

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Bravo Greater Des Moines offers financial support for arts, culture and heritage capital projects in Greater Des Moines. Bravo defines “capital project” as a comprehensive and cohesive construction, expansion, renovation or replacement project for an existing facility. The purchase of major equipment (assets) with a useful life of at least three (3) years is considered a capital project, as is the installation of public art.

There is up to \$150,000 available for Capital Project Grant (CPG) awards in grant cycle 2021 (GC21). This is a competitive grant program; it is possible not all funding requests will be awarded.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Eligible CPG applicants must meet each of the following criteria:

1. Received a GC21-1 Cultural Enrichment Grant, Cultural Leadership Grant or Arts and Culture Program Grant from Bravo; and
2. Meets with Bravo staff by April 16, 2021.

Failure to meet these criteria will result in ineligibility for funding in GC21. The applicant should be the intended entity to contract with Bravo Greater Des Moines to receive grant funds and undertake the funded activity. An organization may submit only one CPG application per grant cycle. Organizations that received a Capital Project Grant award in grant cycle 2020 are ineligible for CPG funding in GC21.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Eligible capital projects are of the type and scope that an organization must raise additional funds outside normal operations to complete it. Projects must have a total cost of at least \$15,000 and must have a useful life of at least three (3) years.

Bravo grant funds must be spent between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. Funds may be used for land acquisition, engineering and architectural planning, construction costs, the purchase of major equipment with a useful life of at least 3 years and the acquisition and installation of public art. Bravo defines public art as permanent artwork in a public place that is free and accessible.

Previously funded projects are ineligible for additional Bravo funding unless the proposed project is a distinct and separate phase. Other ineligible expenses include, but are not limited to the following:

- Operating costs, including staff time
- Programming and events
- Endowment
- Sponsorship
- Existing obligations, debts or liabilities
- Feasibility studies
- Exhibits or other additions to an organization’s permanent collection

GRANT AWARDS

Applicants may request up to 30% of project costs. Bravo may, at its discretion, award partial funding.

APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

Applicants will be asked to attach additional materials to their CPG application. Failure to submit required documentation may result in disqualification from consideration. All attachments must be in PDF format. Documentation includes:

- **Budget** – One-page budget that details the costs to fully complete the project. Identify any expenses already incurred.
- **Fundraising** – List of all confirmed and pending sources (cash, pledges and in-kind) of funding to complete the project. Include the donor name, the amount and the date of donation/funding decision. Label donations that are in-kind.
- **Timeline** – One-page detailed timeline of major milestones for the project. Use specific dates when possible and include milestones already reached.
- **Images** (if available) – Up to three images for the project. These can be architect’s renderings, sketches, photos of the site or equipment or stock photo of the renovation or materials to be used. The images can be of the problem to be solved or of solutions spotted elsewhere. Make the images compelling and part of the case for funding.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 29, 2021

Application available by 10:00 a.m.

June 30, 2020

Grant Agreements due by 3:00 p.m.

April 16, 2021

Deadline to meet with Bravo staff

July 1, 2021

Grant term begins

April 23, 2021

Application due by 3:00 p.m.

June 30, 2022

Grant term ends

June 17, 2021

Award notifications sent

APPLICATION REVIEW

Bravo’s Community Investment Committee will evaluate eligible applications. The Bravo Board of Directors will make the final funding decisions. Meetings of the Community Investment Committee are not open to the public. Applicants should not contact Committee members or Bravo Board members directly to discuss applications or funding amounts

GRANT AWARD PROCESS

Award notifications will be sent via email. Applicants awarded a GC21 Capital Project Grant will be required to sign a Grant Agreement by June 30, 2021. Grant awards will be disbursed after execution of the Grant Agreement. A final grant report will be due July 31, 2022.

Bravo is committed to a transparent, fair and consistent grantmaking process. There is no appeal of final funding decisions made by the Bravo Board of Directors.

QUESTIONS

Contact Bravo staff at grants@bravogreaterdesmoines.org or 515.243.0388 with any questions.