

2026 ValleyCreates Capacity Building Application

Narrative Questions

1. **Artistic Practice* (Required)**

Please tell us about your current artistic practice and your work. What you create and why.

Maximum of 1000 characters including spaces.

2. **What's Next?* (Required)**

What's next in your artistic/creative journey? Have you identified potential areas for growth or directions you wish to pursue?

Maximum of 1000 characters including spaces.

3. **Support Needed* (Required)**

The information you provide here will help us assess how the Capacity-Building Program might best support you. Please note that this program is best suited for creatives who are excited to engage with the program offerings, ready to build a more sustainable practice,

and looking to expand and deepen their network of creative peers. Please do not choose more than three options.

- Goal-setting, career & life planning
- Cohort-building / expanding your local artist network
- Personal finances including debt or credit questions
- Systems of solidarity or cooperative work
- Outreach & marketing
- Business topics, including taxes, contracts, budgeting, negotiating rates
- Local and/or state-level cultural policy and advocacy work
- 1st time homebuyer education & assistance
- Grant funds

Support Needed – Comments (Optional)

Please tell us if there is any additional support you need at this time.

Maximum of 600 characters including spaces.

4. Timing of Opportunity* (Required)

The Capacity-Building program is about much more than grant funds. It includes workshops, coaching, and being amongst a cohort of peers. Explore all it offers here. Why is now the right time for you to engage in this program, and how will one or two of the supports you selected help expand and deepen your work?

Maximum of 1000 characters including spaces.

5. Work Samples* (Required)

Please submit work samples of your creative work in one of the formats below, including a short description of each piece (you do not need to submit every option). You can view our Work Samples Recommendations [here](#).

If artificial intelligence has been used as a tool to support your work in some way, please include an explanation.

Works purely generated through AI are not eligible.

Choose the category that best reflects your work:

- Images: Submit 5 images of your work.
- Text-based work: Submit up to 10 pages total.
- Video: Submit 3–5 short videos or one video up to 15 minutes long. (We only accept links to videos, not uploaded files.)
- Combination of formats (images, text, and/or video): Please submit 5 total work samples across all formats combined.

If you're submitting more than one format, please keep your total number of samples to five.

6. Closing Comments (Optional)

What else should we know? Is there anything else that you would like to elaborate on that was not captured above? Or is there any additional information you would like to share with the selection committee? (Optional)

Maximum of 800 characters, including spaces.