

Hello,

Thank you for attending the info session, Understanding NEA Requirements for Colorado Creates FY26 Grant Applicants, hosted by Colorado Business Committee for the Arts. If you were not able to attend, you are still receiving this message as an applicant to the Colorado Creates FY26 grant.

As shared in the info session, applicants that are recommended for funding will receive an offer letter in late August to early September. You will have about a week to review the terms and conditions of funding and accept or decline your offer for funding. This is so organizations can make a fully informed decision regarding the acceptance of federal funding.

For background, the Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) Colorado Creates grant matches funding from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) with State funding through the annual partnership agreement. Therefore, CCI is the passthrough entity of the federal funding and Colorado Creates grant recipients are considered subrecipients. Subrecipients are required to agree with the NEA terms and conditions outlined annually in CCI's partnership agreement with the NEA. Most terms and conditions and compliance requirements have remained the same as previous years; however, there have been some additions, especially in relation to executive orders. Please see the linked terms and conditions, FAQs from the NEA, and resources for applicants below. **We encourage you to fully read through the terms and conditions, as well as the FAQs to help understand what is allowable under the award.** CCI cannot give any legal advice and we suggest reaching out to the resources linked below if you would like to consult an attorney.

[Colorado Creates Federal Terms and Conditions](#)

[NEA Funding Restrictions/Ineligible Expenses](#)

[NEA FAQs](#)

[Slide Deck from Understanding NEA Requirements for Colorado Creates FY26 Grant Applicants](#)

High Level Takeaways

- Carefully review the terms and conditions, especially Executive Order 14173.
- Review the [NEA's FAQs](#) in relation to the assurance of compliance. These will help frame what is allowable in relation to Executive Order 14173.
- Generally, if programming was lawful under Title VII previously, it remains lawful (set-asides, quotas, preference-based hiring).
- Focus on inclusion - programming that is accessible to everyone.

Suggested Resources from the Colorado Business Committee for the Arts (CBCA)

- If your organization is in need of legal advice, you can look into the [CBCA Colorado Attorneys for the Arts](#) program and email them at CAFTA@cbca.org.
- For additional legal resources, you can reach out to the [Colorado Lawyers Committee](#).
- The [Colorado Nonprofit Association](#) provides some resources and guidance regarding federal funding and executive orders.

- Join the [CBCA Colorado Arts Action Network](#) to stay up to date on arts advocacy updates and news!
- Reach out to [CBCA](#) for more information regarding their programs and resources at main@cbca.org