

**PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION SPACE GRANTS**  
**Applications due FEBRUARY 25, 2019 BY 11:59 P.M.**

**BACKGROUND**

Portland is growing rapidly, and artists and arts organizations are having trouble finding affordable space to work, showcase their art, and conduct day-to-day business. In February 2018, City Council adopted a [plan to preserve and expand affordable arts space](#) in our community with recommendations to address the rapid loss of creative space impacting Portland's artists, arts organizations, and public access to the arts. Because the plan identified a vital need for affordable space, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) is announcing a pilot space grant program offering time and space for artists to develop, create, and experiment. The pilot is intended to gather information regarding the value of such space grants to an artist, determine community interest and engagement, and to optimize underutilized spaces.

In exchange for space, artists will be expected to provide some type of community engagement, such as:

- Open rehearsal(s) to the public
- Offer one or more workshop/class; or lecture
- Mount an exhibit that has free admission
- Demonstrate that work is being developed for/with greater Portland community in sites such as schools, hospitals, etc.
- Offer free access/tickets to events such as performances and outside exhibitions

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

PP&R is offering space grants to local Portland artists during PP&R's spring quarter. This opportunity is designed to respond to immediate needs in Portland's creative community.

The program's primary purpose is to offer space grants for artists to focus on their own artistic process. In exchange, artists will offer a community engagement element.

Artists can be at any career level. Artists must currently reside in the city of Portland.

Opportunities are available for both studio and performing artists.

A coordinated single application of up to two artists/groups will be accepted; if applying jointly, please identify how the space will be shared.

Artists making work relevant to the neighborhood where the facility is located, or who live in the neighborhood, are encouraged to apply.

Additionally, PP&R is looking to:

- Support diverse and inclusive community spaces reflective of the greater community
- Support activities that strengthen networks and encourage creative partnerships between the City, nonprofits, community-based organizations, and residents
- Support cultural and artistic practices that bring diverse people together and contribute to more cohesive, resilient communities
- Advance the [Citywide Racial Equity Goals & Strategies](#) (link)
- Advance the [Plan for Preserving and Expanding Affordable Arts Space in Portland](#) (link)

At the conclusion of the grant term, artists will agree to participate in an exit survey.

**Residency Descriptions**

Locations	Size	ADA	Description & Amenities	Availability	Dates	Support	Best used for
<p><b>Charles Jordan Community Center</b> 9009 N Foss Avenue Portland, Oregon 97203</p>	2100 sq. ft. rehearsal studio	ADA accessible	<p>Rehearsal studio; ideal for: dance, theatre, other performance disciplines.</p> <p>Space features include mirrors, wood sprung floor, mirrors and plug and play sound system (ceiling mounted speakers)</p>	Saturdays 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	March 30 through June 15 (12 weeks)	Staff are onsite at Charles Jordan Community Center during regular operating hours.	Dance/Performance Artist/s
<p><b>Multnomah Arts Center</b> 7688 SW Capitol Highway Portland, Oregon 97203 (Multnomah Village)</p>	1040 sq. ft. cottage	not accessible at this time. (ADA construction scheduled to complete October 2019.)	<p>Cottage 4 is a freestanding, one-room building with an open studio space and adjacent restroom; ideal for: dance, theatre, and other performance disciplines; visual arts possible with some limitations.</p> <p>Space features include Pergo wood floors, sound system, piano, limited storage space, sink, local phone (outgoing calls), Wi-Fi/internet, air-conditioning</p>	<p>Up to 24 hours of space per week (at a maximum of 4 hours per day) within the following time frames:</p> <p>Mondays: 11:30 am – 9:00 p.m. Tuesdays: 3:00 pm – 9:00 p.m. Wednesdays: not available Thursdays: 11:30 am – 9:00 p.m. Fridays: 11:30 am – 5:30 p.m. Saturdays: 12:00 pm – 4:30 p.m. Sundays: 9:00 am – 4:30 p.m.</p>	April 1 through June 9, 2019 (10 weeks)	Staff are onsite at the main Multnomah Arts Center building during regular operating hours.	Studio/ Performance Artist/ Musicians
<p><b>Laurelhurst Dance Studio</b> 3756 SE Oak Street Portland, Oregon 97214 (Located within Laurelhurst Park)</p>	1271 sq. ft. rehearsal studio + adjoining restroom	Building entrance and parking	<p>Rehearsal studio + adjoining restroom. Ideal for: dance, theatre, other performance disciplines.</p> <p>Space features include Sprung, Marley floor; barres; mirrors, sound system</p>	Sundays 2:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	March 31 through June 16 (12 weeks)	Studio will be unstaffed during available hours. Designated staff person will be on call to address questions or needs.	Dance/ Performance Artists/Musicians

**EVALUATION**

Applications will be evaluated on:

- Demonstrated commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion of the artist's practice
- Articulated ability and need to use the time for artistic endeavors
- Intent to produce/showcase/exhibit work in the city of Portland

**PANEL**

The panel will review applications and recommend candidates to PP&R staff and will include representatives from the following

City of Portland Creative Laureate  
Office of Chloe Eudaly  
Office of Commissioner Nick Fish  
Portland Parks & Recreation  
Regional Arts and Cultural Council

Grantees will be notified no later than March 15.

Please contact Tracy Schreiber at [tracy.schreiber@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:tracy.schreiber@portlandoregon.gov) or 503-823-4367 with any questions about this application process or pilot program.