock, including public and private institutions and homeschool educators serving pre-k through high school; priority will be given to schools outside of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District
  - **Funding:** Up to 10 grants of up to \$1,000 each
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## **Grant process**

### **Application submission**

Applicants will complete an online application detailing the purpose of the project, its alignment with community art/cultural goals and a proposed budget. Submissions should align with the mission of enriching the community through art and cultural initiatives.

All projects, programs or initiatives funded by the grants must take place within the jurisdiction of Castle Rock, not in unincorporated areas outside Town limits. Projects should be accessible and inclusive, offering opportunities for diverse members of the community to participate, experience and benefit from the initiative.

Applicants must demonstrate a capacity to successfully plan and execute the proposed initiative and provide a clear, realistic budget that outlines how grant funds will be used to achieve project or program goals. Submissions are due July 18, 2025.

When appropriate, applicants must submit partnership letters or letters of intent from landowners and project collaborators to demonstrate site access and community support for proposed projects.

Please note that applicants may only receive one grant award per grant cycle, regardless of the number of applications submitted, unless a low number of applications is received, in which case multiple awards may be considered at the discretion of the review panel and Town Council.

### **Grant review process**

Submitted applications will be reviewed by a panel consisting of Town staff and members of the Public Art Commission in August 2025. Follow-up questions may be sent to applicants, with responses due by August 8, 2025, and organizations/businesses/schools, etc., will be required to provide proof of grant eligibility.

### **Grant awards approval**

Recommendations will be presented to Town Council for final approval in September. Grant awardees may be required to complete and sign a grant acceptance agreement outlining the terms, conditions, and reporting requirements associated with the funding.

### **Funding distribution**

Funding for approved grants will be distributed throughout September and October 2025 to support program execution.

### **Program execution and reporting**

Programs and projects must be implemented by **July 1, 2026**. Grant recipients are required to submit a detailed report to the Town of Castle Rock by **July 15, 2026** outlining outcomes, impacts and use of funds.

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### **2025-2026 grant cycle key dates (future years will follow approximate same timeline)**

- **May 2025:** application period opens
  - **July 18, 2025:** application submission deadline
  - **August 2025:** application review period; questions, if any, sent to applicants with responses due by **August 8, 2025**
  - **September 2025:** grant awards recommended to and approved by Town Council
  - **September-October 2025:** grant funding distributed
  - **July 1, 2026:** deadline for program/project completion
  - **July 15, 2026:** grant reports due
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