

# Lifecycle of a Grant Application

<b>September</b>	<b>Guidelines Available</b> Posted on the NMA website.
<b>October</b>	<b>Advance Review Deadline</b> Submitted online by the published deadline 11:59 PM MT in October prior to the final deadline to help applicants improve applications and check for mistakes that might cause ineligibility.
<b>December</b>	<b>Final Application Deadline</b> All applications must be submitted online no later 11:59 PM MT on the published deadline in December.
<b>Jan/Feb</b>	<b>Staff Review</b> Staff review applications for eligibility and may contact an applicant for clarification and additional information.
<b>March/April</b>	<b>Panel Review</b> Application review panels, comprised of peers panelists, review and score applications based on the evaluation criteria. Scores are posted on the website at the end of the review period
<b>May/June</b>	<b>Arts Commission Approval</b> Grant awards are determined by amount requested, panel score, and total available funding. The Planning and Budget Committee of the Arts Commission reviews funding recommendations in and forwards its recommendations to the full commission for approval at the June Meeting.
<b>June</b>	<b>Notification &amp; Agreements</b> Applicants are notified; and grant agreements are prepared for funded organizations.