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Office of the Arts

## **Grants Available for Artist Development and Growth**

### *Connecticut Office of the Arts Seeking Applications for its 2018 Artist Fellowship Program*

The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), through its Office of the Arts, is accepting applications for the 2018 Artist Fellowship Program. The program offers grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to help artists pursue new work and achieve specific career goals.

This year the Connecticut Office of the Arts has expanded the program to reach a wider range of artists. Previously open to artists in the disciplines of visual arts, performing arts, film and literary arts, the program has been expanded to include architecture, graphic design, illustration, hip hop, spoken word, improv theatre, environmental art, pop music, storytelling, puppetry, 3-D printing, social practice, and others.

“We are excited to expand the fellowship program to better reflect the broader arts community that contributes so much to our state’s creative vibrancy,” said Kristina Newman-Scott, executive director, Connecticut Office of the Arts. “Our updated fellowship program will now showcase a much greater depth of artistic practice occurring throughout Connecticut and aligns with the Connecticut Office of the Art’s new strategic plan.”

Applicants must create original works of art to be considered for grant awards and should apply only if they have developed a strong body of work and will devote the next year toward the creation of new work.

“Being an Artist Fellowship recipient has tremendously impacted my development and my experience as an artist over the past year and I am incredibly grateful,” said Alyse Rosner, 2016 fellowship recipient in the painting category.

Interested applicants should visit [www.ct.gov/cct](http://www.ct.gov/cct) for a full list of new artist disciplines and guidelines to apply. The deadline for applying is June 21.

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