




# Update on the Expanded Access to Arts and Culture (EAAC) Grant Program

May 18, 2026

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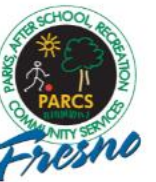
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# General Updates

- Staff have been working on responding to Cycle Two and preparing guidelines for Cycle Three.
- Legal has reaffirmed that the Cycle Three Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) must be released by **June 30, 2026**.



# Cycle Two Grantees

- Two [technical assistance meetings](#) were held for grantees that had not received any funding.
  - May 8, 2026 – Meeting #1
  - May 13, 2026 – Meeting #2
- Meetings were held in-person with a virtual option.
- A total of 14 grantees attended in person, and 31 attended virtually.
- Meeting purpose: provide an orientation to grantees to enable contracting.
- Grantees & fiscal sponsors were invited via email.



# EXPANDED ACCESS TO ARTS AND CULTURE GRANTEE

This guide is designed specifically for EAAC Cycle 2 grantees.



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# Cycle Two Grantees

- During the meetings, grantees communicated that they are in various stages of project completion.
- In some cases, projects have started or are nearing 100% completion without receiving any grant funding.
- Staff have begun scheduling one-on-one meetings to ensure the correct contract template is used based on the unique situation.
- The City Attorney's Office and Risk have been consulted to advise on adjustments to agreements based on the variety of situations.



# Cycle Two Grantees

For Grantees that received 90% funding but still need 10% funding:

- A technical assistance meeting will be held in the next few weeks (tentatively tracking last week of May)
- Please save all of your receipts, invoices and back-up financial documentation for your expenses.
- Please continue to track all of the data outlined in your original grant agreement with Fresno Arts Council for reporting purposes (ex. number of youth, adults and seniors served, etc.)



# EAAC Cycle Three Updates

## Community Engagement and Sub-committee meetings held:

- April 22, 2026 – Community Listening Session #1 @ Ted C. Wills
- April 25, 2026 – Community Listening Session #2 @ Maxie L. Parks
- April 28, 2026 – Community Listening Session #3 @ Mosqueda
- April 29, 2026 – Guidelines Sub-Committee Meeting #2;  
reviewed Application Review Committee (ARC) Handbook



# EAAC Cycle Three Updates

- April 30, 2026 – Guideline Comment Portal Closed
- May 8, 2026 – ARC Handbook Comment portal Closed
- May 13, 2025 – Guidelines Sub-Committee Meeting #3; reviewed guidelines and handbook/incorporated public comments.
- **May 18, 2026 – Review with PRAC and opportunity to provide feedback and recommend guidelines**
- **Special meeting – Final opportunity to recommend to meet June 30th Deadline.**



# Resources

For agendas, minutes, attachments and recordings from meeting, visit:

<https://fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

or

[Expanded Access to Arts and Culture – City of Fresno](#)



# Next 30 Days

- Begin interviews for new staff.
- Complete technical assistance for Cycle Two Grantees to enable contracting.
- Review Cycle Three draft guidelines and associated materials with PRAC (today)
- Special meeting request for Week of May 25th to finalize Cycle three guidelines.
- Continue to build grant portal site for Cycle Three.
- Continue to build out the EAAC website.
- Finalize cycle three guidelines to bring before the City Council on June 18th, 2026.



# Ongoing Updates & Contacts

- The City of Fresno will provide updates during monthly PRAC meetings
- PRAC meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month
- Upcoming Meetings:
  - June 15, 2026
  - July 20, 2026
  - August 17, 2026

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# Questions?

