



## **SLAM Mini-Grant Program**

Grants for Individual Artists of all Disciplines for Creative Endeavors

**The application deadline for the current grant cycle is August 31, 2022**

Artists and musicians in Pecos County, Texas, are eligible to receive mini-grants of up to \$500 from SLAM. Average grants are \$250 and may be used for materials, supplies, travel, and other expenses related to your craft.

### **Grant Program**

We believe the arts are essential to the health and vitality of our community and are passionate about supporting artists. We know that applying for funding can often be very complicated, so our Mini-Grant program process is designed to be simple.

SLAM Mini-Grants generally average \$250 and are intended to assist with such things as artistic supplies, recordings, studio time, exhibits, performances, project-related expenses, etc. *Expenses must be incurred AFTER receiving the grant, and receipts will be required.*

This program is made possible by donations from our community who believe in YOU - our local artists and musicians.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent legal resident
- Live AND perform/show in Pecos County
- Be 18 years of age or older
- NOT be a board member of SLAM (close relatives of such are also disqualified from applying)

Important: If you are selected as a grant recipient, a copy of your driver's license or state ID will be required before funds are distributed to verify that you meet the age and residency requirements.

### **How to Apply**

This is the complete grant application – you may also complete the application online at [fsslam.org](http://fsslam.org). We are waiving the required \$10 non-refundable application fee through the end of 2022. The application fee goes directly to the SLAM program fund to make grant review and future programs possible. Please use our donation link at [fsslam.org](http://fsslam.org) if you would still like to contribute to the program. Donating does not improve your chances of receiving a grant. Email completed applications and required attachments to [info@fsslam.org](mailto:info@fsslam.org). You may also drop off your application in a sealed envelope at the Fort Stockton Chamber of Commerce, 1000 Railroad Ave, in Fort Stockton. *The Chamber is not affiliated with this grant and cannot answer your questions or help you with your application - they are simply only serving as a drop-off location. You can drop off applications Monday through Saturday between 9 AM and 5 PM.*

### **Selection Process**

SLAM is committed to supporting both emerging and established artists. We are looking for passion and excellence in your craft. Tell us why your work is important to you and how you hope it will impact others.

Grants are awarded based on merit and organizational priorities. Jurors are made up of a committee of industry professionals, whom we allow to remain anonymous.

Jurors will review all applications and select finalists. At the end of the grant cycle, all finalists will be reviewed once again, and one or more winners will be selected. Due to time and financial constraints, jurors are not asked to provide feedback to applicants regarding submissions.

All applicants will be notified of the winner(s) via email. Information will also be posted on the SLAM website at [fsslam.org](http://fsslam.org). We recommend that you add our email address [info@fsslam.org](mailto:info@fsslam.org) to your contacts list, as messages sometimes mistakenly get filtered and end up in the spam folder.

### Grant Winner Requirements

- Email is our sole means of contact with applications. You must have access to a valid email address to submit your application and be notified of the results. Winners will be notified via email and must respond with the required information by the deadline indicated in the email.
- We require recognition on all printed materials and from the stage, if applicable.  
*"This project is partially supported by a grant from Fort Stockton SLAM."*
- Grant funds must be used within three months of receiving the grant award.
- Within three months of being awarded, we require 1-2 paragraphs describing how our support benefited you.
- Recipients must submit receipts for allowed grant expenditures within three months of receiving the funds. Along with receipts, other supporting materials are encouraged – such as photos of yourself/band performing with your new supplies, at an event made possible with your grant, or a completed art piece made possible with your grant funds.
- Recipients are responsible for any tax implications.

**If you have questions, please feel free to email us at [info@fsslam.org](mailto:info@fsslam.org).**

Grant recipients are announced 4-5 weeks after an application cycle ends. Funds are awarded approximately 2-3 weeks after that. The next application deadline is August 31, 2022, at 11:59 PM (CST), with our funding decision being made in late September 2022.

### 2022 Mini-Grant Application

*If handwriting, be sure to print CLEARLY. Illegible entries will be discarded.*

**Full Name (required)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Stage name / band name / pseudonym (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (required)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email (required)** \_\_\_\_\_

*Double-check your email address - if it's wrong, we won't be able to contact you!*

### Complete home address (required)

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

*Your address MUST be within Pecos County.*

**Website** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy) (required)** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you learn about the SLAM Grant? Please be specific. If a website, tell us which one. (required)**

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**Tell us about yourself, your artistic discipline, and how long you've been practicing your craft. (required)**

*We are looking for passion and excellence in your craft. Tell us why your work is important to you and how you hope it will impact others. We also look for effort and clarity and review your application for completeness. We recommend submitting your application before the deadline so that we may notify you if we need any additional information. Incomplete submissions will be disqualified (if not completed by the deadline).*

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**How will you use a SLAM mini-grant if selected as a recipient? (required)**

*Be specific in how you will use grant funds if chosen as a winner. Anything related to your craft is allowed, so don't be afraid to tell us you would buy new guitar strings, drum heads, oil paint, or canvases. Grants can be used for supplies, artistic event entry fees (such as juried art show entries, songwriter competitions, etc.), and travel expenses related to sharing your craft. (expenses for travel and events outside of Pecos County are allowed, but preference is given for those events occurring within Pecos County)*

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**As part of your application, you are required to submit samples of your work.** You may provide URLs for online review of your work samples in the space below or attach samples directly to this application. If you do not have links to samples and are not attaching samples directly to this application, email your samples to [info@fsslam.org](mailto:info@fsslam.org) within TWO days of completing your application. Artistic work samples may be photography, poetry or other creative writing samples, visual artwork, music files, video files, etc. If providing URLs, please describe what you are linking to. Do NOT provide links that require a password or sign-in. If emailing your samples to [info@fsslam.org](mailto:info@fsslam.org), send them from the SAME email address you used in your application and include descriptions of your samples along with the images/files.

- Actors, Dancers, Filmmakers & Musicians: Please submit a maximum of 2 work samples.

- Photographers/Visual Artists: Limit emailed samples to a maximum of 4 files. Please provide a link if you want us to see other work.

- Writers: Playwrights may submit up to 10 pages, including a synopsis. Poets may submit 3-4 poems. Other writers may submit up to 6 pages.

*Applications that do not provide work samples either within the application or within two days of submission will be disqualified.*

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**Anything else you would like us to know?**

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**CERTIFICATION: I certify that I am a United States citizen or legal permanent resident, 18 years of age or older, not a SLAM board member (nor a close relative of such). I certify that all of the facts contained in this application are true and that this application is complete to the best of my knowledge and understanding. If I am selected as a grant recipient, I will adhere to the grant recipient requirements. You also have my permission to feature me on your website and social media sites. (required)**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

We look forward to reviewing your application!

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PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THIS FORM ARE COMPLETE & THAT WORK SAMPLES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH THIS FORM OR IN A SEPARATE EMAIL.

*Samples will not be returned, so be sure to provide copies, not originals. All submitted samples remain the property and copyright of the artist. SLAM will only use samples for grant review purposes.*