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1 Application period begins for 2026 Brattleboro Town Arts  
2 Fund grants

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5 The Arts Council of Windham County (ACWC) has  
6 opened the application period for the 2026 Brattleboro Town Arts  
7 Fund (TAF).

8 In this, its sixth, year the TAF program will offer grants  
9 between \$1,000 and \$3,000 for community-focused creative  
10 projects in Brattleboro. Applications are due by March 1, 2026,  
11 for projects taking place between May 2026 and April 2027. The

12 program overview and application guidelines can be found at  
13 [artswindhamcounty.org/taf](http://artswindhamcounty.org/taf).

14 The Town Arts Fund is a program that has been fueled by  
15 community initiative and is open to a wide range of projects and  
16 participants.

17 TAF’s mission, according to a news release, is “to  
18 promote the development and presentation of creative projects  
19 that contribute positively to the greater community and to the  
20 vibrancy and diversity of Brattleboro’s arts and cultural  
21 landscape. TAF projects explore social and quality-of-life issues in  
22 the community, are collaborative in nature, expand accessibility  
23 and visibility for underrepresented artists and audiences, and  
24 highlight Brattleboro’s unique assets and qualities.”

25 Within the past six years, TAF has received more than  
26 154 grant applications, awarding over \$80,000 in grant funding  
27 to 53 community projects. TAF-funded projects have included  
28 diverse creative projects and practices, including public art and  
29 murals, free performances and workshops, film screenings, audio  
30 interviews, creative mutual aid, youth programming, and various  
31 multidisciplinary performances and workshops in dance,  
32 puppetry, and visual arts. A full list of past TAF-funded projects  
33 can be found on ACWC’s website.

34 The application is open to creative individuals,  
35 organizations, artists, and culture workers at any phase of career  
36 or level of experience. First-time grant seekers are welcome and  
37 encouraged to apply. A total of up to \$30,000 will be awarded in  
38 this year’s grant cycle. With a maximum award of \$3,000, the  
39 program seeks proposals for projects that are relatively small-  
40 scale and achievable within the project period (May 2026–April  
41 2027).

42 For those interested in learning more about the TAF  
43 application process, eligibility, and other questions, ACWC will  
44 be hosting “TAF Open Hours” at Patio Coffee, located in the  
45 Hooker Dunham Building at 139 Main St., Wednesdays, Feb. 4 at  
46 9 a.m. and Feb 18 at noon.

47 The Brattleboro Town Arts Fund is a program of the Arts  
48 Council of Windham County and made possible by support from  
49 the Town of Brattleboro. If there are questions, email  
50 [townartsfundbratt@gmail.com](mailto:townartsfundbratt@gmail.com).

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