

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES for FESTIVALS FY22-23

City of Oakland Cultural Funding Program

1. I am conducting a special event. Can I apply for festival support?

If you are conducting a single standing event, such as a performance or concert, this would not qualify as a festival.

Some examples of festivals we have supported in the past include Dia De Los Muertos, Malcolm X Jazz Arts Festival, and Oaklash. These festivals have multiple events, performances, community resources, vendors, and various activities the public can engage in. Festivals with these components are also frequently called Block parties or Parades.

2. I am conducting multiple festivals, can I apply to receive support for all of them?

No. This grant program will support one festival only. If you have a festival series, you will need to indicate in your application which festival of the series you are applying to receive support for.

3. If a festival goes longer than one day, will the grant cover all days?

Yes. This grant will cover all days if they are within a consecutive time period (for example: Friday through Sunday). This grant opportunity will not cover multiple festivals as noted above.

4. Our organization budget is also our entire festival budget. Is this OK?

Yes. If the main purpose of your organization is to conduct this festival, you can submit your organization's budget as part of the application.

5. If my festival is recommended to receive a grant, can I expedite the process to receive my grant check ASAP?

No. The City requires all steps in the approval and contracting process to be completed before a check can be issued. For information on grantee contractual requirements, please review the [FY2022-23 Neighborhood Voices for Festivals Guidelines](#).

6. I need help with the City's permitting process. Can Cultural Affairs help?

Special Events permits are currently approved by OPD and handled by a different Division. Please reach out to us with whatever questions you may have and we can try to point you in the right direction.