

Onondaga County Arts Agency Funding Tiers

All agencies must meet the following criteria:

- Arts and culture is a part of agency mission or represents a significant portion of agency activities
- Have capacity to report on financial status and attendance on an annual basis or upon request
- Have principal office in Onondaga County
- Conduct the majority of its activities in New York State and primarily benefit residents of Onondaga County
- Are designated as 501(c)3
- Have capacity to utilize funds within the grant year
- Have non-discrimination policy in effect
- Must operate in accordance with guidelines for Onondaga County agencies, New York State non-profit agencies, and 501(c)3 agencies

The following types of agencies will never be considered for any tier:

- Any agency of the County (includes libraries)
- Any educational institution, school or educational foundation
- Any radio or television broadcasting network or station
- Any cable communications system
- Any newspaper or magazine
- Any organization that is engaged solely in the acquisition or physical restoration of property
- Any agency that receives funding from Onondaga County directly

<p>Tier One Qualifications – Cultural Institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual budget \$800,000 & up • Established 10 years • Full time director • Board of Directors • Year round operation • Annual audit • Historically funded by Onondaga County 	<p>Tier One agencies must provide evidence of audience impact and financial viability and are required to match County funds with corporate, foundation and individual donations. Government funds are not admissible for this match. Tier One agencies must report on their activities quarterly to CNY Arts, and must provide data for zip code analysis annually.</p>
<p>Tier Two Qualifications – Midsize Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Budget \$250,000 -799,999 • Established 5 years • Board of directors • Annual audit • Historically funded by Onondaga County 	<p>Tier Two agencies must provide evidence of audience impact and financial viability. Tier Two agencies must report on their activities quarterly to CNY Arts, and must provide data for zip code analysis annually.</p>
<p>Tier Three Qualifications – Smaller & New Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Budget \$25,000 - \$249,999 • Established 3 years • Board of directors • Public component of work, including but not limited to performance, exhibition, arts education, or public discourse • Organizations that meet the criteria of Tier Two but are not historically funded by Onondaga County 	<p>Tier Three agencies are not eligible for Onondaga County General Operating Support. When funds allow, Tier Three agencies may apply for Project Support or Economic Development grants.</p>