



Funding Programs Update

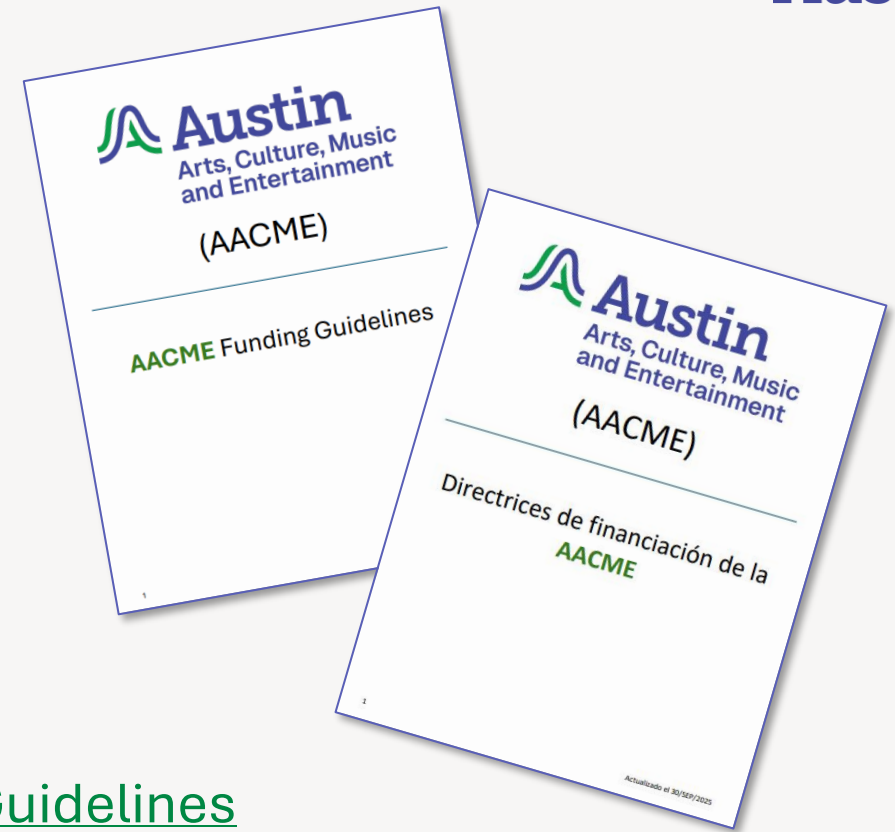
Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment | December 1, 2025

Funding Programs: Guidelines

- Clearer **definitions**
- Clearer **criteria**
- Simplified **processes**
- More accessible **resources** across all programs
- Learn More: austintexas.gov/acme/grants-funding

[English Guidelines](#)

[Spanish Guidelines](#)



Funding Programs: Application Timeline



1. Intake Form

- Must be completed by Lead Applicant
- May only be completed once per applicant entity
- FS complete intake form for their organization's application ONLY
 - Sponsored Projects must complete intake form independent of their FS
- Select all grant programs you wish to apply

3. Application Form

- Applications close at 6:59 p.m. **Thursday, December 11, 2025**
- No paper or emailed applications will be accepted

All Eligibility Forms due by 6:59 p.m. Thursday, December 4, 2025

- Must complete an Eligibility Form for Each Program they wish to apply
- Allow up to 4-business days to receive access to application

2. Eligibility Form

Funding Programs: Overview



Austin Live Music Fund

- \$5,000 - \$70,000
- Music Industry (musicians, independent promoters, venues)



Creative Space Assistance Program

- \$60,000
- Commercial creative spaces



Elevate

- Up to \$30,000 - \$80,000
- Arts organizations, individual artists, creative businesses



Heritage Preservation Grant

- \$50,000 - \$250,000
- Preservation projects and activities

AACME is providing grant funding for activities that enrich the public, broaden tourism, and contribute to **the cultural fabric of Austin.**

Funding Programs: Application Status



- **1,360 Intake** Forms Submitted (1,352 EN; 8 SP) – numbers as of 12/1/25

		Eligibility Forms Sent	Eligibility Forms Submitted	Applications Sent	Applications Submitted
Austin Live Music Fund	EN	817	508	408	127
	SP	3	1	1	0
Creative Space Assistance	EN	183	51	25	1
	SP	1	0	0	0
Elevate	EN	868	507	369	25
	SP	7	4	1	0
Heritage Preservation	EN	153	53	29	0
	SP	0	0	0	0
ALL PROGRAMS TOTAL		2,032	1,124	833	153

Funding Programs: Application Reminders



- **Intake Form:** Multiple categories can be selected at this stage!
 - Intake Form determines what Eligibility Forms you will receive

- ***Austin Live Music Fund Specific:***
 - Previous recipients CAN apply in this FY26 cycle
 - Cannot apply for BOTH \$20,000 and \$5,000 levels (pick one!)
 - Music Industry Accomplishments: Questions and Scoring Criteria ONLY for \$20,000 applicants

- **Panelist Recruitment is Open!** (till December 1st at 6:59p)
 - Evaluation Review and Scoring: **Elevate** and **Heritage Preservation**
 - [Learn more](https://bit.ly/AACMEreviewpanelform) and apply at bit.ly/AACMEreviewpanelform
 - **257** Interest Forms Received to date

Funding Programs: Application Assistance



- **Workshops** *(recordings posted on website – English and Spanish)*
 - **168 Attendees** at 10 Workshops (6 In Person; 4 Virtual)
- **Open Office Hours**
 - Every Tuesday, 10-Noon (virtual)
 - **69 Attendees** at 7 Open Office Hours to date
 - Special sessions 10am – 4pm (virtual and in-Person): **December 4th, 9th, 11th**
- **1:1 Meetings via Booking Link**
 - **94 Attendees** at 80 Meetings (This only reflects bookings made through ALL GRANTS Booking page.)
- **Community Events: 1,645 attendees** at 20 events (and counting!)
- **The Long Center:** Email ApplicationHelp@thelongcenter.org; (512) 457-5161 (M-F, 9-11am)

**160+ hours
to date!**

Questions?

www.austintexas.gov/acme/grants-funding