

Innovation Grants — 2019

OPERA America

Intent to Apply

INNOVATION GRANTS

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OPERA America's Innovation Grants support vibrant Professional Company Members in implementing innovative projects in opera's most important areas of practice, including artistic vitality, audience experience, organizational effectiveness and community connections. The program enables companies to increase their investment in experimentation and innovation, and contribute to field-wide learning. Grants will support projects that are (a) efforts new to the field; (b) adaptations or applications of strategies that have been implemented elsewhere, but are new to the applicant company or its community; and (c) refinements or enhancements to proven organizational strategies that merit continued development. OPERA America will assist with evaluation and documentation, and disseminate resources to share lessons learned from the projects.

Application available online: September 4, 2018

Intent to apply deadline: November 8, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. EST

Application deadline: January 28, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. EST

Adjudication and notification: March 2019

Grant start date: July 1, 2019

Please refer to the **Grant Guidelines** for information regarding grant objectives and application procedures.

For more information, contact Kurt Howard, director of programs and services, at 212.796.8624 or KHoward@operaamerica.org.

Professional Company Member in good standing*

All of OPERA America's U.S. and Canadian Professional Company Members in good standing are eligible to apply. To be in good standing, your organization must be:

- Current in the payment of membership dues;
- A Professional Company Member for at least one year (since July 1, 2018);
- Current in the completion of the most recent Professional Opera Survey;

- Current in the updating the Membership Directory Staff Listings and Schedule of Performances; and
- Current in the submission of reports from any prior OPERA America grants.

Choices

I affirm that my organization is in good standing and eligible for this grant.
I will make all necessary arrangements to complete the requirements before January 1.

Comments on PCM status, if any

Character Limit: 500

Display of OPERA America logo*

Please provide the URL of the page on your website where the OPERA America logo (with hyperlink) is displayed. If the logo appears on multiple pages, please provide the most prominent location.

The current OPERA America logo may be downloaded [here](#).

Character Limit: 2000

Project Information

Project title*

Either official or working title.

Character Limit: 200

Brief project description*

Character Limit: 1000

Innovation type*

The proposed project is:

Choices

An effort new to the field
An adaptation or application of a strategy
A refinement or enhancement

Primary area of practice*

Select the area of practice that most closely aligns with the challenges or opportunities your project will address. See the **Guidelines** for further details.

Choices

Artistic Vitality
Audience Experience

Organizational Effectiveness
Community Connections

Secondary areas of practice*

Check secondary areas of practice that your project will address.

Choices

Artistic Vitality
Audience Experience
Organizational Effectiveness
Community Connections

Deriving learning*

Describe your plans for documenting and evaluating the activities. What does your organization seek to learn from this project, and how will it advance field-wide learning?

Character Limit: 1100

Existing grants

Indicate if your organization has received an award from OPERA America that remains open (i.e., a final report has not been submitted and final payment has not been processed.)

Please mark all applicable grant programs.

Choices

The Opera Fund: Repertoire Development
Opera Grants for Female Composers: Commissioning
New Works Exploration
Innovation Grant

Two-year grants

Applicant companies that describe multiyear approaches (projects spanning more than one year) may request consideration for two-year awards. Please indicate if your company intends to request a one-year or two-year award.

Choices

One-year grant
Two-year grant (grant amount in year two is equivalent to year one)

Grant activity period — start date*

Grant activities must begin on or after July 1, 2019.

Character Limit: 10

Grant activity period — end date*

Grant activities must end by June 30, 2020, for one-year grants and June 30, 2021, for two-year grants.

Character Limit: 10

Consortium

Projects involving collaboration between two or more Professional Company Members are eligible. Each PCM must apply separately for funds relating to its own role in the project. As applicable, list any collaborating PCMs also applying for a 2019 Innovation Grant for the same project.

Character Limit: 1000