



The Brighton Urban Renewal Authority, to Launch the Brighton Hearts the Arts Rental Assistance Grant to help Local Artists with the cost of rent in the downtown urban renewal area.

Brighton, January 11th, 2023 - In an effort to assist our local artists in the downtown urban renewal area The Brighton Urban Renewal Authority (BURA) created the Brighton Hearts the Arts rental assistance grant program to help local artists with the cost of rent who occupy physical space in the downtown urban renewal area (see attached map).

The program is open to arts-focused nonprofits, as well as for-profit art galleries and art studios that meet the following criteria:

Nonprofit Applicants: The applicant must be designated as a 501(c)(3) per the Internal Revenue Code and in good standing.

For-Profit Applicants: The applicant must meet the following criteria:

Museum /Art Gallery/Artist Space: The facility's principal function and mission must be to exhibit, create, present, and/or sell artistic work in a variety of media produced by an artist, artist collective, or arts and culture organization, accessible by public audiences.

This program is designed to help artists with the cost of rent in an eligible physical location within the city of Brighton's downtown BURA area as specified by the attached map. Artists may apply for a grant that will cover up to 50% of their annual or monthly lease, not to exceed \$15,000 annually per award. The program will be seeded with \$25,000 for FY 2022 and grant funding will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional appropriations can be considered during BURA's annual budget preparation. Grants will be made available to qualified applicants as determined by the BURA commissioners.

General Eligibility Requirements:

- The location must be within Brighton's downtown urban renewal plan area.(See attached map)

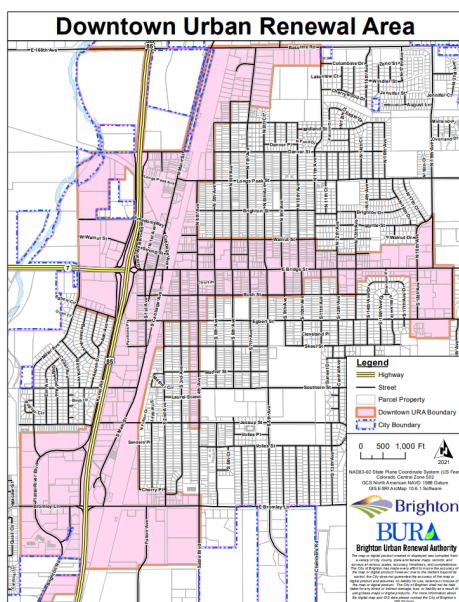
- Applicants must have a current Brighton business/sales tax license.
- Applicants must submit a fully-executed lease agreement.
- Home based-studios are not eligible for the grant.
- Applicants must provide a copy of their lease agreement and a signed W-9 when completing their online application
- Applicants must be occupying physical space per the lease and on premises at the time of award.
- Applicants may not sub-lease, rent or occupy additional space to other entities who are grant award recipients
- Reimbursement will require proof of rent/lease payment
- Payments will be made directly to the applicant's landlord in most cases
- Awards for Rental Assistance shall be approved/denied by the BURA commissioners. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to those who have met all the requirements of the application until the funds are dispersed. Award in previous year does not imply continued support.



To learn more about this program and apply please scan the QR code or visit:

<https://brightonura.org/176/Brighton-Hearts-the-Arts>

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About the Brighton Urban Renewal Authority (BURA)

Most cities have rundown, blighted areas that reduce the quality of life and economic vitality of the community. Brighton Urban Renewal Authority's (BURA) mission is to encourage investment and reinvestment in these targeted areas while strengthening the tax base of the whole city. BURA leverages resources and partnerships to deliver high quality community improvements. BURA is an economic catalyst and may assist in: development approval, development financing, property acquisition and public improvements. To learn more about BURA, visit <https://brightonura.org/> or call 303-655-2150.