

Applying for 2025 CAMPAC Funding

Applications for 2025 Cultural Artistic Musical Programming Advisory Council (CAMPAC) funding will be processed through an online application located at: mycounty.milwaukee.gov

Applications will close on Friday, July 25, 2025, at 4:00 PM CST.

Basic Criteria for Participation:

- The entity must be an active 501(c)3 (with IRS Form 990).
- The entity must be located and operating in Milwaukee County.
- The entity must have been organized primarily for the purpose of the production or presentation of the arts.
- Performances of the entity must be open to the general public.

Funding formulas and eligibility requirements for CAMPAC funding were revised in 2021.

Full details on the deliberations of the Council can be found on the Milwaukee County Legistar website [File HRA20-283](#)

File # 21-90 File HRA23-143

Major Changes to the CAMPAC Program

CAMPAC ELIGIBILITY COMPARISON TABLE	
Previous CAMPAC	REVISED CAMPAC
Two Tiers of eligibility (Established Groups & Emerging Groups)	One Tier
Smallest disbursement \$1,500	Smallest disbursement \$3,500
Disbursement formula favors larger budgets	Disbursement formula evenly distributed
Two Programs (Matching Grant & Community Cultural Events)	One Program (Matching Grants)
Active 501(c)3 w/IRS Form 990	Active 501(c)3 w/IRS Form 990
Located in Milwaukee County	Located in Milwaukee County
Must pay performers	Must pay performers
Open to general public	Open to general public
CAMPAC contribution may not exceed 50% of the organization's budget	CAMPAC contribution may not exceed 50% of the organization's budget
Must have Board of Directors with 5 voting members	Must have Board of Directors with 5 voting members
Organizations with budgets over \$400k must submit audited financials	Organizations with budgets over \$400k must submit audited financials
Emphasize local talent (Milwaukee County)	Emphasize local talent (Milwaukee County)

<p>Additional requirements: Minimum Number of Performances, Operating History Requirement (18 months), Demonstrate capacity for fundraising</p>	<p>At Least one performance must meet Community Cultural Events requirements: Performances that target specific audiences, which may include minority populations, individuals with disabilities, people with low incomes, and others whose access to artistic events is limited.</p> <p>NOTE: Virtual performances will not be accepted as satisfying the Community Cultural Event requirement.</p>
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The specific funding formula can be found at [File # 21-90](#). Due to COVID-19, a phase-in period from the previous formula to the new formula was enacted due to concerns about drastic fluctuations in funding for some organizations. The council determined that the phase-in period should be frozen at the 2021 level for 2022 through [File 22-439](#). In July 2023, the council reinstated the phase-in period authorized in File 21-90. The funding formula is variable based on the number of groups eligible and the available appropriation by the Milwaukee County Board.

Process for Applying for CAMPAC Funding through mycounty.milwaukee.gov:

User Login

Create an account with an email where your organization or the applicant can readily be reached for correspondence.

Organization Contact Information

Provide the location of the physical office for the organization. Name, address, city, zip code.

Eligibility

As outlined above, criteria for participation is that the entity be an active 501(c)3 (with IRS Form 990), located and operating in Milwaukee County, and organized primarily for the purpose of the production or presentation of the arts. In addition, performances must be open to the general public.

Previous CAMPAC Application or Funding

List previous years for which the organization was awarded funding from CAMPAC. This is to help determine eligible funding levels.

Future organizational capacity and fundraising plan

Explain how applying organization will maintain or expand capacity/programming beyond provided CAMPAC funding.

Mission Statement

Provide the mission statement of your organization.

List of Board of Directors

List or provide a link to the website listing your board of directors.

Full-Time Employees

Provide the number of full-time employees who worked a minimum of 32 hours per week in 2024.

Expenditure Budget

Provide the total expenditures for your organization from Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2024.

Personnel Expenditures: Performers

Provide personnel expenditures for performers paid by your organization from Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2024.

Personnel Expenditures: Staff

Provide personnel expenditures for staff paid by your organization. This includes full-time administrative staff as well as salaries/wages paid to anyone compensated in conjunction with facilitating performances who are not performers themselves.

Sales Tax

Provide the amount of sales tax your organization remitted, based on revenue from your performances from Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2024.

990 Form

Upload the IRS Form 990 for your organization from 2024 or the most recent tax year available. Submission of forms from previous years may be acceptable but could delay payments/and or approvals from the Office of the Comptroller. Acceptable file types are doc, docx or pdf.

W-9 Form

Upload your organization's IRS Form W-9 for 2024 or the most recent year available. Failure to upload proper documentation could delay payments or approvals from the Office of the Comptroller.

Audited Financials

If available, please provide audited financials from 2024.

Population Served

Provide the demographic breakdown of the populations your organization serves. This information does not factor into the distribution formula, but aggregated data will be included in future CAMPAC budgetary requests.

Community Cultural Event Performance

At least one (1) performance within the past year is required to have targeted specific audiences that may include minority populations, individuals with disabilities, people with low incomes, and others whose access to artistic events is limited. Please include a description of the event, outlining the population served. Providing links to photos, videos or media coverage of the event is encouraged.

Terms & Conditions

To expedite payments from Milwaukee County, the collection of approved terms and conditions is now part of the application process. Please read and agree to the provided Terms & Conditions.