APPLICATION INFORMATION

Are we eligible for the Stabilization program based upon our location?

Nonprofits can apply if they are based outside of New York City. They will apply through either the New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON) or New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) depending upon the county where their primary operation is located.

- [Link](#) for information about applying through NYCON.
- [Link](#) for information about applying through NYFA.

Do we need to have received a New York State Council for the Arts (NYSCA) grant to apply?

- No.

Do we need to be a NYCON member to apply?

- No.

How is “rural” defined for this application?

- The organization is based in a municipality of less than 30,000 people that is not part of an urban or suburban cluster.

How is “community-based” defined for this application?

- The organization serves the people in and around the locale where it is located. It may focus its work on a segment of this populace.

What format should be used for the budget document required in the application?

- A spreadsheet format such as Microsoft Excel is preferred. Other formats will be accepted.

What is the importance of including “relevant” documents as part of the application, in addition to the “required” documents?

- Relevant documents can help offer a better understanding of the overall application. For example, they can further clarify the status of your organization and its key organizational needs. They can help explain the project you’ve proposed in the application. Relevant documents are optional for completing the application.

Is there any difference between the November 2023 and February 2024 application deadlines?

- The same rules apply. Ten organizations will be chosen to work with NYCON and NYFA respectively based upon the applicant pool for each deadline. [NOTE: Organizations that apply by the November deadline and aren’t chosen, will automatically remain active applicants for the February deadline.]

Is it possible to save the application as a draft, and then edit and complete it later?

- Yes. At the bottom of your form, select "Save my progress and resume later | Resume a previously saved form." This process requires creating a login to access your draft application (you will need to share that information with anyone else who will log in to work on the application).

How many organizations will be selected for the Stabilization program?

- Forty organizations overall, twenty working with NYCON and twenty working with NYFA.
PROGRAM INFORMATION

What subjects will be covered in the Stabilization program?
- Subjects will vary depending upon the specific needs and priorities of the organization. These will be determined by the organization and NYCON during the initial assessment phase of the program. Also, some subjects that are found to be relevant to multiple organizations participating in the program, will be addressed through peer learning group activities.

Who will lead the activities in the program?
- NYCON will tap into the full range of its staff’s expertise. As needed, consultants will be brought in on specialized subject matter beyond the staff’s knowledge.

What is the time commitment for an organization to participate? Is there an estimated number of hours involved in the required activities?
- Participation in the program will take place over at least 3-4 months. The overall length of time will vary depending upon the capacity-building activities that are agreed upon. Participation per week will also vary and will likely average out to 1-2 hours.

Will the program be conducted remotely, in-person, or through some mix of the two?
- All participation will likely be at a distance. In-person sessions may occur based upon the organization’s location and needs, and the related impact on the program budget.

Who in the organization would participate?
- The executive staff member and board president are requested. Additional staff or board members may participate depending upon the activity, and as scheduling dictates. Overall, activities need to be consistently attended by the main contact identified in the application, with some exceptions for the alternate contact to attend in their place.

Can more than one person from the organization attend a program session?
- Yes, depending upon the activity.

At what time of the day will activities occur?
- Many activities will be conducted during business hours. Depending upon the activity, hours can be adjusted to the availability of a staff or board member.